

Delta College District
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
November 10, 2014
Board Room B-151
1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, M. Nash, M. Rowley, R. Stafford, D. Wacksman

Others Present: T. Brown, K. Burke, R. Curry, A. French, M. Fulmer, J. Goodnow, D. Lutz, D. Middleton, M. Mosqueda, K. Schuler, M. Spilde, A. Ursuy

Call to Order: Board Chair, R. Stafford, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

R. Stafford called for the approval of the agenda. K. Houston-Philpot made a motion to approve the agenda with support from M. Rowley. The motion passed unanimously.

R. Stafford called for public comments. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded.

J. Goodnow introduced the presenters, Ken Burke and Mary Spilde. Ken Burke serves as the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller for Pinellas County, Florida. He also has experience as a CPA, a law firm administrator and college board chairman. Ken has served on the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College. Ken was also elected to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Board of Directors in 2001. In 2005-07 he served as Chair of the Association.

Dr. Mary Spilde has served as president of Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, since August 2001. She is a nationally respected authority on community colleges, workforce development and sustainability. Prior to Lane, she served in a variety of leadership positions for 15 years at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon. Dr. Spilde has a bachelor's degree in business and social systems and a law degree from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, a master's degree in adult education and a doctorate in post-secondary education from Oregon State University.

K. Burke and M. Spilde discussed with the Board the following topics:

- their responsibilities as Board members and the best practices for any college;
- dinner meeting and student success presentations and whether or not they were focused on appropriate topics;
- the Board should support the President once a decision is made;
- expectations from the President to the Board and the Board to the President;
- comparing Delta to our local competitive set versus our state comparison group which is based on similar size;
- commitment to long-term planning of budget (3-5 years);
- the current staffing with declining enrollments and funding;

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- the need for a common understanding of how the budget works among all employees;
- the importance of professional development for both the Board and the employees;
- the definition of student success and the differences in that definition between community colleges and universities;
- communication, both from the President to the Board and Board to President;
- Board members contacting the President Office directly, not other staff members;
- (as a courtesy) notification to President's Office when Board members are going to be on campus;
- providing the President with timely feedback;
- process for requesting information from the President;
- components of good governance;
- strategic planning and environmental scanning in regards to the Boards involvement;
- Board participation in college summit with the focus on metrics and data;
- environmental scanning that includes outreach to the community and other constituents;
- college's mission, vision and values; and
- benefits of a high performing Board.

Board members thanked both K. Burke and M. Spilde for a great session and all of their work in preparing for today's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at: 5:07 p.m.

Talisa Brown, Board Assistant Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary

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