

**Delta College
Board of Trustees
Dinner Meeting
August 8, 2017
Delta College Main Campus Room N7**

Board Present: M. Benecke, A. Buckley, R. Emrich, M. Morrissey, M. Nash, M. Rowley

Board Absent: K. Lawrence-Webster, D. Middleton, E. Selby

Others Present: J. Bamberg, S. Bishop, V. Bledsoe, L. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, M. Crawmer, R. Curley, R. Curry, S. DuFresne, J. Goodnow, L. Govitz, D. Graves, M. Hernandez-Alaniz, M. Hulett, A. Jordan, S. Lewless, D. Lutz, M. Mosqueda, E. Olvera, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, J. Ruterbusch, K. Schuler, D. Traverse, A. Ursuy, M. White

Press Present: J. Becker (Midland Daily News); J. Hall (WSGW)

Board Chair, R. Emrich called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. R. Emrich then turned the meeting over to Margaret Mosqueda, Vice President of Student & Educational Services. M. Mosqueda then introduced the two presenters, Elsa Olvera, Director of Educational Opportunity Center and Marcia Hulett, Educational Opportunity Center Advisor. She also thanked Russ Curley and Pam Clark for all of their work in preparing and securing the grant.

E. Olvera began by giving a brief history of TRiO. TRiO programs help to serve and assist those individuals who are low-income, first-generation college students as well as those with disabilities to move through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs. The first three programs were Upward Bound, part of the Opportunity Act of 1967, Talent Search part of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and Student Support Services part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1968. Upward Bound helps to serve high school students, Talent Search serves those age 11 to 27, Student Support Services serves those enrolled or accepted into post-secondary education and finally the Educational Opportunity Centers are for those age 19 and older.

The Educational Opportunity Centers are a very highly competitive grant and there are only 165 within the United States. Delta College is the third in the state of Michigan as of 2016. We will service 1,000 participants annually within Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties. Wayne State University began in 1982 and serves 1,620 participants within Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Lake Michigan College began in 1994 and serves 1,097 participants within Berrien, Cass, Allegan and Van Buren counties within Michigan as well as La Porte and St. Joseph counties in Indiana.

M. Hulett shared the mission of the Educational Opportunity Center which is to encourage and assist people who are traditionally underrepresented in post-secondary education because of income or family educational background in the preparation for, entry to, and completion of post-secondary education. She also shared the purpose which is to provide financial and economic literacy information; admissions assistance; academic advice, personal counseling, career workshops; tutorial, mentorship; and coordination with nearby post-secondary institutions.

M. Hulett went over the eligibility requirements for the Educational Opportunity Center which include: citizen or permanent resident of the United States; resident of Bay, Midland, or Saginaw counties; at least 19 years of age; a high school senior, 18 years of age, an alternative educational program or drop out; first generation - parents did not graduate with bachelor degree; low-income as determined by federal guidelines; veteran - regardless of living location; limited English proficiency; traditionally underrepresented group; students with disabilities; homeless children; and foster care or those aging out of foster care.

E. Olvera explained why the services are needed. Around 47.2% of all working adults have never attended college. She shared a table with percentage rates of those with no high school, high school graduates, some college, an associate degree and bachelor's degree or higher for Bay, Midland and Saginaw counties. There was also comparison data for the East Central Region, the entire state of Michigan and the United States.

Another area of concern is high school dropout rates. She shared data for Saginaw Public School, Bay City Public School and Midland Public School for the graduation years of 2014, 2015, and 2016. Over that time there was a total of 520 students who dropped out. In regards to low-income she shared a table showing that the three county district's median income is \$45,502 while the United States is \$53,046.

E. Olvera shared the four objectives for the program: 50% of participants receive a diploma or its equivalent; 50% of participants will enroll in post-secondary; 70% of participants will apply for financial aid; and 70% of participants will apply for admission. They must also service 1,000 participants each year. Two-thirds of them will be first generation and low income while the remaining will meet eligibility requirements. The services will be provided at various locations including our learning centers (Bay City Planetarium, Midland Center and Ricker Center), the Admissions Office on main campus as well as approved locations within the community. They also have partnerships with various organizations and agencies such as Michigan Works!, social service agencies and faith-based organizations to name a few.

There being no further business, the dinner meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Talisa Brown, Assistant Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary