

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Monday, November 30, 2015
2:30 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Lawrence-Webster, M. Morrissey, M. Rowley, E. Selby, E. Wacksman
- BOARD ABSENT** K. Houston-Philpot, D. Middleton, M. Nash
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, J. Alexander, T. Allen, M. Appold, D. Bailey, A. Bair, W. Baker, J. Bamberg, C. Barber, D. Baskind, R. Battinkoff, B. Beauchamp, Q. Beckman, S. Bernthal, D. Bledsoe, T. Boudrot M. Brown, T. Brown, W. Burns, P. Clark, T. Clegg, B. Clore, T. Coats, D. Colenbrander, K. Cornelius, R. Curley, R. Curry, M. Donegan, C. Drouse, L. Dull, J. Duncan, M. Eyre, B. Faccio, M. Faleski, A. French, D. Giuliani, A. Goudas, L. Govitz, B. Handley-Miller, B. Harkness, J. Harrison, C. Hausbeck, T. Heinz, H. Helgren, T. Hendrickson, D. Hill, R. Hoppe, A. Howell, K. Hubner, B. Kemmer, K. Klein, P. Larkowski, M. Lemerand, D. Lutz, P. Lutz, J. Majchrzak, A. McGinnis, C. McMorris, S. McNier, D. Militello, M. Moore, M. Mosqueda, C. Murphy, T. Nadolski, J. Niester-Mika, C. Peck, D. Peruski, F. Peters, R. Petersen, M. Pinner, L. Plackowski, J. Proctor, G. Przygocki, D. Redman, A. Rieder, N. Rivet, M. Roberson, M. Robertson, B. Schueneman, K. Schuler, L. Smith, D. Southwell, A. Swarthout, W. Szafranski, A. Trabalka, D. Traverse, A. Ursuy, J. Vande Zande, J. Vanhouten, S. Wiley, M. Wood, R. Worthing, K. Wyzkiewicz, B. Zieman, L. Ziolkowski, A. Zombeck
- PRESS PRESENT** J. Becker (Midland Daily News)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair, M. Rowley, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Board Chair Rowley called for approval of the agenda. R. Emrich made a motion to approve the agenda with support from E. Wacksman. Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair Rowley called for public comments.
- FACILITATED DISCUSSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING FACULTY TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE PRESIDENT AND FOR THE PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEES TO RESPOND** Board Chair Rowley turned the floor over to Tim Allen, Chair of the Faculty Executive Committee. T. Allen thanked everyone for coming and said that the purpose of this meeting was to provide the faculty with a chance to ask questions of the Board and the President and for the Board and the President to respond.
- T. Allen introduced Dr. Amy McGinnis as the facilitator for today's meeting. A. McGinnis said that she is currently a faculty member in the management discipline at Central Michigan University. Prior to this time, she said that she worked in Human Resources and Organizational Development at CMU.
- A. McGinnis reviewed the ground rules for the meeting. She said that 22 questions were submitted by the faculty in advance of the meeting to the FEC Chair. She noted that the Board and President had seen the questions in advance of this meeting. A. McGinnis said that she worked to consolidate similar questions and would allow one follow-up question after each response.

Dr. McGinnis asked questions that were directed to both the Board and the President on the following topics:

- The cost of the English 111 extra contact hour over 3 years;
- The data that was presented in support of continuing the 4th contact hour;
- The ENG 111 grievance and decision;
- The issue of a 3-year pilot v. permanent change;
- Communication;
- The curriculum process;
- Turnover of faculty and staff (and the cause) and,
- Moving forward.

Board Chair Rowley, Dr. Goodnow, and the Trustees provided responses to the questions. Follow-up questions were posed by Alex Goudas, Drew Colenbrander, Marcia Moore, David Bledsoe, Cynthia Peck, Barb Handley-Miller, Ralph Worthing, and Amy French.

At the conclusion of the question and answer session, A. McGinnis reminded the group that this session would not be able to solve all the issues, but that it was intended to be a first step in that direction.

R. E. Selby commented that he is ready to consider a new model for doing things. He said that this issue has languished for too long and he is ready to move forward. He said that the fact that “we are here today” is evidence that there is a process issue.

Dr. Goodnow said that she is ready to move forward and believes it is time for all of us at the College to begin the healing process.

FEC Chair, T. Allen, thanked the Trustees, President Goodnow, and the faculty for participating in this Special Faculty Forum session.

T. Allen turned the floor back over to Board Chair Rowley.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Board Chair Rowley called for comments from the Trustees.

R. E. Selby reminded everyone to tune into Dateline Delta on the last Sunday of the month.

E. Wacksman said that she appreciated today’s session. She said it was helpful to hear the questions and answers.

K. Lawrence-Webster said that she was glad to have the opportunity to participate today. She added that she will be posing additional questions in writing. She said that she sees this session as a good way to move forward.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Board Chair Rowley gave his opinions on some additional topics regarding the English 111 issue. He thanked the FEC; FEC Chair, Tim Allen; and Dr. Amy McGinnis for organizing and facilitating today's meeting.

Board Chair Rowley announced that on Thursday, December 3, there will be a Special Board of Trustees Meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Special Board Meeting will be for a presentation on the mandatory, regulatory changes being dictated by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), which could affect Delta College's WDCQ-TV public broadcasting station.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Rowley adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary