

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Liddell called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

When Ms. Walsh called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Memmen
Mr. Jenner
Ms. Kisser
Mr. Smith
Ms. Walsh
Ms. Liddell

Ms. Miller was absent. Mr. Parrish was absent at roll call and arrived at 6:33 p.m. Dr. Smith was present.

Attorney Daniel Curran was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole, January 13, 2015, were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Amanda Brickwood, President of Student Senate, and Mr. Ben Rohrer, Vice President of Student Senate, spoke in favor of a tuition increase to help future students.

Ms. Meghan Riordon, representative from Pride Club, spoke for herself and on behalf of Pride Club, against a tuition increase. She noted that the students supported the last tuition increase but did not see anything come back from it.

Ms. Hanna Passarella, representative from Photo Club, spoke in favor of the tuition increase, supporting a \$10.00 increase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Smith reported that Trustees are invited to a reception for Bioneers speaker Dr. Don Wuebbles. She informed the Trustees that the College responded to Senator Cunningham's request for employment

contract information for senior staff over the last ten years. Dr. Smith spoke about her involvement with the Northern Illinois Regional P-20 Network Council to align high school to college to university activities. The College has received a \$7,000.00 planning grant to work with the Huntley School district on multiple approaches to who is placed in developmental education. Dr. Smith shared statistics over the last four years. The number of students placed in developmental education has been reduced. Ms. Liddell suggested this might be a topic for the October ACCT presentation.

PRESENTATION ON RETIRED ADULT PROGRAM (RAP)

Dr. Terri Berryman and Ms. Dori Sullens gave a presentation explaining that RAP is a program for adults ages 50 plus to provide lifelong learning. They provided statistics about the program, how classes are evaluated, and described the program's activities. Their presentation is available to view at www.mchenry.edu/Board.

PRELIMINARY JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta stated that the College is doing well for revenues against expenditures. He specifically pointed out that the College's investment income has risen dramatically from \$13,668.00 this time last year to \$164,701.00 due to the use of the College's new investment firm, PFM. He answered Trustee Walsh's question, explaining how tuition revenue is recognized incrementally over the year, and received a compliment from Trustee Liddell for the graphs provided.

ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS WHITE PAPER ON APPLIED BACCALAUREATE AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Smith provided this paper to make Trustees aware that the Council of Presidents has been working on a white paper on allowing community colleges in the State of Illinois to offer the Bachelor's degree in Nursing and the Bachelor in Applied Technology degree in areas that would benefit district residents. She noted that many areas in the state do not have a four-year institution nearby where students can earn bachelors' degrees in nursing and applied technology. She did not believe that MCC would necessarily offer these degrees if the state approved doing so, but noted that the needs of the district residents would really have to be examined. Student Trustee Memmen added that there was a large number of job

openings in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields through 2020 that would require a bachelor's degree. Ms. Liddell added that this topic will be discussed at the March ICCTA meeting; she will share two relevant articles with the Trustees.

DISCUSSION ON TUITION AND FEES

Mr. Tenuta noted that the FY 2016 budget forecast has a \$1 million deficit. The tax levy has been kept flat, and predictions have been made on the amount of state funding the College will receive, although what state funding will be is not known at this point. Several proposals were suggested: 1) \$10 tuition increase/\$5.00 infrastructure fee; 2) \$8.00 tuition increase/\$5.00 infrastructure fee; 3) \$5.00 tuition increase/\$5.00 infrastructure fee, and 4) no tuition increase/no infrastructure fee.

Extensive discussion followed; Trustees provided their opinions on this issue. Student Trustee Memmen polled the student body at the request of the Board, and shared results of that effort, which showed that students were in favor of a tuition increase and adding an infrastructure fee, with the majority favoring a \$5.00 increase in tuition and adding an additional \$5.00 fee for infrastructure. Discussion then followed, and Trustees stated which scenario they would support. Ms. Walsh requested that there be two Board reports on which to vote, one for the tuition increase and one for the infrastructure fee.

DISCUSSION OF ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT

Dr. Smith stated that a report was received from StraightUp Solar, and the College conducted an analysis of that report. She asked Mr. Wheeland to continue; he provided statistics on the cost of this project. The return on investment would be 11.2 years. Dr. Smith stated that the College would prefer to see a seven year ROI, and could accept a ten year ROI if the College philosophically wanted to go green. An alternative was investigated to purchase 10% of the College's needs in green electricity from the College's electricity broker. However, Dr. Smith's inclination was to pass on this opportunity. Trustees provided their feedback on this issue.

POSSIBLE BOARD PRESENTATION AT THE ACCT LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

Dr. Smith spoke about the presentation tracks for the 2015 ACCT Leadership Congress, and asked the Board whether there were areas or concepts for which they would like the staff to work up a presentation

for this event. She noted that another aspect of College and Career Readiness would make a good presentation. Dr. Miksa spoke about a possible presentation on developmental education courses in the high school, or possibly a presentation on the recent review of the Board Policy Manual. Other topics mentioned were dual enrollment partnerships and multiple approaches to developmental education.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/UPDATE

Dr. Smith stated that Governor Rauner will present his budget address on February 18. When she receives a copy of this address, she will forward it to the Trustees.

COMMUNITY EVENTS ATTENDED BY TRUSTEES

Ms. Walsh attended the MCCG meeting at the Raue Center, which focused on transportation. She has registered to attend the March ICCTA meeting. Mr. Smith also attended the MCCG meeting, and pointed out that ACCT offers action alerts by email for which Trustees can sign up. Mr. Memmen attended student events. Mr. Parrish attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit, about which he will report at the Board meeting. Mr. Jenner watched the first half of the women's basketball game tonight.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include: 1) spring enrollment report; 2) discussion of attorney fees and whether or not meetings require attorney presence; 3) revisions on the capital outlay document provided.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Walsh noted an article in the newspaper about an upcoming college fair for non-traditional students. She would like the College to focus on strategies for this group of students.

Mr. Jenner noted that next month's Evaluation and Policies Committee agenda looks light, and asked whether that meeting could be held immediately before the March 17, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Memmen read a few excerpts from the book Effective Student Trustees, by Nick Kachiroubas, former MCC Student Trustee and Trustee, and noted that the Board of Trustees is here for the community and the students, and must look at how increasing, or not increasing, tuition will affect all.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Ms. Kisser moved to go into closed session under Open Meetings Exception Act 120/2(c) Exception #1, *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity*, and 120/2(c) Exception #21, *Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06*. Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried. A break was taken at 9:01, and Closed Session began at 9:09 p.m.

At 9:38 p.m., Ms. Walsh moved to come out of closed session and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion carried. Closed Session ended at 9:40 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Ms. Kisser moved to accept the closed session minutes of the January 13, 2015 Board Meeting as revised, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called. Messrs. Memmen and Jenner abstained and all others were in favor; the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Patricia Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly Walsh, Board Secretary