

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** K. Ellison, R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, B. Baker, S. Barbier, E. Beckman, L. Dull, A. Givens, L. Govitz, P. Graves, T. Grunow, A. Hill, G. Hoffman, J. Knochel, T. Lane, G. Luczak, C. Lusk, D. Lutz, J. Miller, M. Moore, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, M. Robertson, S. Skowronek, S. Smith, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Whitney, M. Wiltse
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Hall (WSGW)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the revised agenda. The Board unanimously approved the revised agenda.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair Emrich called for public comments. There were no public comments.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz said that she has reviewed the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2011. The College remains in good cash position and is operating in accordance with budget for the current fiscal year. There are no significant variances to report.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the consent agenda.
- R. E. Selby requested that items E. and F. be removed from the consent agenda for discussion by the Board.
- The Board unanimously approved the amended consent agenda, accepting the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and Regular Meeting that was held on November 8, 2011. The preliminary draft of the 2012 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Schedule (BA4905), the appointment of Scott Schultz as Chairperson of the Science Division for a three-year term commencing May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2015 (BA4906), the revisions to Senate Policy 3.021, Progressive Discipline for Faculty for Reasons Other than Teaching (BA4907) and the elimination of the Aviation Flight Technology Program (BA4908) were approved as part of the consent agenda.
- BOARD ACTION (BA4909)** It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the removal of reference Senate Policy 2.045 Benefits, Senate Policy 3.080 Professional Organizations, Senate Policy 4.030 Faculty Absences, Senate Policy 4.035 Field Trips,
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and Senate Policy 4.050, Distance Learning from the Senate Handbook.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**BOARD ACTION
(BA4910)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the removal of Section 7, College Services – Assembly Members, Students and Community Senate Policy from the Senate Handbook.

The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.

**BOARD ACTION
RESOLUTION
(BA4911)**

Board Secretary, Leslie Myles-Sanders read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Delta College includes among its values diversity, integrity, leadership, respect, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan House recently passed House Bill 4770 and 4771 which prohibits public employers from providing certain benefits to public employees and will eliminate benefits for Other Qualified Adults; and

WHEREAS, employees at over 30 Michigan corporations and 30 national corporations with a major presence in Michigan can extend benefits to partners of either gender; and

WHEREAS, many public entities provide health care benefits for domestic partners of either gender, including the State of Michigan, at least 10 public universities, at least five city and county governments, and numerous public school districts; and

WHEREAS, major employers in Michigan and across the country recognize that extending health care benefit eligibility to domestic partners is crucial to attracting and keeping talent; and

WHEREAS, Delta College and other public employers in our state must be able to compete with the private sector and with public employers in other states to attract the best and brightest talent to our workforce;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Delta College affirms its ongoing commitment to a diverse and accepting workplace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Delta College urges the rejection of HB 4770, HB 4771 and any legislation that codifies discrimination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Delta College directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Snyder, the Michigan Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives.

J. Goodnow said that the resolution was brought forward to her by the PRISM group at the College and that the Administration supports this resolution.

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R. E. Selby made a motion to accept the resolution with support from E. Wacksman. The resolution was accepted by a vote of 8 in favor. K. Lawrence-Webster voted in opposition to the motion.

**BOARD ACTION
(BA4912)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the project budget of \$3,750,000 and authorize the Facilities Department and administration to secure bids and award contracts to complete the Cooling System Renovations and Upgrades project.

Kim Higgs made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from R. Stafford. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS**

**ACADEMIC
ASSESSMENT**

Stacy Smith, Associate Dean of Academic Systems and Student Achievement, provided the Board with an update on academic assessment of student learning at Delta College. She described the levels of assessment as well as some of the ways in which courses and programs are being assessed. She also shared the College's general education outcomes.

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

Gifts to the College for the month of November 2011

Delta College Foundation – \$81,782.00
Delta Public Broadcasting - \$63,280.00
Monthly combined total – \$145,062.00

Personnel Report

Congratulations to Scott Schultz on his appointment as Chairperson of the Science Division. Scott will begin his 3-year term as Chair in May 2012.

A complete report of hires and separations for the month of November is included in Board packet this evening.

Enrollment Report

Registration for the Winter 2012 semester began on October 25. As of today, 10,646 students have registered (6,802PT/3,844FT). Winter classes begin on January 7.

Legislative Updates

Mike Hansen, President of MCCA, sends all Michigan community colleges a weekly legislative update. Here are some of the highlights from this week's update.

The **Baccalaureate Authorization Legislation** is still in a holding pattern. Because of a timing issue, the Senate Education Committee canceled the meeting that was supposed to be held on December 7 (the universities were slated to testify).

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Dual Enrollment Legislation: As a result of effective advocacy from our Michigan Community Colleges, the MCCA has been asked to submit language for an amendment on the dual enrollment legislation that would address our key concerns: (1) remove the in-district tuition language from the Senate-passed bill and (2) remove the limitation on the allowable number of courses for each year. The MCCA has shared our proposed amendment with members of the House Education Committee.

We expect that the Governor will submit his FY 2012-12 budget recommendation in January which will include the recommendations for **capital outlay**.

This is directly from Mike's report... **Potential Elimination of the Personal Property Tax:** Mike Hansen and Gary Wheeler, President Glen Oaks Community College and MCCA Vice-Chair, met with Lt. Governor Calley last week. A few main takeaways: (1) Thinking is to limit the repeal to industrial personal property tax and a portion of commercial personal property. Utility personal property tax would not be affected; (2) total cost impact estimated around \$500 million, to be replaced by the battery credit elimination or other still to be identified revenue source; (3) formula would be developed to model the estimated loss of the repeal on an ongoing basis, and locals will be "reimbursed" what the model predicts. This is much better than a snap shot in time estimate forever, i.e. it is more dynamic. Lt. Governor Calley pledged to include community colleges in the group that will help develop the formula; and (4) administration supportive of language that would say if legislature fails to appropriate as formula describes, locals could reinstate the tax.

Also directly from Mike's report... **Charter Cap Legislation:** SB 618 is on the House floor for consideration. The bill amends the Revised School Code to make a number of changes in the establishment and operation of charter schools. In regard to community colleges, the bill (as passed by the Senate) would have allowed community colleges – as authorizing bodies under the statute – to issue contracts for charter schools to operate outside the boundaries of the community college district. Currently, the Revised School Code contains provisions that prohibit this. The House Education committee amended SB 618 to remove this from the bill and retain the status quo, meaning community colleges would still be prohibited from authorizing charter schools outside of their districts. House Republican leadership is not willing to restore the language to the bill, but it is willing to consider language that would state community colleges would be authorized to issue contracts for charter schools to operate in counties which are contiguous to a community college district. The Senate is likely to concur with the House version (instead of sending it to conference).

Newsworthy

StateUniversity.com has ranked Delta College as the second safest campus in Michigan and the 41st safest campus in the country.

Dr. Goodnow thanked the staff members who coordinated Governor Snyder's visit to campus on December 1. She said that Delta's value of teamwork was exemplified as staff from AV, Broadcasting, Facilities, Marketing, OIT, Public Safety, and the President's Office came together to plan an extremely successful event!

Dr. Goodnow thanked Laura Dull for putting together the "Fantastic Faculty" newsletter. Each month, it highlights the good work that our faculty members are doing both in and out of the classroom.

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Dr. Goodnow thanked the faculty members (Jeff Vande Zande, Jim Gleason, and Tim Hendrickson) who organized this evening's wonderful dinner meeting presentations. She also thanked our students for taking the time to share their talents with us this evening.

On Wednesday, January 11, Julianne Malveaux will be the keynote speaker for the 2012 Great Lakes Bay Regional MLK Celebration. Delta College is one of the sponsors for this event which will be held at SVSU. The event is free of charge, but a ticket is required through the SVSU box office. An event flyer has been included in your folders this evening.

**TRUSTEE
COMMENTS**

K. Higgs asked for an explanation of how we count 17,000 students when we only see about 11,000 per semester. J. Goodnow explained that this is the unduplicated number of students that Delta College serves per year (fall/winter/spring).

J. MacKenzie thanked Mike Wiltse and the Public Safety staff for making our campus such a safe place.

R. Stafford reminded the Trustees to consider year-end giving to the Delta College Foundation.

E. Wacksman said that she is pleased that the dioramas have been restored and so are the staff members from the Chippewa Nature Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Emrich adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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