



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Mathews Conference West, Fred L. Mathews Library

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on March 10, 2021 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

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

Members Absent: Beth Cripe

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the February 10, 2021 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2021 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report:

1. Clark Higher Education has met with several employees and departments.
2. Trustees will meet with the Higher Learning Commission via Zoom on April 19th at 12:30 p.m. HLC will happen April 19th and 20th.
3. We have been discussing with Canteen options for our Birdfeeder and we are hoping to re-open in the fall. The café has been doing very well since it opened for the spring semester.
4. Spring Semester began two weeks later this year. We felt the delayed start was best given the past year with COVID. We have received much positive feedback.
5. He shared a mailer that went out for Cross Country.
6. The Graduate Reception will be held outdoors on May 12th at 6:30 p.m. on the Alumni Plaza. Commencement will be held on Friday, May 14th for Arts and Science at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 15th for Business/Advanced Technology and Nursing/Health Services at 10:00 a.m. on the Alumni Plaza. Pinning for Nursing will follow Commencement on Saturday. Rain dates will be the following Friday and Saturday.
7. In the Fall of 2020 we had 9 online courses, 297 in person courses and 166 hybrid courses. This has all changed with the past year with Spring 2021 having 74 online, 212 in person and 116 hybrid courses. The Summer 2021 will bring us 21 online, 34 in person and 31 hybrid courses. The Fall 2021 will bring us 28 online, 282 in person and 119 hybrid courses.

8. Beginning of COVID happened one year ago. He thanked each of his senior leadership for handling all of the uncertainties the last year has brought to SMC.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with 29 individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$22,205.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the Board Policy Update listed as item 5A being Board Policy 1.15 Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith McKenzie moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept with gratitude the gift shown in attachment 5B, with one individual donation for a grand total in the amount of \$100. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Passed unanimously.



Bill White, Acting Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman