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Whitman Center
7777 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI
Rooms 8 & 9 and Microsoft Teams
6:00 p.m., April 25, 2022

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BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA ITEM

A. Call to Order

Call to Order by Chair of the Board

B. Recommended Actions

1. Routine Matters

a. Polling of audience for delegation recognition

2. Consent Agenda

(All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board of Trustees and will be approved by one motion unless a Trustee requests that an item be removed and acted upon as a separate agenda item.)

B. 2. a. (1) Approval of minutes of the March 28, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

B. 4. a. (1) Retirement Resolution – Mr. Thomas Kleman

Recommended Motion: *“that the following resolution of commendation for Mr. Thomas Kleman be adopted:*

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Kleman, has decided to retire from his position as Power Systems Chief with Monroe County Community College, effective February 23, 2022, and

WHEREAS, he has given 25 years of dedicated service to the College, serving as a student assistant, Group I General Maintenance worker (both as a custodian and groundskeeper), Group III Power Systems Trainee, Group IV Power Systems Operator, and Group V Power Systems Chief, and

WHEREAS, he is a 2002 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Monroe County Community College earning an Associate of Applied Science degree and holds a high-pressure steam boiler operator’s license and the Certified Building Operators (CBO) certification, and

WHEREAS, he has served as a mentor, role model and trainer for his co-workers and has helped to foster a high level of professionalism within the maintenance staff, and

WHEREAS, he has served in many leadership roles during his tenure at the College including: The Foundation at MCCC Board of Directors (2017-2018), Monroe County Community College Maintenance Association Vice-President (2014-2021), the Great Pumpkin Pursuit 5K Scholarship Fundraiser Committee (2010-2014), and the advisory committee for the selection of the engineer for the campus-wide geothermal system, and

WHEREAS, he has been a voice for change and innovation on campus, embracing and helping to implement numerous technological and mechanical updates including the geothermal system and the automation controls, and

WHEREAS, everyone associated with Monroe County Community College has benefited from the diligence and commitment he has put into his work on behalf of the College and its Mission, and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as an admired co-worker and outstanding employee who demonstrated an impeccable work ethic, love of learning, and commitment to the College and its students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognize Mr. Thomas Kleman for his dedicated service and contributions to the College, our students, and the community, and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its very best wishes for his continued success, well-being, and happiness on this Monday, February 28, 2022.”

B. 4. a. (2) Resolution of Commendation – Mr. Kevin Thomas

Recommended motion: “that the following resolution of commendation for Mr. Kevin Thomas be adopted:

WHEREAS, Chef Kevin Thomas will retire from his position as Instructor of Culinary Arts and Foodservice Education at Monroe County Community College, effective May 6, 2022, and

WHEREAS, Chef Thomas has been an exceptional full-time faculty member at MCCC for almost 35 years and a valued and highly esteemed professor in the Business Division, and

WHEREAS, Chef Thomas has taught a wide variety of culinary courses, and

WHEREAS, Chef Thomas has created a positive work environment in numerous classes that has allowed students to develop academically as well as personally, serving them well both at MCCC and beyond, and

WHEREAS, Chef Thomas has hosted events for MCCC and the general community over the years through the culinary program, including community events, buffets, and the operation of Cuisine 1300, and

WHEREAS, Chef Thomas was awarded Faculty of the Year for 1990-1991 and will serve as the Honorary Grand Marshal for MCCC’s graduation ceremonies this year, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees recognizes Chef Kevin Thomas for his dedicated service and contributions to his students and the community, and

BE IT DECIDED that by the President’s recommendation, Chef Kevin Thomas shall hereby be granted faculty emeritus status, and

BE IT RECORDED that the Board of Trustees wishes for Chef Kevin Thomas continued success, good health, and happiness on this day, April 25, 2022.

B. 4. a. (3) Alumnus of the Year – Ms. Julie Beste-Walz

WHEREAS, Julie Beste-Walz earned her associate of applied science degree in Nuclear Engineering Technology from Monroe County Community College in 2016; and

WHEREAS, she became the first student from the MCCC Nuclear Engineering Technology program to be hired by DTE Energy and now serves as a licensing analyst at the company, working on a number of projects that include the Fermi 2 Power Plant license renewal and the Fermi 3 Combined Operating License Application, which has resulted in a Combined Operating License; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as the records and corrective actions coordinator for Major Enterprise Projects at DTE Energy; and

WHEREAS, she has earned two awards for performance excellence at DTE Energy and her Six Sigma Black Belt from the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, she has been very active in the Monroe County Community College community, serving as a keynote speaker at the State of the College event on behalf of MCCC President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey and volunteering her time to assist with the informational campaign about the college's 5-Year Maintenance and Improvement Millage; and

WHEREAS, she has served as secretary of the Michigan-Ohio American Nuclear Society, as well as treasurer on the society's executive committee for multiple years; is a member of the Women in Nuclear organization that is very active in educational math science outreach in Michigan schools; actively volunteered with St. Patrick School and the Ypsilanti Yankee Air Museum Rosie the Riveter Guinness Book of World Records event, and helped earn DTE Energy Foundation grants for these non-profit partners; and

WHEREAS, she is an active, working mother. She and her husband, Brian are the parents of two boys – Garrick, who earned his advanced welding certification at MCCC, and Graham, who is an 11th grader at Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, she volunteers he time to assist St. Anne's Catholic Church, the Salvation Army, Military Families of Monroe County, the Monroe County Lake Erie Muskrat Run, the Humane Society of Monroe, Habitat for Humanity and Habitat Women Build events, and Jefferson High School; and

WHEREAS, she is a woman of great character and integrity who exemplifies the

best of Monroe County Community College;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes and congratulates Julie Beste-Walz on her accomplishments and accolades, and

THAT IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees honor her with the 2022 Monroe County Community College Alumnus of the Year Award and expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation on this Monday, April 25, 2022.

B. 4. a. (4) College Supporter of the Year – Mr. Victor Bellestri

Recommended motion: *“that the following resolution of commendation for Victor Bellestri be adopted:*

WHEREAS, Victor Bellestri and his wife Bonnie have been donors to The Foundation since its inception, giving generously each of the past 23 years of its existence to causes benefitting the college; and

WHEREAS, the Bellestri Family has supported capital campaigns with major gifts recognized by the naming of the La-Z-Boy Center Main Entry Vestibule, Career Technology Center Internet Café and most recently the endowment of a scholarship dedicated to assist students facing a financial emergency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bellestri has distinguished himself by more than financial generosity alone by joining The Foundation Board of Directors in 1999 as both an inaugural director and the board’s first elected treasurer; and

WHEREAS, his financial acumen skillfully guided the finance committee and board through many complicated financial issues, including the creation of an investment strategy, development of investment policy statement and the bi-annual assessment of The Foundation’s investment portfolio and wealth managers; and

WHEREAS, The Foundation sits on very solid financial footing thanks in great part to his leadership, with a net position now exceeding \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, he was elected chair of The Foundation in 2017, becoming only the second person to lead the board; and

WHEREAS, his stature, experience, calm demeanor and steady hand allowed for a smooth, effortless leadership transition; and

WHEREAS, his tenure as chair included some of the most challenging moments in the college’s history, and yet in the face of adversity he represented everything a chair should be: supportive, visionary, flexible and capable, and through his empowering leadership The Foundation thrived and grew; and

WHEREAS, few live, breathe and embody the mission of MCCC more than Mr. Bellestri, and he does so simply because he sees and appreciates the good the college does in the community he calls home; and

WHEREAS, he is so proud of his affiliation with MCCC that each December Mrs. Bellestri visits campus to buy her Christmas gifts for Mr. Bellestri from the campus store so he can sport the latest MCCC fashion; and

WHEREAS, he leads The Foundation Board of Directors with grace, dignity, generosity, humility, empathy, skill, compassion and intelligence and this college is incredibly fortunate to have him as a persuasive and passionate advocate for the mission of MCCC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees recognizes Mr. Victor S. Bellestri as the 2022 College Supporter of the Year in recognition of his past and continued support of Monroe County Community College, its students and the public; and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude and congratulations to him on this Monday, April 25, 2022.”

- B. 4. a. (5) Proposed Policy Revision – Policy 4.02, College Parallel and Career Programs; Procedure 4.02.01, Transfer and Occupational Programs

Recommended motion: *“that Policy 4.02 be approved as presented.”*

C. Information and Proposals

1. Delegation
2. Non-staff Communications and Reports
3. President and Staff

- C. 3. a. (1) Staff Appointment, Resignations, etc.

Staff Appointment:

Adam Wilson, Power Systems Trainee, effective April 11, 2022 (Replacing Thomas Kleman)

Jarrod Saum, Student Success Navigator—Retention & Completion, effective April 18, 2022 (replacing Damaris Sargent)

Resignations:

Nicholas Scheer, Payroll Accountant, effective April 8, 2022

AJ Fischer, Director of Financial Services, effective May 6, 2022

- C. 3. a. (2) The Board received a note of appreciation from Ann Telfer for the memorial to Planned Pethood, sent at the passing of her husband, MCCC Professor Emeritus, Terry Telfer (enclosure)
- C. 3. a. (3) Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending March 31, 2022 (enclosure – delivered under separate cover)
- C. 3. b. (1) President’s Report
- C. 3. b. (2) Winter 2022 Enriching Lives Award (Verkennes)
- C. 3. b. (3) Administrator Council Update (Cooper)
- C. 3. b. (4) Faculty Council Update (Wahr)
- C. 3. b. (5) Governance Evaluation Committee Update (Wysocki)
- C. 3. b. (6) The Foundation Update (Myers)

4. Board Member and Committee Reports

- C. 4. b. (1) Board Study Meeting Date – June 6, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – Budget Discussion
- C. 4. b. (2) Upcoming Events
 - April 20, 6:30 p.m. – Honors Night Reception – Meyer Theater
 - April 26, 7:30 p.m. – The Agora Chorale Concert – Meyer Theater
 - April 29, 6:00 p.m. – MCCC 2022 Commencement – Gerald Welch Health Education Building (Board members please arrive no later than 5:30 for gowning)
 - April 29, 8:00 p.m. – The Detroit Symphony Orchestra – Meyer Theater
 - May 6, 6:00 p.m. – Monroe County Middle College Graduation – Meyer Theater
 - May 2, 7:30 p.m. – Symphony Band Concert – Meyer Theater
 - May 5, 11:30-1:00 p.m. – Spring Staff Picnic
 - May 10, 6:00 p.m. – Upward Bound Recognition Ceremony – Meyer Theater
 - May 23, 6:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - May 24, 7:30 p.m. – President’s State of the College Address – via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/94291928319?pwd=Y3ZvTUQzWVFhNFpsbWx1SkpNd0FIQT09>
 - June 6, 5:00 p.m. – Budget Study Meeting**

D. Adjournment

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