



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on January 12, 2022 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Bill White, Beth Cripe, Becky Moore, Keith McKenzie, Tom Jerdon

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the December 8, 2021 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Bill White, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Two individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Mr. Jeff Hooks was recognized for his years of service and was presented with his 5-year pin.

Chairman Tom Jerdon was recognized for his years of service and was presented with his 30-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald's President's Report: Excellence at SMC, Volume 5.

Mr. Jeff Hooks, Executive Director of Campus Life, presented information regarding campus programming and student activities. Mr. Hooks, along with Assistant Director of Student Life, Branden Pompey, have focused on increasing student engagement to pre-pandemic levels set in 2018 and 2019. Current results have shown an increased participation in event attendance and positive feedback from students.

Discussion Items

Board Policy I.18 "Freedom of Expression" was discussed. The Board agreed to amend the policy to align with legislative requirements.

A potential addendum to the President's contract was discussed.

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with thirty-four individual donations for a grand total of \$108,525.

Action Items

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the Board Policy I.18 "Freedom of Expression" listed as 5A. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Jerdon moved, seconded by Keith McKenzie, to approve the President's professional development with the Michigan State University Management program in lieu of attending national conferences in 2022 and 2023. The President will pay approximately 52% of the total costs and the college will pay the approximately remaining 48%. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith McKenzie moved, seconded by Bill White, to amend the President's contract by increasing by \$10,000 per year the community engagement account (Sec. 4.4 community engagement) and reflect as an addenda to the President's contract in an effort to advance the college mission. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted this does NOT increase the President's salary.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gift to the College shown in attachment 5C, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$7,500. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

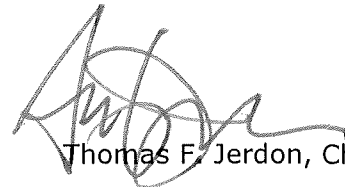
Board of Trustees will send thank you notes to donors acknowledging their gifts to the Foundation.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:38 a.m. Bill White seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth J. Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman