

**DELTA COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
DELTA COLLEGE BOARD ROOM
7:00 p.m.**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Lawrence-Webster , J. MacKenzie, R. Stafford, E. Selby, E. Wacksman
- MEMBERS ABSENT** K. Houston-Philpot, T. Lane
- OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, T. Ader, B. Baker, P. Clark, M. Cooper, S. Goddard, L. Govitz, P. Graves, A. Hill, F. Hoffman, T. Kubatzke, D. Lutz, J. Mahoney, J. Miller, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, P. Poznak, L. Ramseyer, S. Rosin, D. Salinas, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Whitney, K. Wilson, M. Wiltse, K. Wolf, J. Wood
- PRESS PRESENT** P. Brandt (Bay City Times), J. Hall (WSGW), A. Lackey (Midland Daily News)
- CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair R. E. Selby called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** Board Chair R. E. Selby called for comments from the audience.
- ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** Board Chair Selby called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting, Budget Hearing, and Regular Meeting of August 12, 2008. K. Lawrence-Webster made a motion to accept to the minutes. R. Emrich seconded the motion. K. Higgs asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting be corrected to reflect that he disagreed with the opinion of L. Myles-Sanders regarding the service of the complaint in the case of Ader v. the Delta College Board of Trustees. The minutes were accepted with revisions. The vote was 6 in favor, 1 opposed. R. Earl Selby stated for the record that he was opposed to the modification of the minutes.
- TREASURER'S REPORT** D. Lutz informed the Board that at the end of August, revenue from tuition and fees is exceeding projections. She added that she has reviewed the financial statements from the last month and everything is in order. D. Lutz reminded the Board that the College will not receive funding payment from the State of Michigan until October. K. Higgs made a motion

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to accept the Treasurer's Report. K. Lawrence-Webster seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

**COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
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E. Wacksman made a motion for the Board of Trustees of Delta College to join the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). K. Lawrence-Webster supported the motion. R. Emrich said that he would support joining ACCT if a schedule is developed that would allow more than just the Board Chair and Vice Chair to attend the professional development events that are sponsored by ACCT. K. Higgs said that he supports membership noting that useful information is available to members. K. Lawrence-Webster suggested that a Trustee from each county could have the opportunity to attend each event. R. Emrich noted that he would like the Board to establish a plan, but would be willing to join now and establish the plan at a later date. R. Stafford said that he applauds the direction to help the Trustees become better. The motion passed unanimously.

R. Emrich asked that the record reflect that the President and the Board Chair will work on a plan for ACCT event attendance.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORTS --
PRESIDENT'S
REPORT – GIFTS TO
THE COLLEGE**

Dr. Goodnow reported the following contributions for August 2008: the Foundation received \$52,790; Delta Public Broadcasting received \$25,554; for a monthly combined total of \$78,344.

**PRESIDENT'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fall classes began on Wednesday, September 3. To date, 10,947 students have enrolled for fall semester. 4,560 of those students are enrolled in 12 or more credits. 6,387 of those students are enrolled in 11 credits or less. Official count day is September 13, 2008.

One of Delta's Student Senators, Andrew Niedzinski, has been officially named to the Student Leadership team of the American Student Association of Community Colleges. Andrew will serve this year as the Michigan State Representative to the group. ASACC is the only organization nationally committed to community college student leadership, citizenship and advocacy.

Four years ago ten Delta faculty and staff attended a four-day Appreciative Inquiry Facilitators Workshop sponsored by the

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League for Innovation in the Community College, the National Organization for Staff and Professional Development, and the Company of Experts.net at Northwest Technical College in Napoleon, Ohio. Five of the faculty and staff went on to conduct activities that led to their certification as Appreciative Inquiry facilitators.

Betty Lopez, scheduling coordinator; *Leslie Prast*, former professor and chair of the English Division and director of the Center for Organizational Success; *Andrea Ursuy*, administrative assistant to the president; and *Connie Watson*, assistant professor of psychology have been cited for the work they did to obtain certification in a book entitled Stories of Positive Change in the Community College: Appreciative Inquiry in Action edited by Nancy Stetson and just published by Company of Experts.net in Palm Springs, California.

Delta College's sustainability efforts were mentioned in a recent Community College Times article. The article, titled *Sustainability Savings: Pay for Future efforts*, was published July 6, 2008, and included an interview with Linda Petee, Sustainability and Risk Management Coordinator.

Trevor Kubatzke, Vice President of Student and Educational Services, has been named Director of Membership and Marketing for the National Council on Student Development. The National Council on Student Development works to promote the success of students at community colleges.

Sue Montesi and Dr. Goodnow recently had a chapter published in the new League for Innovation book, "Student Services Dialogues." This collection of 21 student services case studies contributed by community college student services leaders and practitioners is divided into five sections covering inclusion and equity, the student experience, supporting student success, leadership and operations, and assessment and accountability. Designed to facilitate dialogue, the case studies in this book provide a meaningful addition to professional development resources for student services administrators and staff, as well as for other community college educators. The chapter, titled "An Innovative Program for African American Males," showcases the Willie E. Thompson Fellowship Program.

On Tuesday, August 26, President Goodnow delivered my annual State of the College Address. One of the topics discussed during the address was the College's strategic

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focus. Delta College encourages learning for everyone and during 2008-2011, we will focus on:

- Promoting success for all students, in the classroom and in life;
- Understanding and responding to our communities' needs;
- Using all resources in an efficient and sustainable way;
- Respecting and growing our people personally, professionally and organizationally.

J. Goodnow presented R. Earl Selby with a 2008 Communicator Award for his work on Delta College's monthly program, Dateline Delta.

J. Goodnow provided Trustees with information on the Michigan New Jobs Training Program and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. In addition, she distributed the book Discovering the Seven Disciplines of Governance Excellence by Jim Brown for possible discussion at a future Board of Trustees Meeting.

J. Goodnow requested that trustees *please mark their calendars for the Fall 2008 President's Speaker Series:*

"The Debate: Election '08 - Presidential Politics and the American Media" featuring Paul Glastris, Editor in Chief of the Washington Monthly and Stephen Hayes, senior writer at The Weekly Standard will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Delta College Lecture Theater. Join us for a lively discussion and debate on the role of media in the political process, as well as a point/counterpoint discussion on the current presidential election.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS R. Emrich said that he would like to receive a list of important events on campus from the President's Office each week to assist him with prioritizing these activities. The other trustees concurred with his request.

R. Early Selby said that Dr. Goodnow's State of the College Address, delivered August 26, was inspiring. He added that he is confident that Delta College will be the Leading Community College in America if the faculty and staff continue to strive to meet the vision of Dr. Goodnow and the College.

R. Earl Selby noted for the record that he received thank-you
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notes from Russell Wagner and Chelsea Duff. Both students received the Board of Trustees Scholarship.

K. Higgs said that he would like to see the Board resolve the case of Ader v. the Delta College Board of Trustees. He said that the bottom line is that he doesn't want to waste time and money on a case that could be easily resolved.

R. Emrich said that as a Board Member, he is concerned with settling with anyone who has some problem with the Board. R. Emrich commented that at this time it would be irresponsible to settle.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved and supported to move into closed session for the purpose of consulting with counsel regarding litigation (Delta College v. Kochville Township & Kochville DDA). The vote was 7-0 to go into closed session with a roll call vote as follows:

R. Emrich - Yes
K. Houston-Philpot – Absent
K. Higgs - Yes
T. Lane - Absent
K. Lawrence-Webster - Yes
J. MacKenzie – Yes
R. E. Selby - Yes
R. Stafford - Yes
E. Wacksman - Yes

ADJOURNMENT

R. Emrich moved to come out of closed session with support from R. Stafford. The vote was 7-0 to come out of closed session with a roll call vote as follows:

R. Emrich - Yes
K. Houston-Philpot – Absent
K. Higgs - Yes
T. Lane - Absent
K. Lawrence-Webster - Yes
J. MacKenzie – Yes
R. E. Selby - Yes
R. Stafford - Yes
E. Wacksman - Yes

There being no further business, Board Chair Selby adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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