

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Liddell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Mr. Jenner
Ms. Kisser
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Ms. Liddell

Mr. Worden was absent. Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Daniel Curran was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one addressed the Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard reported on the Engineering Pathways Partnership with the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign (UIUC); 20 applications were received for the first cohort. Thirteen students met UIUC's academic criteria and were admitted through the joint MCC/UIUC review process. Seven students accepted the admissions offer and are registered at MCC for the Fall 2016 semester. The remaining six students will pursue their education at other institutions. In addition, the seven students not admitted into the program still chose MCC for their pre-engineering studies. Dr. Gabbard stated that once students begin the program, they must enroll full-time at MCC, maintain a minimum 3.3 GPA in the

required courses with a grade of at least B in each course, and maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA overall to remain eligible for guaranteed admission. Engineering Pathways students who transfer with at least a 3.8 cumulative GPA will be guaranteed a UIUC scholarship of around \$3,000.00. He noted that this is a great opportunity for high school students in MCC's district to earn guaranteed admission to an undergraduate engineering program rated fifth in the nation, while saving over \$30,000.00 in tuition and fees. Recruiting efforts for the Fall 2017 cohort are underway.

Dr. Gabbard also spoke about the upcoming semester opening day on August 18, providing information about opening day activities with new students and fall faculty development activities.

Dr. Gabbard announced that Mr. Tenuta and his team have hit a home run with the College's summer projects (Parking Lot A, Building A Roof, and Building D HVAC Systems). The parking lot reopened on Monday, August 15, and the roof and HVAC projects will be completed Friday, August 19. Dr. Gabbard also reported that the new College signs look great, acknowledged a job well done by Ms. Haggerty and the design team, and noted these projects have not kept the College from delivering services to students all summer long.

PRELIMINARY JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta stated that as this is the beginning of the fiscal year, there is nothing to point out. He answered two questions from Ms. Walsh on MAP grant funding, which will be released to student accounts, and about fund balance which will end up close to \$24,764,000.00 after all journal entries have been finalized.

Dr. Gabbard noted that instructions on accessing the enrollment dashboard were at each Trustee's place.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include reporting on articulation agreements, a discussion of posting the Committee of the Whole packet to the website, and discussion of the tool used to evaluate the

President, as well as a presentation from the Financial Aid Office at a future meeting. Dr. Gabbard noted that this time of year is the busiest period for that office. Dr. Gabbard replied to Ms. Liddell's request to keep a list of future agenda items, and make a call to the meeting chair in advance of each meeting to discuss the items. Ms. Walsh asked for a report on enrollment trends and strategies. Dr. Gabbard replied that a report could be presented at the September Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Smith asked the Board to take a hard look at how summer Board meetings could be consolidated. Dr. Gabbard has information on how often other community colleges in Illinois meet, and can share that information.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During summary comments, Ms. Liddell spoke about consolidation of meetings as a discussion point. Ms. Walsh was glad to see MCC's logo on the county fair flyer; Ms. Haggerty noted that the College is a fair sponsor, and also a sponsor for Harvard Milk Days. Ms. Liddell noted that MCC will be presenting at the September ICCTA meeting in Springfield. She added that Ms. Walsh has accepted the nomination from ICCTA to chair the North Suburban region, and the Board must approve this nomination next week. Discussion followed on deciding the purpose of the Board Retreat before setting a retreat date; objectives will be brought to the table next week.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:09 p.m., Ms. Kisser moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 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 Mr. Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Smith moved to come out of Closed Session and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion carried. Closed Session ended at 7:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary