

**DELTA COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
DELTA COLLEGE RICKER CENTER  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** K. Ellison, R. Emrich, K. Higgs, K. Lawrence-Webster, J. MacKenzie, R. E. Selby, E. Wacksman

**MEMBERS ABSENT** K. Houston-Philpot & R. Stafford

**OTHERS PRESENT** J. Goodnow, E. Beckman, P. Clark, C. Curtis, L. Dull, S. Enriquez, A. Givens, L. Govitz, P. Graves, L. Holoman, G. Hoffman, T. Lane, D. Lutz, C. Morley, M. Mosqueda, L. Myles-Sanders, G. Przygocki, L. Ramseyer, S. Raube, C. Sledge, J. Stahl, T. Stitt, A. Ursuy, B. Webb, S. Whitney, M. Wiltse

**PRESS PRESENT** J. Hall (WSGW), Z. Reichard (Bay City Times)

**CALL TO ORDER** Board Chair Emrich called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION** E. Wacksman made a motion to go into closed session for purposes of discussing specific pending litigation, Vermilya v. Delta College Board of Trustees and Higgs v. Kimberly Houston-Philpot and the Delta College Board of Trustees.

The results of the roll call vote were 7-0 in favor of going into closed session.

K. Ellison - Yes  
R. Emrich – Yes  
K. Higgs – Yes  
K. Lawrence-Webster – Yes  
J. MacKenzie – Yes  
R. E. Selby – Yes  
E. Wacksman – Yes

The Board went into closed session, convening in Room 115 at 7:09 p.m.

The closed session ended at 8:09 p.m.

The meeting resumed in the Ricker Gymnasium at 8:11 p.m. R. E. Selby moved to come out of closed session.

The results of the roll call vote were 7-0 in favor of coming out of closed session.

K. Ellison - Yes  
R. Emrich – Yes  
K. Higgs – Yes  
K. Lawrence-Webster – Yes  
J. MacKenzie – Yes  
R. E. Selby – Yes

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E. Wacksman – Yes

**BOARD ACTION  
BA4927**

R. E. Selby made a motion that in the matters of Vermilya v. Delta College and Higgs v. Kimberly Houston-Philpot, that the plaintiff's offer not be accepted and that the Board of Trustees request our attorneys to continue negotiations to resolve this matter. J. MacKenzie supported the motion. Motion passed.

**STUDENT  
SUCCESS REPORT  
– CENTERS**

T. Stitt, Associate Dean of Community Development, presented results of a survey that was conducted during the Winter 2012 semester. Students taking courses at all 3 of Delta College's Centers (Ricker Center, Midland Center, and the Planetarium) were asked to rate their experiences at each center. Overall, the results were very positive.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the agenda. Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

Board Chair Emrich called for public comments.

Charles Sledge, a Saginaw County Resident and Delta College Student, made comments regarding the Ricker Center and students of Saginaw County. He said that he would like to see the same services and high quality facilities that are offered on the main campus offered to students at the Ricker Center. He also said that he would like to see a better public transportation system for students that take the bus from Saginaw to main campus. At this time, the bus ride is long and requires a stop and transfer at SVSU.

Board Chair Emrich thanked Mr. Sledge for his comments and said it would be helpful if Mr. Sledge could share his written comments with the Administration for further discussion.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

D. Lutz said that at the end of April, the College remains in solid cash position with solid cash flow. She said that she has reviewed the financial reports and has no new variances to report.

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Board Chair Emrich called for approval of the consent agenda. R. E. Selby asked that item B, Approval of Revisions to Senate Policy 2.085 Employee Initiated Separation from Employment, be removed from the consent agenda

K. Higgs made a motion to approve the revised consent agenda with support from R. E. Selby

The Board unanimously approved the revised consent agenda, accepting the minutes of the Board Dinner Meeting and Regular Meeting that was held on April 10, 2012. Revisions to Senate Policy 8.005 Academic Achievement Standards (BA4928), Removal of Senate Policy 8.035 MACRAO Articulation Agreement (BA4929), Senate Policy 8.040 Student Awards (BA4930), Revisions to Senate Policy 9.010 Senate By-Laws (BA4931), an Emergency Generator System for Broadcasting (BA4932), a Second Phase Pilot for Computer Desktop Sustainability and Server Replacements – Dell Corporation (BA4933), and the Elimination of the Merchandising Management Program (BA4934), were also

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approved as part of the consent agenda.

**BOARD ACTION  
SENATE POLICY  
2.085  
BA4935**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Senate Policy 2.085 Employee Initiated Separation from Employment.

R. E. Selby asked what is meant by the term “emeritus.” Senate President E. Beckman responded that emeritus is a term that is used to determine a pay rate when a retiree comes back to teach for the College. He added that emeritus status does not guarantee employment. J. Goodnow said that at some colleges, the term “emeritus” has a significant honor. At Delta College the designation has not been traditionally applied in that manner.

R. E. Selby made a motion to approve the recommendation with support from K. Higgs. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD ACTION  
TUITION AND  
FEES 2012-13  
BA4936**

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed FY 2012-2013 Tuition and Fee schedule which includes a \$2.00 in district per credit hour tuition increase for the 2012-13 year.

K. Higgs said that he was going to vote in opposition to the motion because higher education has not done enough to keep costs low for students by finding other ways to cut expenses. E. Wacksman said that she wished Mr. Higgs could have attended the dinner meeting to hear the rationale behind the recommended minor increase, as well as the other areas in which the College has taking action to cut costs in order to help balance the budget. She added that Delta College is making a very modest increase to tuition in comparison to the other colleges and universities in the area.

D. Lutz said that in comparison to other colleges in the State of Michigan, Delta College remains one of the lowest cost, best value options for students. She said that the Budget Cabinet is very responsible and considers students a priority when making decisions regarding the budget.

E. Wacksman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Motion passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 1 opposed. K. Higgs voted in opposition to the motion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS -  
PRESIDENT’S  
REPORT**

**Gifts to the College – April 2012**

Foundation – \$37,215.00  
Broadcasting – \$68,133.00  
Monthly Total - \$105,348.00

**Enrollment Report**

Spring semester began on May 7. As of today, 5,775 students are enrolled for the spring/summer term (547FT, 5228PT).

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Registration for fall semester began on March 27. So far, 7,353 students have enrolled (2,820FT, 4,533PT).

### **Personnel Report**

A complete report of hires and separations for the month of April 2012 can be found in Board Packets this evening.

### **Newsworthy**

- The search for the Vice President of Student & Educational Services is moving forward. On-campus interviews for the three candidates begin this week. All are welcome to attend candidate presentations and the open question/answer sessions in the Lecture Theater.

Thursday, May 10, 2012 – Robert Sphor – Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 17, 2012 – Shad Sorenson – Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, May 21, 2012 – Ron Brown – Presentation begins at 3:30 p.m.

- J. Goodnow announced that Delta College has been named as one of the top 120 community colleges in the country and is eligible for the \$1 Million Aspen Institute Prize Fund. The Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program is the nation's signature recognition of excellence in more than 1,000 community colleges, which serves nearly half of all undergraduates in the U.S.

### **In folders this evening**

There are several items of interest in folders this evening.

- This month's Fantastic Faculty newsletter.
- An invitation to attend the Police Academy Graduation Ceremony on May 11.
- An article that highlights the commitment to tenure at Delta College from the March 26, 2012, edition of Hispanic Outlook.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

E. Wacksman said that she traveled with the Delta College Choir to New York City. She said that the Choir did a wonderful job in performing at Carnegie Hall and at St. John the Divine Cathedral. She added that she is proud of students who are part of the choir. She commended Director Hendrickson as well as Teresa Stitt. J. Goodnow noted that Teresa played a huge role in organizing the successful trip.

K. Ellison thanked T. Lane for traveling to Texas as part of a P-20 partnership opportunity.

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**ADJOURNMENT** There being no further business, Board Chair Emrich adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leslie Myles-Sanders, Board Secretary

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Andrea Ursuy, Recording Secretary

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