



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 19, 2019

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on August 19, 2019 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, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Dr. Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the June 17, 2019 regular convened meeting and minutes of the July 18, 2019 special meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

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

Two individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

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

Ms. Heather Zile was recognized for her years of service and was presented with her 5-year pin.

Public Input

Three individuals requested and were given an opportunity for public input: Natalie Anagnos, Gary Franchy, Andy Anderson

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2019 and July 31, 2019 were received and placed on file.

Educational Talent Search Director Maria Kulka gave the trustees an ETS Summer recap.

Vice President Odenwald discussed summer orientations and other summer events.

President Mathews delivered his President's Report:

- Bond sale to refinance one of the housing units will save \$1,441,000 in the next 21 years.
- Becky Jellison is retiring as the Dean of Nursing. Dr. Melissa Kennedy has been named the new Dean of Nursing.

- SMC is currently tracking at 99.1% of budgeted fall enrollment compared to the same time last year (i.e. two weeks before classes begin).

Discussion Items

Trustees had an extensive discussion on the risks and merits of conducting a national search for the next president versus evaluating professionals already working at the college.

Trustees were presented with the 2019-2020 full-time faculty listing.

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved to conduct an internal search for the next SMC President by posting the job description and soliciting applications, seconded by Beth Cripe, to approve the Selection Process for President. Motion passed 6-1. Roll call: Beth Cripe-yes, Becky Moore-yes, Tom Jerdon-yes, Keith McKenzie-yes, Dr. Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman-yes, Dr. Elaine Foster-no, Bill White-yes.

Bill White moved, seconded by Dr. Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman, to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar as presented in attachment 5B. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to accept with gratitude the gift shown in attachment 5C. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

The HR department will post the presidential job opening to current SMC employees and solicit applications to be provided to trustees in advance of the September meeting.

Adjournment

Keith McKenzie moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Becky Moore seconded. Passed unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman