

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. In Vice Chair Liddell's absence, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Worden
Mr. Jenner
Ms. Kisser
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh

Ms. Liddell and Mr. Parrish were absent. Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Sam Cavnar was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as amended; Exception #2, Negotiations, was added to Closed Session.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Chair Smith spoke briefly about the recent passing of both instructor emeritus Mel Wallace and student Daniel Brueggeman, and a moment of silence was observed in their honor.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one addressed the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard noted that a celebration of Mel Wallace's life would be held on Sunday, February 19. In the President's Report, Dr. Gabbard spotlighted a working partnership with Columbia College of Missouri, reducing general education requirements from 41 to 33 credits, allowing students to complete a

bachelor's degree with no more than the required 120 credits. Dr. Gabbard also spoke about MCC's service visit to the Loyola Retreat and Ecology Campus, the second Saturday of each month. This is just one component of volunteerism and service offered by the College to area organizations. Dr. Gabbard also spoke about talks with Woodstock District 200 for their students to participate virtually in an MCC course. Philosophy instructor Mr. Timothy Linehan has volunteered to be a guinea pig for this program, offering an ethics course to a group of juniors and seniors.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Dr. Gabbard and Ms. Haggerty provided an update; the campaign committee continues its work, and renderings of the interior of the building will be available soon. Today, the College submitted a proposal to the McHenry County Community Foundation for a \$75,000 grant that will span three years. Ms. Haggerty stated that Mr. DiBona is following up with leadership teams to have gift commitments in place.

PRELIMINARY JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta reported that expenses are roughly equal to last year; there is nothing that is concerning him currently. Mr. Tenuta reported on forecasted numbers, and noted that a \$1.6 million deficit is still projected. With \$1.4 million carrying over for capital asset projects from last year, the College is still looking at a \$400,000 to \$500,000 loss. He does not expect the situation to improve, and the projection is that the College will not get more than half of its allotment from the State of Illinois. Some community colleges are budgeting zero for state funding; MCC is budgeting at 50% of state funding.

FINANCING OF LIEBMAN SCIENCE CENTER

Dr. Gabbard reported that he and Mr. Tenuta have been discussing how best to approach the modified financial model, consisting of fundraising, student fees, and fund balance; an \$8.00 student fee was proposed. A resolution for issuance of the debt certificates will come to the February Board meeting for approval, under the bank-qualified issues for the most favorable interest rate. The building should be

completed in December, 2018. Funds will be deposited into Fund 03, and will not be commingled with operating funds.

Dr. Gabbard asked whether the Board wanted to discuss RAMP funding, along with targeted funds from the state for other projects. Does the Board want to forego moving our place in line if that line may never move, or do we need to think about how those funds might be used? This issue could be raised in the Finance and Audit Committee

PRESENTATION ON SUPPORT OF CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSIONS

Ms. Kim Hankins, Director of Sustainability, stated that President Gabbard was asked by the Citizens Climate Lobby to sign a letter to Representative Hultgren, asking him to support meaningful discussions on climate change. Dr. Gabbard agreed to sign the letter, and the resolution will be presented to the Board for support.

DISCUSSION OF BOARD SELF-EVALUATION FORM

During brief discussion, it was agreed to reverse the evaluation form rankings (5 = agree, down to 1 = disagree). The forms will be provided to the Trustees, and are to be returned by Monday, March 6 for tabulation and discussion at the March 13 Evaluation and Policies Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION OF TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During discussion, it was agreed that the Board would continue to look for training options. It was noted that ICCTA is an ICCB-approved provider. This item will continue to appear on the agenda, and decisions will be made on training options as they become available.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Jenner stated that he will author policies on Board self-evaluation and the Board retreat. A decision must be made whether policies are needed for these two items. Ms. Walsh and Ms. Kissler would like to see an update on the Chemung property. Dr. Gabbard asked whether the Trustees might consider

holding a Board meeting at an off-site location such as the Old Courthouse Arts Center which houses MCC student artwork.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During summary comments, Ms. Kisser and Mr. Jenner noted that they recently conducted the semiannual review of closed session minutes. Chair Smith thanked them for extraordinary effort on this review.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:29 p.m., Ms. Kisser moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings 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*, Exception #2, *Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees*, and 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.*, and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor; the motion carried. A short break was taken and closed session began at 7:35 p.m.

At 10:04 p.m., Mr. Worden moved to come out of Closed Session, and Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor; the motion carried. Closed Session ended at 10:05 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, Committee of the Whole, January 17, 2017

Ms. Walsh moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Worden seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Chris Jenner, Board Secretary