

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2018
Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

GENERAL BUSINESS

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on August 20, 2018 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Keith McKenzie, Bill White, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Todd Obren, Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the June 18, 2018 regular convened meeting required no changes and will be placed on file.

Beth Cripe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Three individuals were recognized by the Board for their service at the College:

Mr. Tom Atkinson was recognized for his years of service and was presented with his 5 year pin.

Ms. Lori Collins was recognized for her years of service and was presented with her 10 year pin.

Ms. Cathy Luthringer was recognized for her years of service and was presented with her 10 year pin.

PUBLIC INPUT

Two individuals asked for and were given the opportunity to provide public input: Tom Buszek and Taras Lyssenko.

OTHER

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending June 30, 2018 and July 31, 2018 were received and placed on file.

Educational Talent Search Director Jeran Culina, along with Maria Kulka, gave the trustees an ETS Summer Recap.

Vice President Dr. Joe Odenwald discussed the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction data as well as student "onboarding", student engagement strategies, and student development activities for the upcoming year.

President Mathews presented the Fall 2018 Update to Trustees in his President's Report. Included in his presentation were SMC being named as "Best of the Best" local college by readers of Leader Publications for 2018, statewide trends of declining high school graduate numbers, SMC's quality strategies, and plans for the 2018-2019 academic year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Trustees were presented with the 2018-19 full-time faculty listing showing all 60 full-time faculty members by their respective departments.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the SMC Foundation.

President Mathews explained that ordinarily, the academic calendar for the next year (i.e. 2019-2020 academic calendar in this case) would be brought as an action item for trustees to approve this month. However, since the academic calendar is a mandatory subject of collective bargaining, a draft calendar along with detailed information regarding the college's scheduling philosophy, procedures, time blocks, survey data, etc. have been provided to the faculty union. A collective bargaining session has been planned for August 29 on this topic, with the goal of bringing a mutually satisfactory calendar to trustees for approval at the September Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Becky Moore moved to accept with gratitude the many gifts shown in attachment 5a – unanimous approval.

REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS

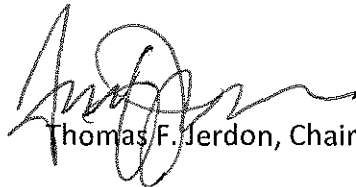
None

ADJOURNMENT

Keith McKenzie moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Passed Unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman