

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DINNER MEETING
August 13, 2013
Delta College Main Campus Board Room**

Board Present: R. Emrich, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, E. Selby, R. Stafford

Board Absent: K. Ellison, K. Houston-Philpot, M. Rowley, D. Wacksman

Others Present: B. Baker, T. Brown, E. Crane, C. Dzurka, M. Gmeiner, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, G. Luczak, A. McPike, D. Lutz, J. Miller, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, D. Peruski, D. Phelps, V. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Rees, D. Salinas, K. Schuler, A. Sinclair, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, K. Wilson, S. Witzke, W. Wood

Press Present: None

Board Chair R. Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

R. Stafford introduced Amy McPike the Coordinator of Campus Life and New Student Orientation from the Office of Student Engagement. Amy noted that she was part of the second class of the Possible Dream Program and worked in the Admissions office as a student.

The Office of Student Engagement covers the following areas: clubs and organizations; the Student Leadership Academy; campus activities; intramural sports and alternative spring break.

A student who is very involved at Delta stated, "Many students that go to Delta can't wait to be done with college; but for me because I am involved I don't want to leave. I love that I found opportunities here and because of those I've grown as a person."

Amy indicated that Delta currently has 20 plus student organizations on campus which range from academic groups like Physical Therapy Assistant Club to culture and/or spiritual based clubs. Each student organization is required for funding purposes to be involved in some form of community service. For the second year three groups have been chosen to participate in the Dow Gives College Grant Program where they received \$1000 for their group after completing a community service project. There are several awards given each year including Club of the Year which was presented to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

This year marked the 5th trip within the United States for Delta College during spring break. This past December an Alternative Winter Break was added where three students went to Detroit to work with Focus: HOPE, a food distribution system. Ten Delta College students headed to Newark, New Jersey this past year for the alternative spring break. Their focus was to work with the Boys and Girls Club. They were also given the opportunity to work with the relief efforts for Hurricane Sandy. Each student placed a deposit of \$200 towards the trip. The

rest of the costs were covered through fundraising and travel scholarships through the Foundation Office.

The students have participated in other projects including Project Linus, where they made blankets for seriously ill kids in our area hospitals. They are working on putting together a Student United Way Group for the fall semester.

This year is the 7th year for the Leadership Academy. This fall it will change to a full year program. The Office of Student Engagement offers a variety of on campus activities such as culture celebration events, the Delta College 5K Run, intramural sports, karaoke, and a safe spring break event which are all free to our students.

E. Selby asked about any efforts in having the students journal their experiences. Amy indicated that she did provide the students with notebooks for the alternative spring break to capture their thoughts. This will be something that will be incorporated into the next trip.

K. Wilson added that for a community college this program is very unique. She commended Amy for all of her work and her presentation. R. Stafford mentioned a previous presentation that he attended through the League of Innovation that talked about the connections that students make with their college and the direct relationship it has to student success.

Larry Ramseyer, Director of Facilities, gave an update on the various projects that are currently going on at Delta College. The F-Wing construction is moving into its final stages. The final cleaning is complete on the second floor and faculty members are unpacking even though they are unable to take occupancy. Next week will start training for faculty on the new equipment in the various labs/clinics. The Fire Marshall will be on campus next week on Wednesday for the final inspection which will allow for occupancy of the building. Everything is on schedule for classes to start on September 4. Larry extended a big thank you to Dave Peruski, Ginny Przygocki, Judy Miller and Matt Sullivan. R. Emrich asked if the project was on budget. Larry noted we are slightly under budget at this point.

The East side parking lot is undergoing improvements which include new paving, a reconfiguration of the parking lot, the addition of bio swales and new landscaping. Paving has been taking place along with landscaping this past week. The last thing to be installed will be the new lighting which is scheduled to be shipped this Friday from Texas. This project should be finished by the end of the month.

The Coffee 'N More is being updated in thanks to the collaboration of Facilities and Auxiliary Services. Barb Webb and Cynthia Grether worked with Tony Khalil, who designed the project. Final cleaning is going on this week and in the following weeks the health department will be coming for a final inspection and training on the new equipment will take place. This project is allowing for added space, an extended menu and the ability to better serve customers.

There are some 240 wireless access points being installed around campus and at the centers for the wireless network. This project is on target to be up and running in time for the fall semester. The major benefit will be additional bandwidth access.

The last project that is starting to be developed is the Saginaw Center Project. This is now the number one priority and our program needs are being evaluated and we will complete a program development for a new facility. The local community along with business and industry will be involved in the planning.

J. Goodnow informed the Board that Facilities is also working with several arts students in a Solar Art Event which will bring additional sculptures to campus as part of the Sculpture Walk.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary