

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
*Minutes of Regular Meeting Held November 12, 2015***

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman DeGrazia called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

AT ROLL CALL:

Members Present

at Roll Call: Nicholas DeGrazia, John Adair, Geoffry Kusch, Denise Brooks, John Ogden

Members Absent

at Roll Call: Robert Tansky, David Oppliger

Also Present:

Dr. Kevin Pollock, Stacie Kwaiser of Rehmann, Kirk Kramer, Pete Lacey,
Professor Gary Schmitz

AGENDA ADOPTION:

It was moved by Ms. Brooks., seconded by Dr. Kusch, to add “New Business” agenda items **J.1. *Conflict of Interest Disclosure*** and **J.2. *Resolution Regarding McMorran Pavilion***, to move “New Business” agenda items to immediately follow Citizen Comments, and to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion carried: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Trustee Adair disclosed that his employment with Kelly Law Firm could be construed as a potential conflict of interest if he participated in the formal decision to acquire the McMorran Pavilion since law partner, Chuck Kelly, has been hired by the College to negotiate the purchase agreement; therefore, he would be abstaining from the vote.

Resolution Regarding McMorran Pavilion

It was moved by Dr. Kusch, seconded by Ms. Brooks, to adopt the following resolution:

“Be it resolved that the SC4 BOT hereby acknowledges the City Council action approving the recommendation to proceed with negotiations with SC4 regarding the transfer of the McMorran Pavilion to SC4. Be it further resolved the College Administration is authorized to proceed with negotiation of a definitive agreement for transfer of the McMorran Pavilion from the City of Port Huron to SC4 which, when completed, will be subject to approval by the SC4 Board and the Port Huron City Council.”

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Adair – abstain; Mr. Ogden – yes; Ms. Brooks – yes; Dr. Kusch – yes, Dr. DeGrazia – yes.

Motion carried: 4-0-1

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Adair, seconded by Ms. Brooks, to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 8, 2015 as printed and circulated.

Motion carried: 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Chairman DeGrazia acknowledged that financial reports for the month of October 2015 had been provided to Trustees.

COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: N/A

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation of Audit: *Stacie Kwaiser of Rehmann:*
- b. Financial Certification by President
- c. Area of Focus Report: Institutional Sustainability: *Kirk Kramer*
- d. Student Graduation Update: *Pete Lacey*
- e. MAHE Student Success Presentation – *Professor Gary Schmitz*

2. ACTION ITEMS:

Annual Audit Report

It was moved by Mr. Ogden, seconded by Ms. Brooks, to accept the 2014-2015 audit report as presented by Rehmann.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Acceptance of Gifts

It was moved by Mr. Adair, seconded by Dr. Kusch, to accept, with appreciation, the following donations:

- \$500 from Smith Family Funeral Home of Port Huron for the Friends of the Arts;
- \$3,200 from Chuck & Judy Weisner of St. Clair for the Chuck & Judy Weisner Skipper Volleyball Academic Award;

Motion carried: 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

STAFF CHANGES: N/A

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TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Copies of Mr. Oppliger's ACCT Conference report (attached) were provided to Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Mr. Adair, seconded by Dr. Kusch, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Motion carried: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Certified by,

Mary L. Hawtin
Board Secretary

Nicholas DeGrazia
Board Chair

Mary Hawtin

From: David Oppliger

Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 7:42 AM

To: Mary Hawtin

Subject: Re: Update re: Nov 12 Meeting Packet

Here's my report from the ACCT 2015 Congress:

The Theme of the Congress was "Higher Expectations: The New Community College Model"

Dr. Pollock and I gave a presentation: student success validation through dual enrollment and early college models. The program was presented jointly with Pennsylvania highlands community college in Johnstown Pennsylvania. SC4 demonstrated how it's early College programs - CrosLex and Middle College - ,enhanced local efforts to build a positive college going culture. Our program was standing room only so there is a lot of national interest in new college models. I also attended a program on the board's guide to presidential contracts. I sent the administration a copy of the program materials which included a sample contract.

I also attended a program called building strong voter support; four steps to victory

Kirkland community college in Michigan garnered strong voter support for their funding proposal via a four phase community engagement process. They established a budget, did polling, came up with a campaign theme and then successfully launched a campaign to pass a tax proposal.

Finally the other program of note that I attended was called leveraging international program resources and relationships. This session explained how exposing community college students to study abroad programs can increase their interest in continuing their education. Community college students generally don't have access to study abroad programs. A former community college student from a very underprivileged background - now studying in a graduate program at Berkley - discussed how a two week program in Austria designed for community colleges ignited his passion for education. The session discussed what grants and financial resources are available to community college students to attend these programs.

Thank you.

David

Sent from my iPad