

Alpena Community College Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
January 21, 2010

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees convened its regular January meeting on January 21, 2010, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, on the College campus.

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Briggs led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

***The Oath of Office was administered at this time in the agenda.***

2.474 Oath of Office and Seating of Elected Trustees

Twenty-Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Michael Mack administered the Oath of Office to incumbent Trustees Marc Kingsbury Ferguson and Dr. Judith A. Grenkowicz and to newly elected Trustee Lisa Hilberg.

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board welcome Marc Kingsbury Ferguson, Dr. Judith A, Grenkowicz, and Lisa Hilberg to the ACC Board of Trustees for six-year terms beginning January 1, 2010.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowicz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Approval of December 17, 2009, Regular Proceedings

The proceedings from the December meeting of the Board were approved as presented.

### Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following guests signed the register: The Honorable Michael Mack, Circuit Court Judge; Crystal Nelson, *The Alpena News*; Wendy Brooks, ACC; Dean Storms, Case Township Supervisor; Dick Sutherland, ACC; April Ahlgren, WATZ; and Jay Walterreit, ACC.

There was no public comment.

### Communication(s)

Dr. Joynton read a note from Chamber President Jackie Crawczak in support of legislation for bachelor degrees for community colleges and changing of election dates for community colleges; a note of thank you from the Hilberg family; a note of support from Phil Richards; and a letter from Frederick Headen, Director, and Bureau of Local Government Services.

### Faculty Report

A hard copy of the report was distributed to each trustee's seat prior to the meeting. No formal report was given by a faculty member.

### Student Report

No student report was given.

### President's Report

The president's report was presented as attached. Dean Wendy Brooks and Township Supervisor Dean Storms were present to talk about the new English 111 class offered at Millersburg.

### ***Action Items***

#### 2.475 Election of Officers

Moved by Member Grenkowitz that the same slate of officers be voted into office for another two-year term.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Therefore, the following officers were voted into office for two-year terms: John E. Briggs, Chairman; Thomas Townsend, Vice-Chairman; Joseph Gentry II, Treasurer; and Administrative Staff Member Elizabeth L. Spragg, Secretary.

Motion carried. All ayes.

#### 2.476 Authorization of Depository Accounts

Moved by Member Stibitz that the Board of Trustees authorizes appropriate College officials to execute all appropriate agreements to continue the existing financial relationships of the College with the following institutions:

Citizens Bank  
First Federal of Northern Michigan  
Independent Bank  
National City of Michigan/Illinois  
Huron Community bank  
Bank of Alpena

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

3.653 Financial Report (through December 2009)

President Joynton and Vice President Sutherland reviewed the financial report with the Board.

3.654 Personnel Report

The personnel report showed no additions/replacements, two resignations, no retirements or other.

3.655 Gifts and Grants Report

The gifts and grants report showed the attached activity.

New Business

None

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

February 18, 2010

It was agreed that a workshop session would be conducted prior to the regular meeting to discuss the president's five-year plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Elizabeth L. Spragg  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

President's Report  
January 21, 2010

1. Preliminary Spring Enrollment Figures

With the tallies from late registration nearly complete, ACC posts another semester with strong gains. Head count stands at 2,160, representing a gain of 9.48% over last the spring semester. The credit hour figure of 21,714 is the second highest in ACC history, up 8.18% over last spring. Nearly all of the additional enrollments have been accommodated by filling seats in existing class sections, as opposed to creating more sections.

While the weak economy continues to play a part in the gains, efficiencies of registration and often-complimented customer service have also helped the numbers to climb. More students are registering online, and those coming in person have benefited from the renovations in Van Lire Hall. Nursing program enrollment is boosted by this year's expanded class size and the introduction of a waiting list for highly qualified students just below the cut for fall admission. In addition, in January ACC is happy to receive a growing number of freshmen who, for a variety of reasons, come back home after starting college out of town. Although there's been a lapse in Michigan Works funding for displaced workers to retrain on our campuses, many of them have found their way here anyway using their own resources and those available through our financial aid department.

The gains at Huron Shores are particularly noteworthy, with headcount at 221 (increase of 39.87%) and credit hour enrollment at 1,673 (increase of 51.02%). Some are workers laid off at Valetta Air and Cooper Standard, but most have been recruited by the effective outreach of George Falkenhagen, the indefatigable coordinator of the HUSH campus. Last year George represented ACC well when some Iosco County school boards questioned the process of funding tuition for dually enrolled students and helped to get the issue resolved. In addition, as outlined in last year's revision of the marketing plan, promotional activities like billboards and the website have featured HUSH students.

For the second semester in a row, the number of registrants for online classes has declined, primarily due to the departure of a couple of instructors who specialized in this method of delivery.

2. ACC student Kissy St. Louis has received regional publicity in connection with news coverage of the earthquake in Haiti, his native country. Kissy was brought to Michigan by missionaries after an accident required the amputation of his arms, and he attends the Huron Shores Campus.
3. Dean Wendy Brooks and Case Township President Dean Storms are present this evening to provide details on the opening of a new ACC instructional center this semester in a former Millersburg elementary school. After an assigned instructor had to back out, Wendy agreed to take on an English class herself at the facility.
4. Success of ACC Transfers to FSU

The latest 2008-09 academic year data from Ferris State University continue to tell the story that transfer students from community colleges fare better than students who start there (3.13 GPA vs. 3.09), and that ACC transfers (n=34) out-perform those from the state's other community colleges (3.23 vs. 3.13). During the reporting period 11 ACC transfer students graduated from Ferris. Their average cumulative GPA was 3.58, compared with 3.33 for all graduates.

5. In order to place ACC's business in the context of national trends, here's a list of the top 10 community college news stories for 2009, as reported by *Community College Week*.
- President Obama visits Macomb Community College to announce the American Graduation Initiative (HR 3221); a \$12 billion measure now passed by the House and referred to the Senate.
  - Across the country colleges dealt with sharply increasing enrollments and decreasing state financial support due to the recession.
  - In California the financial pressure was greatest because of a \$100 billion state budget deficit.
  - Federal Pell Grant funding rose from \$4,731 to \$5,500 for the maximum yearly award.
  - Chancellor Martha Kantar of the Foothill De Anza Community College District in California was named Undersecretary of Education.
  - Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, continued her community college teaching as an adjunct instructor of English at Northern Virginia Community College.
  - The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation made \$16.5 million of grants to 15 community colleges to bolster developmental education and increase graduation rates.
  - A revision of the GI Bill expanded benefits for veterans attending community colleges.
  - Scandals continued to play out in the Alabama community college system, with a former state representative convicted of not working for the pay she received from the system and the system chancellor fired and convicted for accepting kickbacks.
  - American Association of Community Colleges President George Boggs announced his retirement after a decade of service as an influential policy leader at the national level.