



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2020

Mathews Conference Center East A, Fred L. Mathews Library

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on August 17, 2020 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Keith McKenzie, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel. Bill White arrived at 7:02.

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the June 15, 2020 regular convened meeting and minutes of the July 22, 2020 special meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the amended agenda adding Approve Revised Academic Calendar for Spring 2021 to 5C, moving 5C to 5D and 5D to 5E. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individuals requested public input.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 were received and placed on file.

President Odenwald delivered his President's Report with detail on the following topics: Excellent work by staff on enrollment going from 833 students on June 5th to 1,533 currently. Going forward with three items. (1) Managing the fall of 2020 with the virus with the plan in place and largely a matter of picking the appropriate play as things unfold, (2) Preparing for spring of 2021 via the virus, the new academic calendar (approved by Faculty Assoc) and weather. Calendar will help navigate Covid-19, provide future online courses during January, avoid snow days, anticipate a vaccine, and potentially hold commencement outdoors. (3) Scheming for fall 2021 with cross country athletics, enrollment goals for every category, review of services, identifying new programs, and building budgets early.

Discussion Items

Trustees were presented with the 2020-2021 full-time faculty listing stipulating 53 full-time positions.

Lease for space at the Niles Campus with Michigan Works was reviewed.

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation totaling 13 individual generous donations in the amount of \$11,020.

Tom Jerdon mentioned the recently introduced Senate Bill #1055 by Sen. Aric Nesbitt concerning the community college nursing baccalaureate degree legislation.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to reschedule the regular October 19, 2020 board meeting to October 26, 2020 to be held as the Long Range Planning Meeting which was cancelled due to COVID. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the Board Policy Updates – Amend I.27, I.31, IV.1, IV.3, IV.4.1, IV.4.2 and IV.4.3; Delete IV.7 listed as item 5B. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the revised academic calendar for Spring 2021 listed as item 5C. Motion passed unanimously.


Becky Moore moved, seconded by Bill White, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5D totaling 10 individual generous donations for \$11,350. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Keith McKenzie seconded. Passed unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman