

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, in the Board Room, Room A217, of Building A on the Campus. Vice Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. When Secretary Allen called the roll, the following were present:

Mr. Rendon
Ms. Evertsen
Ms. Siddons
Mr. Smith
Ms. Speros
Ms. Walsh
Mr. Allen

Ms. Hoban was absent. 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 October 15, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting were accepted as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PRESENTATIONS

Patrice Jones, President of MCC Student Government addressed the board to discuss the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Meal Give-Away. Their organization is requesting donations of 11-13 pound frozen turkeys by November 25 to feed less fortunate families during the Thanksgiving holiday. Patrice asks that anyone interested in donating either turkey or canned goods should contact Student Trustee Andres Rendon to arrange drop-off.

Trustee Hoban joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m., noted by Vice Chair Walsh.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard thanked all who attended the President's Dinner on Friday, November 8, noting so many people commented on this great event of generous giving. This 2019 event exceeded funds raised over the 2018 event. These funds are used toward student scholarships. Dr. Gabbard acknowledged two 2019 Distinguished Alumni award recipients, Sue Kirby and Shawn Tegtmeier at the event.

He went on to note the wonderful turnout at MCC's Health Professions Open House on November 7, which showcased the new simulation labs, and encourages anyone who has not yet had a chance to tour these new labs to contact our office to arrange a visit.

Dr. Gabbard congratulated our MCC Women's Volleyball team their recent Region IV title championship, noting the team will travel to West Virginia next week to compete in the national tournament. He also congratulated the MCC Women's Tennis team on their Region IV title, earning them the opportunity to compete at the NJCAA National Tournament in May 2020. The tennis team was introduced at the meeting, along with Jim Stockwell, who won the Coach of the Year award.

Lastly, Dr. Gabbard reminded the Board that MCC's Day of Giving is slated for Thursday, November 14. This is an opportunity for all to help students achieve their educational goals and support MCC's Student Success Fund. The Friends of MCC Foundation Board of Directors will match every dollar donated up to \$3,000, so he encourages all to consider a contribution to this very worthy effort.

CURRENT RENOVATION INITIATIVES

Dr. Gabbard presented artist renderings of three proposed renovation projects, which have been planned for some time now. First, the goal of updating our main entry area near the Welcome Center is to make our Admissions, Financial Aid, and Registration offices more visible and enable students to complete the admission and registration processes more efficiently. Next, in regard to the Room A218 office space where some administrative offices used to be, we want to create student engagement areas with large collaboration spaces for small/large/study/tutoring groups. With an open design that includes windows to add light, the renovated space will be geared toward attracting quiet study. The third project is the MCC Bookstore renovation, creating an open and inviting storefront that people will notice. It will feature more merchandise, storage space, and a dressing room to try on apparel.

PRELIMINARY OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a brief summary of the preliminary financials, noting that we are on track with the planned budget, with no unexpected activity.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chair Walsh asked about when tuition and investments discussions would be taking place. Mr. Tenuta answered that tuition will likely be discussed in January to bring to the Board in February. He added that investments discussions will be scheduled as soon as this calendar year wraps up.

Dr. Gabbard added that we will move forward with administration of a Student Government survey on the topic of tuition costs, and bring those results to the Board.

Ms. Hoban remarked how extraordinary the President's Dinner was on Friday, November 8, and was astonished by the turnout for College's Health Professions Open House, noting the guides were amazing and the simulation labs were very real. She feels our students are benefiting from their educational experiences in this department.

Ms. Siddons thanked Mr. Tenuta for the capital project list he provided. She noted that MCC Night is being held tomorrow, November 13, and hopes for a good turnout.

Mr. Smith congratulated our women's tennis and volleyball teams for their extraordinary performance. He also supports Patrice Jones in the turkey drive initiative, noting that we should be able to exceed the goal of feeding 15 families with this single food drive.

Ms. Speros attended the recent Green Living Expo event, as well as an event held at the Planetarium and was so impressed by both. She acknowledged Tom Vician for being an amazing ceramics instructor.

Mr. Allen noted the Green Living Expo was well attended and had great exhibitors, despite poor weather. He also attended the First Generation Forum, at which great student stories were shared.

Ms. Walsh enjoyed the recent President's Dinner and reminded all that the *Empty Bowls* ceramics sale is coming up; proceeds to benefit the Student Success Fund.

Student Trustee Rendon will be attending an event in Hoffman Estates on November 13 with several other students, at which he will be receiving an award on behalf of the College.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:05 p.m., Ms. Evertsen made a motion to move into closed session to discuss matters covered under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 120/2(c) Exception #1, Personnel, and Exception #21, Review of Closed Session Minutes. Ms. Speros seconded the motion. The roll was called, and all were in favor. Closed session began at 7:14 p.m.

At 8:15 p.m. Ms. Hoban moved to come out of Closed Session, and Ms. Evertsen seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion carried. Closed Session ended at 8:16 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 15, 2019

Ms. Evertsen moved to accept the closed session minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting, October 15, 2019 as presented; Ms. Siddons seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all were in favor. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Mary Cornett, Recording Secretary

Thomas E. Allen, Board Secretary