

**Delta College**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**Delta College Board Room (B-151)**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

- BOARD PRESENT** A. Clark, S. Gannon, B. Handley-Miller, D. Middleton, M. Nash, M. Thomas, M. Wood
- BOARD ABSENT** A. Baldwin, M. Rowley
- OTHERS PRESENT** R. Battinkoff, L. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, A. Cramer, S. DuFresne, J. Foco, M. Gavin, L. Govitz, S. Gregory, N. Guerrero, D. McQuiston, M. Pratt, K. Rahn, P. Ross McClain, K. Schuler, N. Spencer, E. Suniga, B. Tate, A. Ursuy, A. Wiles, E. Yaworski
- PRESS PRESENT** None
- 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. Wood made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Nash seconded the motion.  
Motion passed unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Board Chair Thomas called for public comment.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** S. DuFresne said that the Treasurer's report presented is for the month ended January 31, 2023. All funds of the College have been reviewed. She said she does not have any significant variances to report.  
The 2023-2024 College Budget development process is underway. Administration and department leaders are working on developing a budget for next year.  
The Budget Cabinet is planning to have a tuition and fee recommendation to present to the President by next week. Following President Gavin's review and approval, the recommendation will be presented to the Board for consideration at the March Board of Trustees meeting.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Board Chair Thomas called for approval of the consent agenda.  
M. Wood made a motion to approve the consent agenda. D. Middleton seconded the motion.  
The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda resulting in:

A. Acceptance of Minutes:

1. Board Regular Meeting, January 10, 2023

**APPROVAL OF  
PLANETARIUM  
ROOF  
REPLACEMENT  
(BA5477)**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the Planetarium roof replacement and authorize the Administration to award contracts to Mid-Michigan Roofing in the amount of \$664,386.

D. Middleton made a motion to approve the recommendation. A. Clark seconded the motion.

M. Wood asked about the lifespan of the roof. S. Gregory responded that it has a 20-year guarantee.

B. Handley-Miller asked about the use of solar in the future. S. Gregory said that the College considers the impact of each project on our carbon footprint. Solar panels would not be an option for this roof because of the unique building and the use of the roof. S. Gregory said solar could be considered if the College chose to cover the parking lot in the future.

Motion passed unanimously.

**DELTA COLLEGE  
CAMPUS  
PLANNING  
PRESENTATION**

Dr. Gavin gave a presentation on campus planning. He discussed the need for: 1) a comprehensive space usage analysis, 2) a space for student CARES resources, and 3) developing a new signage system.

Dr. Gavin discussed how the campus planning work aligns with the goals of our strategic plan that will be brought forward at the March meeting for Board approval. As a College, we are primarily here to support students in achieving successful transfer to a 4-year institution or in entering the workforce.

Dr. Gavin noted that community colleges were built on the concept of access to education. We now must pivot to retention and completion.

Doing so begins with creating a welcoming environment for all students. That environment can be created through spaces, services, and support.

B. Handley-Miller said she is supportive of this work. She noted the placemaking work that set the foundation for this work. In addition, she suggested thinking of additional student needs such as charging stations and bus-stop waiting spaces.

M. Nash mentioned that we need to think about creating a sense of belonging for our online students as well.

D. Middleton suggested looking at our outdoor spaces as part of this work.

Dr. Gavin noted that the hardest part of college should be in the classroom. In the coming months, the Trustees will be asked to approve a proposal to support the campus planning process.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

Board Chair Thomas appointed the following Board Committees:

- Audit Committee – M. Rowley, A. Baldwin, M. Nash (Chair)
- Budget Cabinet – S. Gannon, D. Middleton (Alternate)
- Bylaws Committee – A. Clark, M. Wood, M. Rowley (Chair)
- Foundation Directors – B. Handley-Miller, S. Gannon, M. Thomas
- Evaluation and Compensation Committee – M. Wood, M. Thomas, D. Middleton (Chair)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee – B. Handley-Miller, A. Baldwin, M. Wood (Chair)
- Nominating Committee – M. Nash, D. Middleton, A. Baldwin (Chair)

**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO 2023-24 MCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BA5478)**

Board Chair Thomas said that M. Rowley has served as the representative from Delta College on the MCCA Board of Directors. S. Gannon has been the alternate. They are willing to continue serving and their appointments require Board action.

M. Wood made a motion to appoint M. Rowley as MCCA Director. S. Gannon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

S. Gannon will continue serving as alternate.

**THE LIBRARY OF TOMORROW – STUDENT SUCCESS PRESENTATION**

An administrative report on student success featuring “The Delta Library of Tomorrow” was presented by Michele Pratt, Manager of Library Programs and Services. She highlighted the innovative ways the library has changed as student needs change. Students B. Tate and Nic Guerrero spoke about their positive experiences with library staff and services.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**Enrollment Report**

The winter semester began on January 7. As of this morning, 7,066 students are registered. We projected 67,211 contact hours for the winter semester and are currently at 103%.

**Information Sharing**

- The State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) recently announced grant funding awards to upskill employees in technical training through the use of Going Pro Talent fund. Many regional businesses received support. We are pleased to share that over \$260,000 in industry training will be delivered by Delta College Corporate Services to these businesses in the coming year. Training includes topics such as lean,

project management, leadership, GD&T, robotics, electrical, applied industrial math and milling.

- Thanks to all who participated in MLK events at the Dow Events Center on January 16 and at SVSU on January 18. Both were exceptional events.
- Winter Learning Day was held on Friday, January 20. The student panel featuring Natasha Gargin and Brittani Thornton was a highpoint.
- Dr. Gavin took part in his first Aspen Institute Presidents Fellowship session in January. The session focused on ensuring institutions meet their stated missions of supporting students to transfer cleanly to their chosen majors or find well-paying jobs upon completion. Dr. Gavin said his “take away” was that Delta is on the right track. Our strategic plan makes it clear that this is our priority.
- In the next year, Dr. Gavin will take part in a few national panels regarding book banning. Additionally, he said he was honored to learn about recognition he will be receiving from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
- Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist II visited Delta’s main campus on February 2 to promote the Michigan Reconnect scholarship. He visited with Terry Morse in the CNC lab, with Jim Proctor in the Welding lab and spoke with about 12 students who use the scholarship to attend Delta. The visit ended with an interview by Darold Newton, host of Delta Public Media’s “Soul Issue” program. Thanks to Pam Clark and her staff for planning and organizing the event.
- Marcia Thomas, Diane Middleton, Michael Wood, Pam Clark and Dr. Gavin represented Delta College at the ACCT National Legislative Summit earlier this month. They had the opportunity to learn about national programs and meet with several of our local legislators.
- A delegation of nine faculty and staff traveled to San Antonio College to observe how this acclaimed community college’s culture supports students outside of the classroom.
- Another group of 10 faculty and staff are currently attending the Achieving the Dream Conference in Chicago, IL.
- Dr. Gavin encouraged the Trustees to read the latest edition of the Delta Collegiate. There are several outstanding articles.
- Upcoming Events

- Special events for Black History Month are taking place at all campuses all month, including Dr. Pam Ross McClain’s presentation, “Racial Identity, Intersectionality and the 10 Cultural Lenses” on February 15 from noon-1:00 p.m.
- President’s Speaker Series featuring John Quinones, Creator and Host of “What Would You Do?” is Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Gym.
- The League for Innovation for Community Colleges reaffirmation virtual site visit will take place on Tuesday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7.
- The Phi Theta Kappa Annual Awards Program and Luncheon is Monday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Kellogg Center in Lansing.
- Lastly, happy birthday to Michael Wood on Sunday, February 26.

**TRUSTEE  
COMMENTS**

D. Middleton discussed the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. She said she supports the efforts to lower the eligibility age of Reconnect to 21. D. Middleton said she enjoyed the MLK event at SVSU and tonight’s library presentation.

Trustee Handley-Miller highlighted the importance of attending national conferences and sending teams to visit other innovative community colleges. She also urged everyone to attend the upcoming President’s Speaker Series event.

M. Wood said he was pleased to see Winter Learning Day was well attended. He noted that the governor’s budget includes tuition restraint language. M. Wood concluded his comments by saying he enjoyed the ACCT conference and the opportunity to meet other community college trustees.

S. Gannon thanked Sarah DuFresne for her leadership and thoroughness at the Budget Cabinet meetings. She spotlighted student B. Tate as an inspiration to us all.

A. Clark said he enjoyed attending the MLK and Lt Gov. Gilcrest events. He also complimented the library on their presentation and work to support students.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair Thomas thanked Pam Clark for her outstanding work preparing the team for the ACCT Legislative Summit. She said that the event provided Trustees with the opportunity to advocate for Delta College and for community colleges as a whole.

Chair Thomas thanked M. Pratt, B. Tate, and N. Guerrero for their excellent presentation on the library.

She added that she is looking forward to the work on campus planning.

**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary