



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on February 25, 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, Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman

Members Absent: Elaine Foster

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the February 4, 2019 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Keith McKenzie moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Two individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

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

Dr. Mary Young-Marcks was recognized for her years of service and was presented with her 35-year pin.

Public Input

One individual requested and was given an opportunity for public input: Taras Lyssenko

Other

Marcus Roll and SMC students previewed the spring musical "Sweeney Todd".

Dr. Odenwald discussed the Retention Report.

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2019 was received and placed on file.

President Mathews delivered his President's Report, including a review of Governor Whitmer's Free Community College Proposal that she presented at the State of the State address February 12. President Mathews stressed that "free" really means taxpayer funded, and this proposal was just the first step in a very long legislative process. The next step will be March 5 when the Governor will unveil her executive budget recommendation, which should include details on how this and the other priorities of the Governor would be funded.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation.

Heather Hess discussed Board Policy II.5.5. regarding sick time and the new Michigan law benefits.

Action Items

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the Tuition and Fees for the 2019-2020 Academic Year (attachment 5A). Motion passed unanimously.

Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman moved, seconded by Bill White, to approve the proposed Board Policy II.5.5 (Sick Time). Motion passed unanimously.

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

Review of Follow-up Requests

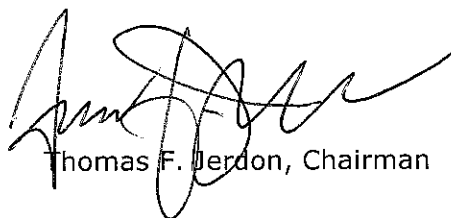
No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Beth Cripe seconded. Passed Unanimously.



Bill White, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman