

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MACOMB

An open information session of the Board of Trustees of the Community College District of the County of Macomb was held Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in Room K315 of the John Lewis Student Community Center, South Campus, 14500 Twelve Mile Road, Warren, Michigan, pursuant to notice.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly at 6:12 p.m. Trustee Bonkowski was appointed Acting Secretary.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present: James F. Kelly, Chairperson
Christine Bonkowski, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Falcone, Treasurer
Joseph DeSantis, Trustee
Roseanne DiMaria, Trustee (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
Charley Jackson, Trustee

Absent: Connie Bolanowski, Secretary (excused)

Also present: James Jacobs, President
Elizabeth Argiri, Vice President for Business
Jill M. Little, Vice President, Student Services
Patricia Martz, Executive Secretary to the President
Gerri Pavone, Executive Director of Research & Planning
James Sawyer, Provost/Vice President, Learning Unit
Casandra Ulbrich, Vice President, College Advancement & Community Relations
Hunter L. Wendt, General Counsel
F. Jack Witt, Vice President, Human Resources

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Falcone, supported by Jackson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

4.0 AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

5.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS AND MATERIAL

None

6.0 ISSUES AND UPDATES

6.1 Business Office Update

Ms. Argiri provided an update on the various functions of the Business Office, which includes Financial Services, Financial Aid, Budget and Grants Accounting, Purchasing, Communications and Information Technology, and Facilities Management. Also included in her presentation were the future plans for 2012. She provided a handout of her presentation which included photographs of the staff and their titles.

6.2 Community Meeting

Dr. Jacobs informed the Trustees that a meeting of approximately 20 community leaders is scheduled for the evening of January 23rd at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library for the purpose of updating them on college activities and future directions of the college.

6.3 Update on College Activities

On January 16th, over 400 students, staff and faculty volunteered for community related activities coordinated by the college at several sites throughout the County in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The annual Martin Luther King Day dinner hosted by the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice was well attended. Dr. Richard Gleason, a continuing education instructor at Macomb and a freedom rider in the sixties, was the featured speaker.

Dr. Jacobs reported that he received a call from the CEO of Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals informing him that the Warren hospital will officially close March 31st, but there may be plans to convert the facility to a comprehensive rehabilitation center.

Dr. Jacobs noted that enrollment headcount is down 3.1%, while credit hours are down 4%, with South Campus having the greater decline. Trustee Bonkowski commented that she believes Macomb has experienced unusually high enrollment due to the economy and that it normally declines as the economy gets better. She inquired as to whether other surrounding colleges are experiencing a decline in enrollment. Ms. Little responded that Macomb's decrease in enrollment falls in the middle, or average, in comparison to other colleges and is on par with the 2009 enrollment figures. Ms. Little further commented that the loss of Michigan Works funds is also a factor in the decrease in enrollment.

A video promoting the college was shared with the Trustees, which is scheduled to be aired on various cable networks on several channels over the next three weeks, with more commercials planned in the future. Trustee Bonkowski commented that she believes it is important to continue using "Education, Enrichment and Economic Development" on college material as it aligns with the mission of the college, further stating that she would not want to see it replaced by the "Discover.Connect.Advance" tagline. Dr. Jacobs confirmed that there are no plans to eliminate or replace those words.

7.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need to hold an executive session.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Falcone, supported by Bonkowski, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Acting Secretary