



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on December 21, 2020 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 6:59 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Keith McKenzie, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously by individual roll call vote.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2020 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report: He provided a list of accomplishments for the College during 2020 totaling 12 in all.

1. Online courses: Were developed, faculty certified, and offered for the first time in College history marking a huge campus wide collaboration.
2. More than two dozen campus representatives have worked to compose the first strategic plan in a decade.
3. Starbucks is coming to campus in 2021 with the completion of a new contract with Canteen.
4. As part of financial security, the budget stabilization fund has been doubled.
5. NJCAA membership and the return of Cross-Country athletics along with a successful appeal for post season play if needed.
6. New Roadrunner marketing and mascot.
7. For third straight year, Leader Publications named us "Best College" over Notre Dame and the college to the West.
8. The Grady Scholars diversity leadership program was announced to recruit underrepresented in-district groups named for the late Chief George Grady.
9. Community Relations: as the Chair and Dr. Odenwald attended 27 public meetings over the past year including every municipality, three school boards and both major political parties.
10. The Roadrunner Recruiting Gallery has received nearly \$30,000 in pledges/donations.
11. We have invested in new technologies to support recruitment, advisement, and graduation of students in addition to connection with alumni via CRM (Target-X) and DegreeWorks.
12. Two new academic programs launched in allied health as part of the Michigan Collaborative Program.

Dr. Odenwald emphasized these are not his accomplishments but rather those of all at the College during an unparalleled year of circumstances.

Financial Projections were presented by Vice President Susan Coulston and Michelle Kite, Controller.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with eleven individual donations with a grand total in the amount of \$9,800.

Action Items

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to accept the Board of Trustees meeting dates for the calendar year 2021. Motion passed unanimously by individual roll call vote.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gifts to the College shown in attachment 5B, with seventeen individual donations with a grand total in the amount of \$7,625. Motion passed unanimously by individual roll call vote.

Closed Session

Board Chair Tom Jerdon made the motion that: "The Board is in receipt of an attorney opinion letter concerning staffing matters. A motion is needed to enter into closed session to review the attorney's opinion letter with the attorney pursuant to the closed session provisions of the Open Meetings Act under MCL 15.268(h). I (Tom Jerdon) move that the Board enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the attorney's opinion letter sent to the Board." Seconded by Keith McKenzie. Motion passed unanimously by individual roll call vote at 7:38 PM entering closed session.

Closed session was delayed until the attorney could solve audio problem.

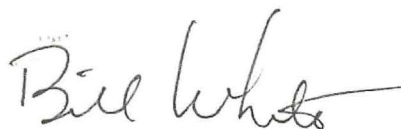
Following the end of discussion in closed session, Tracy Hertsel made the motion to reconvene in open session seconded by Elaine Foster. Motion passed unanimously by individual roll call vote at 7:57 PM.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Beth Cripe moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Bill White seconded. Passed unanimously by individual roll call vote.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman