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DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DELTA COLLEGE PLANETARIUM AND LEARNING CENTER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2010
7:00 p.m.

- MEMBERS PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Ellison, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman
- MEMBERS ABSENT** K. Lawrence-Webster
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, B. Baker, P. Clark, C. Curtis, L. Govitz, A. Hill, G. Hoffman, L. Holoman, J. Knochel, T. Kubatzke, T. Lane, D. Lutz, P. Lutz, J. Miller, S. Montesi, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, M. Noel, F. Peters, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, S. Romer, S. Rosin, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, R. Weedman, M. Wood
- PRESS PRESENT** M. Barth (Delta Collegiate), A. Dodson (Bay City Times)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** K. Higgs made a motion to approve the agenda with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for comments from the public.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz said that she has reviewed the financials at the end of September and has a couple of variances to report. The first is that because of the early date of the Board Meeting, the report was run through September 28, instead of the end of the month. As a result, the cash position report showed that the demand deposits were high because the summer tax revenue check came in too late that day to invest. Those dollars were invested by Thursday of that week.
- Variances in the statement of changes in the fund balance will reflect elimination of Renaissance Zones reimbursements from the State for lost property tax revenue and an increase in health insurance costs (which came in higher than budgeted).
- A significant variance will result from a recent notice from the State of an increase in the MPERS rate that the College pays to the State on all salaries for retirement. The new rate, related to a lawsuit and injunction filed against the state, is 20.66%, about \$200,000 more than budgeted. In addition, revenues reflect that MCV, which is again challenging its taxable value, has not paid its summer taxes. The maximum potential loss to the college is \$629,000 per year. The college has budgeted the loss at \$500,000.
- D. Lutz said that this time she has no additional variances to report.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot called for approval of the consent agenda.
- R. Emrich asked that item C(1), Approval of revisions to Senate Policy, 2.065, Judicial Process, be removed from the consent agenda.
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R. Stafford made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda with support from K. Higgs. Motion passed unanimously, approving the Minutes of the Board Dinner and Regular Meetings that were held on September 14, 2010. The approval of AIS Construction Equipment Corporation for Instructional Services in Lifelong Learning (BA4844), Internet Connectivity for Main Campus and Center (BA4845), and revisions to the Senate Constitution and Bylaws (BA4846) were also approved as part of the consent agenda.

SENATE POLICY 2.065 BA4847

It is the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Senate Policy 2.065, Judicial Process.

R. Emrich made a motion to amend the motion and refer the policy back to the committee with the request that outside labor counsel review this policy. K. Higgs seconded the motion. J. Goodnow said that in-house counsel has worked closely with the committee to revise this policy. S. Romer said that the existing policy is in conflict with the revised grievance policy. L. Myles-Sanders said that she feels that the changes are major improvements to the current policy and should be put in place.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed a process for meeting with constituents, creating a planning calendar and using an electronic survey in preparing their self evaluation and the evaluation of the President.

Local government officials will be invited to attend the November Board Dinner Meeting. This will be the first constituent/owners meeting. Trustees will have three opportunities per year to meet with constituents/owners.

Survey Monkey will be used as an electronic tool that Trustees will use to complete self-evaluation and evaluation of the President. The tool will not dictate the content of the evaluations.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS –

Gifts to the College for the Month of September 2010

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE

Delta College Foundation – \$25,002.00
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$49,568.00
Monthly combined total – \$74,570.00

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – PERSONNEL REPORT

Dr. Marcia Moore has been appointed Chair of the Humanities Division for a term commencing January 1, 2011, and ending April 30, 2014. Marcia is currently an associate professor of communication.

A complete report of hires and separations can be found in Board packets.

▪ **Enrollment Report**

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall semester began on Saturday, August 28. As of September 7, our official count day, 11,529 students are enrolled (4986FT, 6543PT). Registration for the winter 2011 semester begins on October 26.

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▪ Newsorthy

- The Delta College website received an “A” rating by the Center for Digital Education and Converge online. The distinction was part of their 2010 Digital Education Achievement Awards and Best of the Web Awards. The recognition resulted from the good work of: Andrea Techlin, web content marketing manager; Ricky Zeien, who works with OIT web services; and many individual web content authors from departments all around campus. This team’s work on Delta’s website has made it an exceptional tool for students and the community.
- Congratulations to the staff of the *Delta Collegiate* who won several awards at this year’s Michigan Press Association’s annual awards for college newspapers. Of particular note is the fact that this year, the *Delta Collegiate* was awarded first place in the General Excellence category. This award is the highest honor of the year. While there are many categories in the MPA contest, General Excellence is based on overall product quality including content, writing, photos and design. Judges are newspaper editors and journalists from across the state.
- Delta’s *A Chocolate Affair*, is scheduled for **Thursday, November 4th** at the Great Hall at Valley Plaza in Midland. As you know, *A Chocolate Affair* is the sole fundraiser for the Possible Dream Program. The program provides cultural and educational opportunities for middle and high school students who are bright, but considered at-risk. And, this premiere event is Delta’s opportunity to bring together members from all three of our supporting counties for a positive cause! If you still need tickets, you can call the Delta College Foundation Office to make your purchase.
- Congratulations to Dr. Robert Emrich for 25 years of service as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw.
- Keith Malkowski has been hired as our new Registrar. Keith began his career at Delta College in 2001 and has worked in Counseling/Advising, Assessment/Testing, and Admissions.
- Broadcasting exceeded its fundraising goals during its recent fall festival.
- Thanks to Barry Baker and the staff who organized the viewing of the White House Summit on Community College’s today.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

E. Wacksman said that she had the pleasure of hearing one of Delta’s students speak at a recent AAUW meeting. The student, Hailee Cotter, attended the leadership program that is sponsored by AAUW.

E. Wacksman passed out a flyer for the National Learning Communities Conference that will take place at the Doubletree Hotel November 4-6. J. Goodnow mentioned that the Michigan Sociological Association conference will be held at the Planetarium on November 6. A special

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rate is available for those who wish to attend both conferences.

K. Higgs said that while he agrees with the logic presented in a local newspaper article regarding the fact that Delta College does not plan to offer baccalaureate degrees, he feels that this should have been a Board discussion. E. Selby said that this issue has been discussed. R. Emrich said that the Board has discussed this issue and the inclination has been not to move forward with offering baccalaureate degrees. J. Goodnow said that the degrees referenced in the legislation will be in four specialized areas. Those areas are nursing, cement technology, marine technology, and culinary arts. She also said that she has sent the Trustees numerous communications from the MCCA regarding this legislation.

K. Higgs said that he had the opportunity to attend the Hell’s Half Mile Film Festival. He said that he was pleased that the Planetarium was included as a venue for the event. It was good exposure for a wonderful facility.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Kimberly Houston-Philpot read the following resolution in honor of Dr. Thomas H. Lane:

**Resolution to Honor Dr.
Thomas H. Lane
BA4848**

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas H. Lane has served Delta College and the citizens of the Delta College district with great distinction from May, 2000 through March 2010, as a member of the Delta College Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane was appointed to the Delta College Board of Trustees in May 2000, elected to a six-year term beginning January 2001, and re-elected to another six-year term beginning January 2007; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane served as Chair of the Board of Trustees from January 2005 through January 2007, and as Vice Chair from January 2003 through January 2005, and has chaired various subcommittees of the Board of Trustees, and has also served as a member of the Delta College Foundation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane believes in the community college philosophy of access for all students, supports working to address each need, and believes that community colleges are centers for educational equality and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane retired from Dow Corning Corporation where he was Senior Research Scientist and Director, Global Science and Technology Outreach, and where he was actively involved in education at all levels, K-post-graduate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane has served as President of the American Chemical Society and currently serves as its immediate past President, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane has taught chemistry as an adjunct faculty member at Delta College prior to his service on the Board of Trustees, and has volunteered for numerous organizations in the Great Lakes Bay Region, the State of Michigan and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane has held academic positions in both the U.S. and abroad, has served

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as graduate research advisor, K-12 classroom friend, and as an advocate for all teachers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane’s primary focus is education and putting a human face to chemistry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane and his wife, Janis E. Landry-Lane, have established two scholarship endowments at Delta College to assist students – the Dr. Thomas H. Lane & Janis E. Landry-Lane Scholarship Endowment and the Ilene M. Lane Nursing Scholarship Endowment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lane has offered an enormous amount of his time, talent and resources to ensure community college student success; and has worked tirelessly to help assure that everyone has access to education and understands its importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta College Board of Trustees honors Dr. Thomas H. Lane for his many years of service with distinction to Delta College. We believe he will continue making a difference in the lives of future generations of students.

R. Earl Selby moved adoption of the resolution. The vote to adopt the resolution was unanimous.

K. Houston-Philpot thanked the staff at the Planetarium for hosting this evening’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair K. Houston-Philpot adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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