

MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:30 p.m., May 20, 2013

Members present: William J. Bacarella Jr., Joseph N. Bellino Jr., William H. Braunlich, James E. DeVries, Marjorie A. Kreps, Linda S. Lauer, Mary Kay Thayer

Member absent: None

Also present: David Nixon, Randell Daniels, Suzanne Wetzel, Grace Yackee, Debra Beagle, Barbara McNamee, Brian Lay, Paul Knollman, Molly McCutchan, Jim Ross, Joe Verkennes, Kimberly Lindquist, Josh Myers, Mark Hall, Valerie Culler, Jean Ford, Peter Coomar, other members of the staff, Elizabeth Terrasi, Tia Keeler, Taylor Cole, and Victoria McIntyre (recording secretary)

1. Vice Chair Braunlich called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
2. *It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2013, Presidential Search Advisory Committee meetings of April 17, April 29 and April 30, 2013, and the April 17 and April 30, 2013 special meetings of the Board of Trustees be approved.*

The motion carried.

3. Members of the MCCC club team (volleyball) Elizabeth *Terrasi, Tia Keeler, and Taylor Cole spoke to the board in support of sports on campus. ~~A letter presented to the board by Ms. Terrasi will be placed in the permanent board file.~~ A letter written by Ms. Terrasi was presented to the board after the presentation will be placed in the permanent file and is added to the minutes per Trustee Lauer as follows:

**{“Several years ago I took the initiative to establish this college’s first club sports program. While I did have many opportunities to play volleyball or softball at colleges and universities around the state, I chose to attend MCCC for my first two years – not only because I received a presidential scholarship but because I understood the importance of the educational value here at MCCC. Still, however, an athletic program was the only thing missing. That’s when I decided to take action, and I found myself in this very room discussing the importance of athletics in students’ lives as well as their desires for a program and their incentives behind them. I shouldn’t HAVE to recap the events that took place here several years ago; because, in this very room after a presentation by me, my sister, and Brett Newcomer, we received some overwhelming support from many of you present today. However, it seems that support has declined over the years. So, again, I find myself in this room with the present members of*

the volleyball team, earnestly asking for more support and enthusiasm regarding the development of athletic programs.

It disappoints me that a significant percentage of the population on campus is not being recognized by its leaders. Many believe that if as much fervor and attention were given to athletic programs as is given to areas such as arts and entertainment, student enrollment could increase.

I understand that a chief argument and discrepancy in the general desire for athletics lies in the notion that there is not enough commitment among the students to develop such programs. This may be true to an extent, but I strongly believe it is the direct result of the students feeling a lack of support. The students here are still very young. The students can't do it all on their own. We can't expect them to launch and revamp an entire program that's barely even evolved. They need fuel to fire their desires. That fuel partly comes from support by the college's leaders. Not to mention, students only attend campus for 2 or 3 years, which doesn't give them much time to nurture and develop a program – they're continuously passing off the project to the next individual who is brave enough to take on the responsibility – and, most of the time, many of them haven't a clue of what steps should be taken. Thus, it's hard for them to see much improvement over the years.

So, something I've been saying all year is that the future development of this volleyball program and other athletic programs is a two way street. If students don't feel the support, their efforts to improve these programs or establish new programs will essentially be thwarted. I have seen it first hand, and it's a major disappointment considering all the passion, enthusiasm, and hard work that was initially put into the first cultivation of the volleyball program.

MCCC is known for its mission of serving the students. But, who really, is being served, and who is being ignored? As dedicated Board members, you truly care about the interests and desires of the students of Monroe County Community College. As such, I implore you to zealously act on the wishes of the student athletes - not just for the last defining moments in this meeting, or for a few days, or a few months; but to do so continuously and consistently - just as you have for the students interested in the arts and more.

I think it goes without saying that sports help to instill values of leadership, teamwork, collaboration, communication, and a competitive spirit - all things needed for future career endeavors. Especially with the status of our economy, it is hard enough for college graduates to find jobs (I am personal testimony for this). As a college who truly cares about students' career enterprises, it should be strongly advocating programs that help facilitate such competitive, winning desires to succeed in the career world.

If "enriching lives" is the value and the slogan printed on all its papers, why shouldn't MCCC persistently offer as much support to athletic programs as it

does to the other outstanding programs and initiatives already in motion? Lack thereof would not be enriching students' lives. It'd be limiting them."}

- B. 3. a. (1) 4. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that Policy 1.64, Affirmative Action be revised as presented.*

This policy was approved as an information item by each of the three governance councils.

The motion carried.

- B. 3. a. (2) 5. *It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mr. Bellino that Policy 3.00, Admissions Policy be revised as presented.*

This policy was approved as an information item by each of the three governance councils.

The motion carried.

- C. 2. a. (1) 6. The board received a thank you from Breann Dailey for being awarded a Presidential Scholarship.

- C. 2. a. (2) 7. The board received a thank you from Micayla Strazzulla for being awarded a Presidential Scholarship.

- C. 3. a. (1) 8. President Nixon reported on the following staff appointment and resignation.

Staff Appointment:

Jeff Harbaugh, Maintenance Chief, effective May 1, 2013

Resignation:

James Blumberg, Director of Physical Plant, effective June 14, 2013

- C. 3. a. (2) 9. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2013. Deb Beagle, Director of Financial Services, reported that the college will receive a property tax settlement of \$595,479 this week.

- C. 3. a. (3) 10. The board received a thank you from the family (employees Donna Novak and Julie Billmaier) of Bobbie Turner for a donation sent at the time of her death.

- C. 3. a. (4) 11. Updates to procedures 3.18(a) Rules and Regulations for Student Employees; 6.18(c) Procedures for Signs and Posters; and 6.18(d) Procedures for use of La-Z-Boy Center were presented to the board.

Director of Human Resources Molly McCutchan explained that the procedures were updated to reflect language consistent with policies and procedures

previously approved by the board. The procedures were approved as information items by each of the three governance councils.

- C. 3. b. (1) 12. Vice President of Instruction Yackee reported that the name of the Industrial Technology Division was changed to Applied Science and Engineering Technologies (ASET) Division. The name change was presented as an action item and approved by each of the three governance councils.
- C. 3. b. (2) 13. Josh Myers presented an update on the Career Technology Center Capital Campaign. To date, \$1,899,910.55 has been donated to the Career Technology Center. The internal campaign, which ends May 31, totals over \$200,000 in contributions. The CTC Campaign team has been restructured and is setting up meetings with donors.
- C. 3. b. (3) 14. Vice President Wetzel updated the board on the progress of the Career Technology Center. The building is 92 percent finished. Substantial completion is targeted for May 31. Faculty will be in the building after June 12.
- C. 3. b. (4) 15. Dr. Nixon reported that Monroe County Community College was chosen to be in the top 15 percent of colleges nationwide to be military friendly.
- C. 4. b. (1) 16. Upcoming events were noted including the May 21 Business and Industry Luncheon.
17. Chair Bacarella presented MCCC's Certificate of Good Standing with ACCT.
18. Chair Bacarella appointed a presidential compensation committee to research and make recommendations for Dr. Quartey's contract. They are: Trustee DeVries, Vice Chair Braunlich, and Chair Bacarella.
19. *It was moved by Mr. Bellino and seconded by Mrs. Kreps that the meeting be adjourned.*

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella, Jr.
Chair

Linda S. Lauer
Secretary

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These minutes were approved with corrections * at the June 24, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting.