

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Liddell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

When Secretary Jenner called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Jenner  
Mr. Parrish  
Ms. Walsh  
Ms. Liddell

Mr. Smith, Ms. Kisser, Ms. Tirio, and Mr. Worden were absent. Dr. Gabbard was also present.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one addressed the Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard spoke about the new Transfer Admission Guarantee agreement with the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) which provides MCC students guaranteed admission to select baccalaureate programs in several UIC colleges. The Office of Marketing and Public Relations is working on a marketing campaign on this agreement. Dr. Gabbard noted that work is moving forward on the Science Center; a visit to Rock Valley College's Science Center is planned for August 19. Dr. Gabbard spoke about his recent meeting with Centegra Health System and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, to talk about how McHenry County College might partner with them to use the facility. Dr. Gabbard also met with the superintendent of the Huntley School District to talk about synergies and partnerships.

Dr. Gabbard spoke about a recent Freedom of Information Act request asking for data on the number of students who fail a class in their first year. While the response provided cited students who fail in the first year, another look was taken to determine how many students fail a class in their first semester: that figure hovers between 18% and 19%. The College looks at different performance indicators: enrollee success, retention, fall to spring persistence, fall to fall persistence, A and B grades. Faculty counselors meet with any student whose GPA falls below 2.0 and create a plan for academic success. The College uses Retention Alert, a program for discovering issues that might be causing a lack of participation, and Access and Disability Services deals with effects of learning in the classroom. There are veterans' affairs representatives, and the MCC 101 College Experience course which Dr. Gabbard noted has a lot of potential, adding that many students fail MCC 101 because they don't attend. He stated that the College has to do better with Retention Alert, and resolve issues with the feedback loop to instructors. He stated that a look will be taken at how to make MCC 101 better, and how Retention Alert can become a "save a student" tool. He noted that another program, Dropout Detective, has been used in the Athletics department and has had potentially more success. He stated that after the research has been done, a report will be presented to the Board on how we can make this work better.

#### PRELIMINARY JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta stated that the College is still closing the books for the end of the fiscal year. The Board will continue to see draft statements until the final statements are ready in a month or two. He reviewed the statements, spoke about the fund balance figures, and noted that some money is coming in from the state. In response to Ms. Walsh's question, Mr. Tenuta replied that for fiscal year 2017, he has budgeted a slight reduction in state funds; he added that there is time to make adjustments before the final budget comes to the Board. There is potentially another \$4.5 million for fiscal year 2017 that could impact the College's budget if the state does not come through.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include a report about articulation agreements after further review, discussion of the Committee of the Whole packet being posted to the website, and discussion of the president's evaluation tool. Ms. Liddell requested an update on open houses and career night events with local school districts.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During summary comments, Mr. Parrish declared that Dr. Gabbard's report on early student success was the highlight of the meeting. Ms. Walsh echoed Mr. Parrish's sentiments.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

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Chris Jenner, Board Secretary