

MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of McHenry County College was held on Thursday, November 17, 2011, in the Board Room, Room A217, in Building A on the Campus. In Chair Miller's absence, Vice Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. When Ms. Larson called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Adams  
Ms. Kisser  
Ms. Larson  
Ms. Liddell  
Mr. Morrobel  
Mr. Parrish

Ms. Miller and Ms. Walters were absent. Attorney Daniel Curran was present as legal counsel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Adams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Smith reported that Wight & Company has been holding sessions on the Facility Master Plan with various constituents. She spoke about the November 16 session held as part of the McHenry County Council of Governments meeting, which yielded many insightful comments.

WORKSHOP WITH WIGHT & COMPANY, FACILITY MASTER PLAN

Representatives from Wight & Company Ms. Leanne Meyer-Smith, Mr. Kevin Havens, Mr. Andy Joseph, and Mr. Andreas Symeoniades participated in this workshop.

Ms. Meyer-Smith provided a list of dates and reviewed what has transpired. During Step 1, Wight & Company held group sessions that talked about broad visions to gather feedback for the Facility Master Plan. At the next meeting, a minimum of three concepts will be brought for review and the Board will be asked to review and consider these concepts and provide direction for Wight to continue.

In January, Step 2 will begin, moving deeper into concept plan, creating a phased implementation plan with budgets.

Mr. Havens reported that sessions focused on physical parameters of the campus, programs delivered and quality of the faculty. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to conduct this same type of discussion with the Trustees to help guide fundamental judgments about what this campus should be, creating a top ten list for what aspects of facilities contribute the most to achieving student success.

Several boards were placed in the Board Room which listed these aspects, and discussion began about how to rank them.

After discussion, the aspects were ranked as follows. Some rankings contained related concepts:

Collegiate character of interiors / Image of physical campus / Collaborative areas outside classroom
Student support network / State of the art classrooms/labs
Faculty development / Faculty work space
Information resources / Accommodating tech-savvy students
Student Life activities /Athletics
Connections to community / Off-campus network / On-campus cultural events
Value of environmental stewardship / Conservation of natural resources / Indoor air quality
Parking capacity and proximity of transportation options to campus

Representatives from Wight & Company then received questions and comments from the Trustees.

#### CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

#### SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were no comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.