



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on January 10, 2024 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the December 13, 2023 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2023 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald reported that spring enrollment remains strong with applications exceeding the set goal by 100. Contact hours and headcount numbers are strong as well. Housing capacity for spring 2024 is at 94%, the highest since 2018.

Dr. Odenwald introduced newly appointed Dr. Katie Hannah, Vice-President for the Student Experience.

Kristin Reynolds, Director of Human Resources, presented the results of the Employee Satisfaction Survey to the Board. The results included an overview of employee ratings demonstrating workplace strengths, workplace challenges, planning and goals. Follow up to Board questions will be discussed at the March Long Range Planning Meeting.

Dr. Odenwald presented the Administration's Recommendation on the Student Housing Expansion. After receiving input from administration, students, faculty and staff, and the Board, the administration is recommending that the Board consider moving forward with the 36-bed total expansion to the existing housing units.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with sixty-one individual donations for a grand total of \$40,550.

Action Items

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to proceed with the administration's recommendation to add thirty-six beds to the existing Residence Halls. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

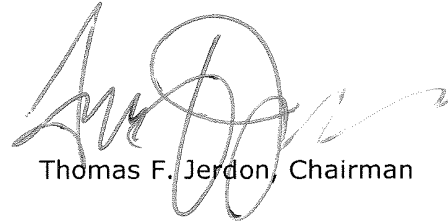
The Board requested that Administration add the Employee Satisfaction Survey follow up to the March Long Range Planning Agenda.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:45 a.m. Skip Dyes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman