



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 15, 2019

Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on April 15, 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, Elaine Foster, Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the March 25, 2019 long range planning required no changes and were placed on file.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input

No individual requested.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the months ending February 28, 2019 and March 31, 2019 were received and placed on file.

President Mathews delivered his President's Report:

1. SMC's negotiations with the SMC Faculty Union has so far produced over 20 tentative agreements. Negotiations continue, with session #18 scheduled for April 16. A total of three sessions are scheduled for April and four for May. Despite this substantial progress, there are still some topics where the College and the Union have been unable to come to agreement. For this reason, on April 5 the College requested mediation services from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. It is our hope that, with this added facilitation, an agreement can be reached this Spring or Summer.
2. SMC's request for proposals for commercial banking services has resulted in the selection of First Source Bank as the college's primary bank.
3. Over the most recent Spring Break, different groups of our students had outstanding educational opportunities. A group of students went to the American Chemical Society meetings in Orlando and presented at the poster session and another group of students went to Springfield Illinois and St. Louis, MO for in-depth historical study. Over the past few weeks, one student has been chosen

for the Yale Young Global Scholars program and one for the University of Michigan's Community College Summer Research Fellowship Program. (see news release)

4. Dr. Loren B. Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, will be the speaker for SMC's 52nd Commencement on May 4. (see news release)

Discussion Items

Arvin Delacruz from Abonmarch presented an in-progress draft version of the College's Facilities Master Plan. Last updated in 2015, this plan is undergoing an update. He presented a "virtual tour" of both campuses and reviewed all of the buildings on both campuses. He had lots of complimentary things to say about the high quality of SMC's facilities, the great learning environments, and the fact that the college has no deferred maintenance.

The two facilities projects that are taking place this summer are Phase 6 of the Niles Campus renovations

Niles Campus. Over the past five years SMC has made significant investments in our Niles campus, everything from replacing the HVAC system, new classroom space, new parking lot, etc. Basically, Phase 6 is just the final things that didn't get done in the higher-priority earlier phases. It's not very exciting to talk about, but important operationally, like replacing lighting to newer higher efficiency lighting. We will also do some aesthetic upgrades in the M-Tec.

Zollar Building. It's been almost ten years since SMC doubled the size of the Zollar Building and created the Student Activity Center. It has served our students exceptionally well. Unfortunately, some of the original under-floor drainage pipes from the 1970's are failing and have to be replaced. Although some of this can be done less invasively, some of the flooring actually has to be ripped up so the pipes can be replaced. SMC has taken this opportunity to survey students, employees, and community members who use the facility to see what they would like to see as improvements if we have to be in there doing work anyway. After we do the necessary flooring removal and replacement, we will add a couple of more treadmills, reallocate some unused space to create a functional training area for stretching, kettlebells, etc, add an additional squat rack for free weights, and reorganize the equipment in a way that gives more space to the most heavily used areas of the Fitness Center: i.e. cardio training and free weights.

President Mathews stated, "Over the summer, we will have multiple meetings to determine the best way to renovate the Lyons Building. First and foremost, we will do mechanical upgrades of this building: i.e. heating and air conditioning, lighting, etc. Although these systems work today, they have a finite life left in them. And like our other renovations, we are aiming toward high energy efficiency in the renovations. Additionally, we had allocated significant space in Lyons to house faculty from Arts & Sciences and Nursing over the last five years as we were renovating the Daugherty, O'Leary and Nursing Buildings. Now that all those renovations are done, we can reallocate that space to student

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Heidi Grabemeyer-Layman, to accept with gratitude the gift shown in attachment 5a. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

Follow-up with St. Denny's Foundation for their faithful giving.

Adjournment

Beth Cripe moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Becky Moore seconded. Passed unanimously.

Bill White, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman

Proposed - to be approved May 20, 2019