

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
Delta College Ricker Center  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley, E. Selby
- BOARD ABSENT** K. Houston-Philpot, E. Wacksman
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, A. Anderson, J. Bamberg, R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, T. Brown, J. Carroll, P. Clark, E. Crane, R. Curry, M. Finney, M. Gmeiner, L. Govitz, M. Hernandez-Alaniz, D. Lutz, M. Moore, M. Mosqueda, J. Neal, D. Nelson, E. Nelson, K. Nelson, D. Peruski, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, K. Schuler, L. Ullrich, A. Ursuy
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Hall (WSGW), G. Horner (Delta Collegiate), K. Skrzypczak (Delta Collegiate)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called for approval of the agenda. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda with support from M. Nash. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair, M. Rowley called for public comments.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz said that the Board has received the financial statements for the month ended August 2015. With two months of the fiscal year complete, the College is in a strong cash position. The general fund is as expected for this time of the year. Fall enrollments came in just under target.
- CONSENT AGENDA** K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to approve the consent agenda with support from M. Nash. The consent agenda passed unanimously resulting in:
- A. Acceptance of Minutes:
    - Board Dinner Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2015
    - Board Regular Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2015
  - B. Approval of Closed Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2015  
**(BA5110)**

**BOARD ACTION  
LOCAL STRATEGIC  
VALUE  
(BA5111)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Delta College Board of Trustees certify to the State Budget Director that Delta College has met 4 out of 5 best practices listed in each of the categories required through Public Act Number 85 of 2015, Section 230 (3).

J. Goodnow expressed appreciation to P. Clark for her role in coordinating our accomplishments in this area. She said that this document clearly demonstrates our value in our community.

R. E. Selby made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from D. Middleton. Motion passed unanimously.

**EMERGENCY  
SUCCESSION PLAN -  
PRESIDENT  
(BA5112)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Emergency Succession Plan for the College President.

R. Emrich made a motion to approve the plan with support from K. Lawrence-Webster.

R. Emrich made a motion to amend the plan striking, "by approval of the Board Chair," and replacing with, "by approval of the Board of Trustees," so that the document is consistent.

K. Lawrence-Webster supported the amendment.

Motion to amend passed unanimously.

R. E. Selby shared several concerns that he has with the proposed plan. These include selection by seniority, salary, and the right of the Board to select the President.

R. Emrich made a motion to postpone action on the plan until the next Board of Trustees Meeting. K. Lawrence-Webster seconded the motion.

J. Goodnow said that she appreciates the constructive feedback of the Board regarding this plan. She asked that the Trustees send her any revisions that they may have prior to the next meeting. R. E. Selby said that he would provide a list of specifics. D. Middleton said that this is a great starting point.

Motion to postpone passed unanimously.

**OCTOBER 2015  
REGULAR MEETING  
DATE CHANGE  
(BA5113)**

R. Emrich made a motion to change the October Board Meeting date to October 6, 2015. D. Middleton seconded the motion.

The change is being recommended because several of the Trustees and the President will be attending the ACCT Annual Congress on October 13, and would not be able to attend on Board meeting on that date.

Motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN MEETINGS ACT  
OVERVIEW**

E. Crane provided an overview/refresher on parts of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261 *et seq.* (OMA). She noted that “the use of electronic communications for “deliberations,” which are not, at a minimum, able to be heard by the public in attendance at an open meeting are prohibited.”

R. Emrich said that the safe thing to do is for Trustees to send their questions to the Board Chair and/or the President – and not to copy the whole Board. This will avoid any appearance of using electronic communications for the purpose of deliberations.

E. Crane also reminded the Board that, “A public official who intentionally violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for the first offense, and, on the second offense within the same term of office, \$2,000 and/or up to one year in jail. A public official who intentionally violates the act is also personally liable for actual and exemplary damages up to \$500, plus court costs and attorney fees.” (OMA)

**STUDENT SUCCESS**

A. Anderson introduced John Neal who discussed the 2015 MI CUP/MI-SLAMP Summer Research Program.

J. Neal provided an overview of the 7 ½ week program that takes place at Michigan Technological University. He said that there are 22 spots available each year. This year, 8 of those spots in the program went to Delta College students. The program is funded through a grant from the State of Michigan.

Students who participated received a stipend, room and board, were able to complete a 3-credit hour course at MTU, and worked on a research project with a mentor(s).

Student, Emily Nelson, spoke about the positive experience she had in the program. She said that she will even be allowed to continue her research now that she is back at Delta College. She said that the program was successful in sparking her interest in research and said that she is thankful for the opportunity to participate.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

The Fall semester began on August 29. As of today, 9,293 students are enrolled (3,446FT, 5,847PT).

The College is currently at 98.91% of our credit hour target. The target is 85,095 credit hours and as of today we have 84,165 enrolled credits.

**Personnel Report**

Congratulations to Wallace Minard who has been appointed as a tenure-track automotive instructor in the Technical, Trades, and Manufacturing Division. Wallace’s appointment was official on July 1, 2015.

Dr. Goodnow introduced Robert Battinkoff. He has been appointed as our new Director of Public Safety.

A complete report of hires, promotions, and separations for the months of July and August can be found in Board packets.

### **Information Sharing**

- The Dow Chemical Company and Delta College are teaming up again with Mind Trekkers to present the STEM Festival at Delta College on September 25 and 26. An invitation was sent to all Trustees regarding the VIP Luncheon on Friday, September 25.
- This month's issue of Fantastic Faculty has been uploaded to BoardBook. This month's issue highlights faculty who strengthen Delta College's global citizenship and education.
- Dr. Goodnow said that a DVD of her State of the College Address was distributed to Trustees this evening.
- The following was also distributed:
  - The final 2015-16 Strategic Plan and Budget Book
  - A letter explaining that the records of Bay City Junior College have been transferred to Delta College
  - A letter from LiUNA Laborers' Local 1098 regarding safe construction sites
  - Lifelong Learning Catalog for August – December 2015
- Dr. Goodnow also shared a copy of the 2014-15 League for Innovation Student Art Competition catalog.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

D. Middleton said that she had the opportunity to attend the MCCA Conference in July and said that it was packed with information on timely issues and trends in community colleges.

She said that she also had the opportunity to attend the President's State of the College Address. She said that it was a very good speech and that it was great to see the gym filled with our faculty and staff.

D. Middleton also said that it was exciting to read about the notable accomplishments in the Local Strategic Value report. In addition, she said that her son has started classes and is in the 3+1 Ferris Program at Delta. She said that she continues to be very impressed with Delta College.

R. E. Selby said that this month's Dateline Delta program features Jeff VandeZande and Jim Gleason, faculty members in the English and media area. It also features Mike Murray, the new manager of the Planetarium. He encouraged all to watch the program.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Board Chair M. Rowley said that he was able to attend the MCCA Conference and found the topics to be very good and relevant.

Board Chair Rowley said that all Trustees received a letter that was sent to two of the Trustees regarding the English Division grievance that the Board took action on in July 2015.

He discussed four questions that were brought up by one of the Trustees following receipt of the letter. He gave his opinion on questions regarding a student survey, transfer at other Colleges, financial impact, and revisiting the grievance.

Board Chair Rowley said that he does not feel a student survey would be valuable at this time and that approximately 2/3 of the Michigan Community Colleges offer 3 hour courses. He stated that he feels that all costs are eventually passed on to the student. He noted that the policy was followed and that he does not believe that this issue should be revisited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Board Chair, M. Rowley adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

---

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary