

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Evertsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Peters 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 of the January 17, 2017 Evaluation and Policies Committee meeting and the minutes of the June 13, 2017 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 provided an update on the second cohort of the Engineering Pathways program with the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign, noting that this is a rigorous program that saves families money. Recruiting is underway for the 2018 cohort. Dr. Gabbard noted that the College's strategic goals are being updated; the Board will be asked to approve the change at the August Board meeting.

Upcoming events were announced: the multi-chamber mixer is September 26, the manufacturing breakfast is October 12, and the Foundation's gala will be held November 10.

Chef Tina Drzal presented a summary report on the success of the student-run restaurant, Slainte, which is being renamed Tartan Bistro, and Sweet Scots bakery. The report can be seen at www.mchenry.edu/board. A request will come to the August Board meeting for the Board to approve serving limited alcohol at the September 26 mixer.

PRESENTATION: Update on 50th Anniversary Documentary

Mr. Jim Stockwell, Instructor of Journalism and Film, reported that the MCC 50th Anniversary documentary will be available on Blu-Ray and DVD at several county libraries, as well as the McHenry County Historical Society. He announced that the documentary will be shown twice: Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. at the Johnsburg Public Library, and Wednesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Classic Cinema. Copies of the video will be provided to Board members. Mr. Stockwell's presentation can be seen at www.mchenry.edu/board.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Dr. Gabbard was pleased to report that in the last two days, unexpected campaign donations have been received. Ms. Haggerty provided handouts and reported that the campaign's silent phase continues with very good progress. Ms. Haggerty added that the campaign website is almost ready to be launched; she stated the public campaign will begin in mid-September and run through May, 2018. Dr. Gabbard reported that several donors have enthusiastically offered to accompany MCC staff on public campaign calls.

PRELIMINARY JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta reported on June financial reports, noting that the state funding recently received has not yet been included with the statements. He added the College's audit begins this week.

PRESENTATION ON THE BUDGET AND STATE FUNDING

Mr. Tenuta explained the impact of recent legislation: Illinois Senate Bills 6, 9, and 42. FY2017 funding must be logged into this year's budget; this will actually reimburse MCC for items covered during the

Illinois budget stalemate. A big change from the past is that MCC has received funding for veterans. Mr. Tenuta noted that the College actually did quite well, as he had budgeted the base operating grant at 50% less. He added that MCC received \$50,000 for equalization, which has not been received from the state in ten years. Mr. Tenuta stated that overall, there is a \$3.9 million change in the College's budget, with \$2.3 million for FY 2017, which may allow reinstatement of contingency funds, which were used to balance this year's budget. Mr. Tenuta spoke about the creation of Tier 3 in the retirement system, which would be funded by employers. Dr. Gabbard added that the state funding received may stop the College from further financial deterioration, but the message that faculty and staff will hear is that we will not stop looking for ways to be conservative with spending.

PRESENTATION AND OVERVIEW: Sustainable Agriculture

Dr. Gabbard and Dr. Berryman gave a presentation showing an overview of this initiative; they noted that the grant from the Chicago Community Trust led to a collaboration with Loyola's local campus. The presentation can be seen at www.mchenry.edu/board.

DISCUSSION OF EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FOR MCCFA

Dr. Gabbard stated that Faculty brought forward a proposal after the March, 2017 Reduction in Force, detailing how faculty close to retirement age might be given an incentive to retire. After explaining what the proposal entails, noting that 46 faculty members were eligible to participate, 23 faculty members were SURS eligible, and that ten faculty might take this initiative, a straw poll was taken and all Board members were amenable to proceeding.

DISCUSSION OF TRUSTEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There was brief discussion on this item; it will remain a standing item on each Committee of the Whole agenda should there be news of trustee professional development.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items include: a meeting of the Evaluation and Policies Committee will be scheduled in September to discuss Board policy changes and the Board self-evaluation. Ms. Evertsen stated that the Board needs to take a hard look at the levy, to find a way to get some small sense of relief for taxpayers. Mr. Tenuta noted that as there is no December Board meeting, the levy will be discussed beginning in September, to be approved at the November Board meeting.

SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

During summary comments, Ms. Liddell spoke about Rotary's Interact organization, explained a mailbox project which contains books that can be used, and asked if any Trustees knew of locations where the mailboxes could be set up. Ms. Walsh commented that she visited the enrollment dashboard today, and congratulated staff for their hard work. She would like to have an in-depth look at enrollment; Dr. Gabbard noted this topic is on the August Board agenda. Mr. Parrish spoke well about the recent Foundation Board meeting he attended, and noted that Mr. DiBona is a phenomenal leader. Ms. Tirio spoke about a new film, "The UnMiracle," which was filmed in Crystal Lake. Information is available at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3300712/>.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:17 p.m. Ms. Walsh moved to go into closed session to discuss matters covered under the Open Meetings Act Exception #1, Personnel, *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 Exception #11, Litigation, *Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the*

closed meeting. Ms. Tirio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The roll was called and all were in favor. The motion carried. A break was taken at 8:18 p.m., and closed session began at 8:26 p.m.

At 9:07 p.m., Ms. Liddell 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 9:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Pat Kriegermeier, Recording Secretary

Molly H. Walsh, Board Secretary