

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
February 15, 2007

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met on February 15, 2007, for its regular February meeting.

Present: John Briggs, Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Dr. Judith Grenkowitz, Florence Stibitz, Tom Townsend.

Absent: Wegmeyer

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board adjourn to closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Secretary Spragg took a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Chairman Briggs indicated the Board would return to open session immediately following the closed session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Briggs called the regular meeting to order again at 7:10 p.m.

Present: John Briggs, Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Dr. Judith Grenkowitz, Florence Stibitz, Thomas Townsend, and Paul Wegmeyer.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Briggs led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Townsend to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Grenkowitz, Stibitz, Townsend, and Wegmeyer

Nays: None

### Approval of Official Proceedings

Chairman Briggs, hearing no objections, declared the proceedings of the January 18, 2007, regular meeting approved as presented.

### Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

Those signing the register were: Jay Walterreit, ACC; Nicole DiDonato, WBKB; Jennifer Irish, ACC; Deb Hautau, ACC; Joan Misiak, ACC; Sue Willyard, ACC; David Usher, Alpena Village; Mike Schultz, Timm Construction; Mike Kelley, ACC; Scott Mikkelson, ACC Student Senate; Max Lindsay, ACC; Roy Smith, ACC; Cindy Besaw, ACC; Mike Markowski, WATZ; Mary Jane Thomson, ACC; and Sue Weathers, ACC. Those noticed by the Secretary who did not sign the register were: Vickie Lampel, Dotie White, and Jennifer Gehrling.

### Communication(s)

None

### Board Member and Subcommittee Report(s)

*Property Subcommittee* – Members Briggs and Townsend updated the Board on Subcommittee activities including a P.U.D. status update for the City, master plan review, and conveyance of property issues.

### Faculty Report

Biology instructor Deborah Hautau told the Board of upcoming global awareness programs; acknowledged faculty negotiations that begin February 23; delivered a thank you to the A.L.L. group; informed the Board of AMA/ESD teaching teacher workshops; reminded the Board of Science Olympiad, March 10, 2007; and informed the Board of an upcoming reaccreditation visit for business programs in March.

### Student Report

Student Senate President Scott Mikkelson updated the Board on past and present activities of the Student Senate.

### President's Report

The President's Report follows as presented.

1. Alpena Village Report (led by Mike Schultz of Timm Construction, site plan & elevations attached)

- PUD update (Planning Commission)
- Site Plan update
- Schedule for Groundbreaking and Construction
- Residents at Alpena Village

## 2. Success of ACC Transfers at Ferris State University

The college has received a detailed report from President David Eisler on the success of former ACC students who have continued their education at FSU. During the 2005-06, 27 ACC transfers first came to FSU and a year later 17 of them were still enrolled. Their average cumulative GPA at FSU was 3.32, compared with an average of 3.07 for transfers from other Michigan community colleges and 3.06 for all FSU students.

Congratulations to all staff and particularly the faculty for their excellent preparation of students for success when they transfer to baccalaureate programs.

## 3. Meeting with VP Michael Harris of Ferris State University

By way of advancing toward fulfillment of my Objective 12, “Develop a working four-year partnership with Ferris and produce the first program this fiscal year,” Instructor Mary Jane Thomson and I met on February 9 with FSU VP Michael Harris, the institution’s chief academic officer. The following agenda items were pursued:

- Honors program interaction -- Mary Jane Thomson’s role on FSU honors program advisory council.
- GPA report – as noted above.
- Pharmacy Admissions – practice of discounting points for community college transfers discontinued due to Max Lindsay’s alert and my follow-up with President Eisler.
- Phlebotomy to med lab tech program issues – health program dean and extended learning dean from FSU assigned to meet with staff and me within a month for program consideration and planning.
- Other programs to consider for ACC university center – agreement reached to extend 3 + 1 articulation agreement for BAS in Industrial Technology and Management to ACC and consideration given to offering fourth year at MBUC.
- Land for satellite campus – map of ACC property reviewed with vision for permanent satellite center.
- Crossroads Writing Project hosting – program to advance writing pedagogy for regional secondary teachers hosted by ACC June 18-22 and led by FSU Associate Professor of English Ruth Mirtz.
- Wenrich scholarship criteria – promise of consideration for extension of eligibility from full-time instructors only to adjunct instructors also.

Thanks to Trustee Tom Townsend for being on hand to greet Dr. Harris and participate in our work with him.

#### 4. 2006 ACC Foundation Fundraising Report

The annual fundraising report for 2006 from the ACC Foundation (attached) indicates continuing success of the plan submitted to the Board in November in order to fulfill my Objective 8, “Develop a plan to increase the Foundation’s assets by December 1, 2006.” A total of \$410,745 was raised for the year.

Congratulations to members of the ACC Foundation Board, Executive Director Penny Boldrey, and Secretary Jeanne Waeiss for their skill and diligence in the successful implementation of the plan.

#### 5. MCCA Meetings at Macomb Community College

I traveled to Macomb CC for an MCCA Presidents Committee meeting on the morning of February 1 and was joined by Trustee Florence Stibitz for the remainder of the day and the following morning for meetings of the MCCA Board of Directors. Highlights of the meetings are as follows:

- The Directors heard an update on the state budget from Senate Fiscal Agency Director Gary Olson (attached or available at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/Publications/Budupdates/BudgetUpdate.pdf>). Continued decline in the state’s economy is expected as we come to the eighth consecutive year of reduced employment. Year 2000 levels of employment are not expected until 2020, due in part to increases in productivity. The state’s general fund revenue (the source of state aid to community colleges) declined by \$21 million last year to \$8.788 billion. Over the past eight years it has declined by over \$1 billion. Particularly interesting and disturbing to note are the following patterns in state spending over the past four years:

Budget Area	Spending Change FY03 to FY07
Community Health	+47.6%
Corrections	+16%
K-12 School Aid	+3.1%
Community Colleges	-6.8%
Public Universities	-3.0%
Revenue Sharing	-11.4%
Total State Spending	+7.9%

- The Directors also heard a presentation entitled “A New Agenda for a New Michigan” by Lou Glazer, president of Michigan Future, Inc.

(attached or available at <http://www.michiganfuture.org>). The presentation laid emphasis on concentration of talent as an outstanding characteristic of successful areas – where talent is defined as a combination of knowledge, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

- The Directors approved a new strategic plan for the organization (attached or available at <http://www.mcca.org/MCCA-Winter-2007-Workshop.html>).
- The Directors also approved a resolution to seek a change in the Community College Act that would allow Michigan community colleges to award the BSN degree. The resolution also expressed continued support for the AAS degree as the entry point for RN licensure.
- In addition, the Directors approved Governor Granholm’s “No Worker Left Behind” proposal to provide community college tuition for displaced workers to pursue certificates and degrees in fields where high demand exists in Michigan for a skilled workforce. They approved her proposal that community colleges seek assistance from regional employers to cover interest on loans taken out by students in expectation of receiving the “Michigan Promise” award of \$4,000 for completion of a two-year program of higher education. They rejected a concept vetted by her office to link increased funding in FY08 to a cost-of-living tuition restraint requirement.
- Finally, the Directors approved a measure of support for performance indicator funding from the state along the lines recommended last year by a task force of four legislators and four community college presidents. Funding dependent upon performance in three areas – enrollment/business efficiency, completion, and local strategic value – would be limited to a portion of new money and would incorporate “hold harmless” features preventing any community college from losing money.

## 6. National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC

I began my travel to Washington on Sunday but, due to a delayed flight from Flint and an unplanned overnight in Chicago, did not make it to the NLS meeting until about noon on Monday. The meeting is an annual event sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees. Here are the main published federal legislative priorities of the AACC:

- Raise the Pell Grant annual allocation from \$4,050 to \$5,100 to help meet college expenses for low-income students.
- Fund another round of Community Based Job Training Grants at \$250 million.
- Increase Title III funding from \$79.5 million to \$100 million to strengthen service to low income and historically underrepresented populations. (ACC has three Title III programs: Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, and Student Support Services.)

- Appropriate \$1.5 billion for the Perkins Basic State Grant Program to support career and technical education.
- Reauthorize the Higher Education Act (instead of just extending it on a temporary basis with continuing resolutions, which is the current status). Among other things, the HEA is the basic legislative authority for all major federal financial aid programs for students.
- Reauthorize the Workforce Investment Act, under which most federal displaced worker retraining and employment services.
- Expand the Hope tax credit to cover non-tuition expenses (required books, fees, supplies, and equipment).
- Support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act – proposed legislation that removes federal restrictions against states offering in-district tuition to undocumented students.
- Increase funding to the National Science Foundation’s Advanced Technological Education Program to strengthen the role of community college instruction in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- Increase education benefits to veterans under the Montgomery GI Bill.

Highlights of my participation were as follows:

- On Monday afternoon Gogebic CC President Gary Wheeler and I kept an appointment to meet the congressman we share in District 1, Representative Bart Stupak. Prior to our arrival, the congressman’s office phoned with a message that he was unexpectedly detained by other business, but we did have a discussion with a staffer, Erica Orloff. I conveyed our thanks for Representative Stupak’s support for the Community Based Job Training Grant and for his recent address to an ACC political science class on our campus. Dr. Wheeler and I both joined in support for selected AACC legislative priorities.
- On Tuesday morning the Michigan delegation had breakfast with freshman Representative Tim Walberg (Republican from District 7).
- Also on Tuesday morning the delegates heard speeches from Representative Ruben Hinojosa (D-Texas) on HEA reauthorization and financial aid literacy for higher education, Representative Michael Castle (R-Delaware) on HEA reauthorization and costs of higher education (praise for community colleges on that point), and David Dunn of the US Department of Education on the Spellings Commission recommendations.
- On Tuesday afternoon the Michigan delegation met with Senators Levin and Stabenow. Again I conveyed our thanks for their support for the Community Based Job Training Grant. Senator Levin went through several different proposals to increase the Pell Grant. Both senators expressed disaffection with efforts by the National Association of Manufacturers to preserve manufacturing jobs in Michigan. Both also expressed greater interest in working with a newly-formed offshoot of NAM, the Tooling, Manufacturing, and Technologies Association. Senator Stabenow also mentioned that she has not forgotten about her

commitment to secure funding for ACC's rural homeland security consortium proposal.

A final comment: this was the first time for me to attend this well-organized annual event that was specifically recommended for me to attend by Representative Stupak because it presents a unified community college front to legislators. I am also told that it means something to legislators for us to come to them. About a third of the Michigan CCs had a trustee or president there, along with MCCA President Mike Hansen. It's pricey – about \$1,800 for me to attend, so I would not recommend that we be represented every year. Every second or third year, in my judgment, would be about right.

Mike Schultz, representing Timm Construction, was present to bring the Board up-to-date on the progress of Alpena Village project

Member Stibitz updated the Board on the New Agenda for a New Michigan that was presented at the February MCCA Board meeting.

### ***Action Items***

#### **2.350 Approval of 2006-09 Contract with Educational Personnel**

Moved by Member Grenkowitz that the ACC Board of Trustees approves the 2006-09 ratified contract between Alpena Community College and the Educational Support Personnel I&II, MEA/NEA.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

### ***Information Items***

#### **3.354 Financial Report**

President Joynton reviewed the comparison of revenue and expense (year-to-year comparison), and a comparison of budget/actual revenue and expense.

#### **3.355 Personnel Report**

The Personnel Report showed the addition of full-time English instructor Heather Pines; position changes for Mike Kollien and Phyllis Tippman, and no retirements or resignations.

#### **3.356 Gifts and Grants Report**

The Gifts and Grants Report showed the attached activity.

3.357 Enrollment Report

Dean of Students Max Lindsay discussed the final Spring Semester enrollment report.

3.358 Competitive Tennis at ACC

Community members Vickie Lampel, Dotie White, and Jennifer Gehrling were present to inform the Board of opportunities for competitive tennis at ACC. The Board expressed interest in exploring the opportunity, and asked Dean of Students Max Lindsay, Vickie Lampel, Dotie White, and Jennifer Gehrling, to develop a proposal for the Board's review tentatively in March.

New Business

None

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

March 15, 2007

Motion by Member Townsend to return to closed session to review labor contract negotiations.

Secretary Spragg conducted a roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Chairman Briggs announced the Board would not return to open session following the closed session.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L. Spragg  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

### 3.356 Gifts and Grants Report

This report reflects the following activity for pledges and gifts received between January 5, 2007, and January 30, 2007.

Anonymous (5)  
Peter Benoit  
Besser Foundation  
John & Cheryl Bester  
Penny Boldrey  
Wayne Calkins  
Dow Corning Foundation  
Agnes Ferguson  
First Federal Community Foundation  
Great Lakes Energy  
Dorothy Gusler  
Gloria M. Holm  
Priscilla Homola  
Hospice of the Sunrise Shore  
Aaron and Stephanie Kistler  
Dr. Kevin Kozicz  
Olin Joynton  
Dr. Mario Lacerna & Dr. Laura Duren  
Lafarge North America - Great Lakes Region  
Jerry Longcore  
Carolyn Losinski  
Drew & Ethel McClay CRUT  
Dr. Richard Milligan  
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas Pfeiffenberger  
Mary Schulke  
Denis J. Walterreit  
Suzanne Weathers  
Mike and Debbie Wojda

**Total Donors: 32**

**Total Gifts & Pledges: \$27,401.13**

