

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Evertsen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

When the roll was called, the following were present:

Ms. Vazquez
Ms. Liddell
Mr. Allen
Mr. Parrish
Mr. Smith
Ms. Tirio
Ms. Walsh
Ms. Evertsen

Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Samuel Cavnar was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 16, 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

No one addressed the Board.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard's report highlighted the Pathway Scholars partnership guaranteed admission program with Lake Forest College; six students have enrolled. He reported on the Start to Finish program, in which students receive support from MCC's success coaches. A list of event dates was provided. Dr. Gabbard recently had dinner with a former Notre Dame professor who is researching poverty. The community college was found to be one of the success factors to move out of poverty. Dr. Gabbard spoke about

piloting an early warning system, which could be in play next semester. He noted that the Tartan Bistro is now open, and encouraged Trustees to make reservations.

PRELIMINARY JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta noted that revenue is almost the same as last year at this time, and expenditures are a little lower, primarily in salaries, and that capital expenditures are significantly lower than last year. He stated the College is tracking well per the forecast, and should be in good shape by the end of the fiscal year. In response to Ms. Walsh's question on fund balance, Mr. Tenuta noted that Board policy requires a certain minimum between Funds 01 and 02, adding that the College is in compliance with Board policy.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Ms. Haggerty reported that the campaign total is currently at \$6.85 million, with a goal of \$7 million she is confident the campaign will reach. A community campaign will kick off at the end of February or early March. She added that the Foundation report at the February Board meeting will provide the results of the Foundation's year-end appeal, including what was designated toward the Liebman Science Center. The College has a donor commitment to fund half the backfill space; cost projections for the project are still on target.

EVALUATION AND POLICIES ITEMS

Board Policy 6.2.2, Sexual Harassment/Board Policy 6.2.3, Discrimination, Harassment and/or Anti-Violence

Proposed changes to both policies were driven in large part by Public ACT 100-544, requiring community colleges to update their policies. After brief discussion, both were moved forward for a second reading and approval at the February Board meeting.

TUITION PRESENTATION

Dr. Gabbard and Mr. Tenuta gave a presentation which proposed a \$3 increase in tuition for FY 2019, which equals 2.4% and would result in approximately \$300,000 additional revenue. This approach uses a model that could be used to create a tuition policy. Mr. Tenuta showed that in a cost of living

comparison, MCC ranks 37 of 39 Illinois community colleges – only Chicago City Colleges and College of DuPage were lower. In a comparison of MCC peer groups, MCC ranked the lowest of six community colleges. In a comparison from the Illinois Community College Board peer group, MCC ranked six out of seven. It was noted that a large percentage of credit students receive grant and/or scholarship aid which would continue if a tuition increase goes into effect. Additional revenue will impact MCC's ability to offer new programs and services, and enhance facilities to improve students' learning experience.

LIEBMAN SCIENCE CENTER FINANCING DISCUSSION

The Board approved a budget for the Science Center in June, 2016. When Mr. Tenuta created initial modeling with figures of \$17.1 million and 110,000 credit hours. Revised current modeling uses 100,000 credit hours. Mr. Tenuta noted that if the College is able to do this, the student infrastructure fee could be reduced to \$7.75 from \$8.00, and alleviate the need for a second bond issue. Dr. Gabbard added that students are paying for less than half of the cost (47.8%), the campaign covers 40%, and the College's commitment has stayed constant as costs have been maintained below budget. Mr. Tenuta stated that the planetarium is becoming the building's showplace, of which all can be proud. This proposal will come to the February Board meeting for a vote. Mr. Tenuta noted that he looks at the infrastructure fee every year based on credit hours.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include a presentation from the enrollment management group, a presentation from earth science instructor Paul Hamill, and a presentation from the success coaches. Dr. Gabbard proposed the success coaches present in December after they are a little more seasoned.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During summary comments, Mr. Allen, Ms. Tirio, Ms. Vazquez, and Ms. Liddell expressed their thanks for the tour of the Liebman Science Center. Mr. Smith asked for information on making a reservation at

Tartan Bistro; Ms. Kriegermeier will send information to the Board. Mr. Parrish spoke about past Board meeting minutes and noted how the Board has changed.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly H. Walsh, Board Secretary