

Delta College
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Delta College Board Room (B-151)
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
7:00 p.m.

BOARD PRESENT	A. Baldwin, A. Clark, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Rowley, M. Thomas, M. Wood
BOARD ABSENT	S. Gannon
OTHERS PRESENT	B. Adams, R. Battinkoff, T. Brown, J. Carroll, P. Clark, A. Cramer, R. Curry, J. Foco, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, D. Hopkins, T. Johnroe, R. Lacina, G. Luczak, D. McQuiston, J. Mulders, T. O'Connor, S. Raube, S. Roche, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, E. Suniga, A. Ursuy, T. Wells, C. Wilson
PRESS PRESENT	N. Corrion, Delta Collegiate
CALL TO ORDER	Board Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	Board Chair Thomas asked for a motion to approve the agenda. M. Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.
TREASURER'S REPORT	J. Foco said that the Board has received the College's financial statements for the month ended January 2024. At this time there are no material variances to report. The College is in the process of developing the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The Budget Cabinet's tuition and fees recommendation will be brought to the Board at the March meeting.
CONSENT AGENDA	Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda. A. Clark made a motion to approve the consent agenda. A. Baldwin seconded the motion. The Board voted to unanimously approve the consent agenda resulting in: A. Acceptance of Minutes: 1. Board Regular Meeting, January 9, 2024
APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CRITICAL INCIDENT MAPPING FROM THUNDERCAT TECHNOLOGY (BA5522)	It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the contract for site mapping and five (5) years of site visit, implementation, and maintenance for Delta College Main Campus, Bay City Planetarium and Learning Center, Downtown Midland Center and Downtown Saginaw Center in the amount of \$213,675 from Thundercat Technology.

A. Baldwin made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

D. Middleton asked if this was a brand new system. G. Luczak responded that this is a new system made possible by funding from the State of Michigan. It will aid in emergency response to incidents.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF CNC
MACHINE FROM
GEROTECH
(BA5523)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase for the 5-axis CNC machine for \$146,257 from Gerotech.

M. Nash made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Baldwin seconded the motion.

M. Nash asked about the range of prices. G. Luczak said that Gerotech uses HASS CNC machines and the vendor was selected in collaboration with instructors in the program.

M. Nash said he likes the tie in with the local vendor.

Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF
PURCHASE OF
PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FROM
SPENCE BROTHERS
(BA5524)**

It is the recommendation of the administration that the Board of Trustees approve the contract to Spence Brothers to provide Construction Manager services for the Information Technology and Computer Science - K Wing Renovations project, in the amount of \$471,600.

M. Wood made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

B. Handley-Miller asked if Spence Brothers give local vendors consideration. J. Foco said yes, they ordinarily do.

Motion passed unanimously.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
AI AND HOW IT CAN
BENEFIT STUDENT
LEARNING AND
FACULTY PEDAGOGY
(RAY LACINA AND
TRISH O'CONNOR)**

Ray Lacina and Trish O'Connor, Professors of English, discussed the academic integrity and ethics issues of AI. They also discussed the possibility of creating a course on writing with AI because they believe the ability to use AI as a tool will become an employability skill in the future.

**STUDENT SUCCESS:
ONLINE LEARNING
CONSORTIUM AND
THE NEW
ASSESSMENTS
CREATED FOR ONLINE**

Tom Wells, Associate Professor of Math, spoke about how teaching online has necessitated a change in the way the math faculty assess student learning. T. Wells showcased some of the ways he's using "live" video to watch students learn and assess their thinking process. He also expounded on the benefits of the online learning consortium.

**LEARNING IN
MATHEMATICS (TOM
WELLS)**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment Report

The winter semester began on January 6. The College projected 67,769 contact hours and is currently at 109% (74,117 contact hours) of projection.

Information Sharing

- Delta College is a finalist for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Award for Advancing Institutional Equity and Belonging. The winner will be announced at the Awards of Excellence Gala on April 8 during the AACC Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Congratulations to Dr. Amy French. She is this year's recipient of the MEA's Maurine Wyatt Feminist and Gender Equity Award. This award honors educators who exhibit a high degree of commitment in their professional and personal lives to human and civil rights. The work must contribute to gender equity in education and must be adaptable to the classroom. The award will be presented during the MEA Winter Conference on March 7.
- Thanks to all who participated in MLK events. DOW on January 15, speaker was Bob Johnson and attendees included: Arshen Baldwin, Alex Clark, Barb Handley-Miller, Mike Rowley and Marcia Thomas. And, SVSU on January 17, speaker was Melissa Harris-Perry and attendees included: Marcia Thomas.
- The Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) National Legislative Summit was February 4-7. Attendees included: Stacey Gannon, Barbara Handley-Miller, Pam Clark and Dr. Gavin.
- As handouts, the Trustees were given the updated Delta College Facts Sheet and the most recent copy of the Delta Collegiate.
- Happy Birthday Michael Wood, February 26.

Upcoming Events

- Achieving the Dream Conference, Orlando, FL, February 19-22, four faculty and nine staff members will be attending. A few of the Delta attendees are giving presentations.
- Faculty and Staff Winter Learning Day, Friday, February 23, from 8 am-4 pm. Breakfast followed by President's Address and Student Panel. In the afternoon, faculty and staff can attend concurrent sessions with presentations on multiple, different topics.
- The Phi Theta Kappa Annual Awards program and luncheon, Monday, March 11, 10 am-1:30 pm, at the Kellogg Center in Lansing. Four Delta honorees will be attending.
- The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 12.

- TRUSTEE COMMENTS** All of the Trustees mentioned how much they enjoyed the dinner meeting and student success presentations.
- M. Wood gave kudos to S. Gannon on her Leadership Midland speech.
 - B. Handley-Miller discussed the ACCT Legislative conference. She mentioned meeting the legislators and the work to make PELL funding more flexible and non-taxable. She highlighted working with legislators to continue the federal funding for public broadcasting. She also noted the wonderful job done by the participants of the Israel-Palestine Conflict panel discussion.
 - M. Rowley highlighted the programs on PBS and its streaming service, Passport. He also encouraged fellow Trustees to attend the Graduate Student Awards event in April.
 - D. Middleton suggested everyone take the time to become a scholarship rater. She said it is a rewarding experience that provides an understanding of the life circumstances of many of our students.
 - A. Clark passed along kudos to the Admissions Department from a community member. He also applauded the important work of incident mapping our locations.
 - A. Baldwin stated that she’s hearing good things in the community regarding student success.

CHAIR COMMENTS Chair Thomas saluted James Perry for the interview he did on WNEM.

She said that she is happy to have the fact sheet to communicate key successes. She suggested adding recent recognitions and awards to the sheet.

Chair Thomas said that the Special Session for the Board will take place in April or beyond. The President’s Office will be working to find a date.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Board Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary