

Alpena Community College  
Board of Trustees  
Official Proceedings  
August 19, 2010

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees convened its regular August meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, 665 Johnson Street, on the College campus.

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: John Briggs, Mark Ferguson, Joseph Gentry, Dr. Judith Grenkowicz, Florence Stibitz, and Tom Townsend.

Absent: Lisa Hilberg

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Briggs led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of July 19, 2010, Special Board Meeting Proceedings

The proceedings for the special meeting of the Board conducted on July 19, 2010, were approved as distributed.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following guests signed the register: Crystal Nelson, *The Alpena News*; Dick Sutherland, ACC; Carl Bourdelais, ACC; Deb Hautau, ACC; Tom Brindley, ACC; Rick Engstrom, ACC; Ivan McLaren, ACC retired; Mary McLaren, ACC retired; David Eger, ACC retired; George Schwedler, ACC retired; Kathy (Dapprich) Jones, ACC retired; and Mark Curtis, ACC. Those introducing themselves but not signing the register: Karen Brindley and April Ahlgren, WATZ.

There was no public comment.

Communications

President Joynton read a thank you note from Dick Sutherland for the flowers the Board sent to his mother's funeral.

Board Member and Subcommittee Report

There were no Board member or Subcommittee reports.

Faculty Report

Botany/Biology instructor Deb Hautau delivered a short faculty report indicating the faculty was happy to be back for a new school year.

Student Report

There was no student report.

## President's Report

The President's Report follows as it was presented.

### 1. Preliminary Fall Enrollment Report

After a year of enjoying the second highest levels of enrollment in ACC history, the headcount is down 4%, and the credit hour count 2%, toward the close of central registration compared with the same point last fall. The primary factor making the difference is the freezing of No Worker Left Behind funds, which benefited many displaced workers last year as they sought re-training on our campuses for new careers. Another factor is our high graduation rate and record graduation number last May, which results (happily) in students moving on with career or further education rather than returning to us.

In keeping with the marketing plan emphasis, enrollments are increasing at Huron Shores, and it's also noteworthy to see registrations for online courses on the upswing after a few months of decline.

### 2. MCCA Presidents Institute

The MCCA President's Institute program took place July 20-21 at Northwestern Michigan College, with following points of interest noted as relevant for ACC's business:

- The Legislature adjourned in early July for three weeks with K-12 funding work completed but without resolution on community college and university appropriation bills. The House has voted for level community college funding, while the Senate has gone for a 3.1% reduction, which would equal \$160,500 for ACC. The biggest new stressor on the state budget comes from resistance in the US Senate to continue Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) funding, from which Michigan was expecting to receive \$560 million to sustain Medicaid programs. MCCA President Mike Hansen advises that we'll get the House version if the FMAP money comes through, and the Senate version if not.
- The likelihood of a capital outlay bill this year is anyone's guess. If one does move, it would probably be during the lame duck session after the November elections. Most chairs of the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee want to have a bill to show for themselves, and Senator Michelle McManus's term as chair ends in January, so we are hopeful. The revisions to our ACC's first priority request, the Electrical Power Technology Center, resulting in 48% less cost, should make our project more attractive as a selection for state funding.
- The Center for Education Performance and Information (CEPI) is the State of Michigan's partner to achieve compliance with legislation that requires tracking of many forms of student data. After several years of functioning with K-12 systems, notably with No Child Left Behind reporting, CEPI has expanded the scope of its operations to include P-20 performance (pre-school through graduate/professional education). Along with the other 27 Michigan community colleges, ACC has signed on to participate in CEPI's e-transcript service beginning this coming January, which aims to consolidate information about student migrations from school system to school system and college to college.

- Grand Rapids CC has executed five contracts under new legislation pushed by the MCCA last year called the New Jobs Training Act. The legislation permits of temporary diversion of state income tax owed by workers in new jobs to retire debt incurred for their training at community colleges. I have recently shared information on the program with local employers and hope that ACC will be the second college in the state to take advantage of the program. HB 5957, passed by the House in June and awaiting action in the Senate, would lower the wage requirement for qualifying jobs from 175% to 150% of the minimum wage.
- Despite opposition from House Floor Manager Kathy Angerer, Speaker Andy Dillon has pledged to bring the House community college baccalaureate bills up for vote in August. The MCCA and a group of about five presidents (including me) have focused efforts on countering the onslaught of public university lobbying against the bills. We are accumulating a list of endorsements to circulate among legislators, nine of the twenty garnered thus far being Alpena-based.
- The MCCA has endorsed SB 802, which would remove community college employees with start dates on or after January 1, 2011, from the MPSERS defined benefit retirement system and allow them to be covered by defined contribution retirement programs. The bill has been reported favorably by the Senate Education Committee; next step is vote by the whole Senate.
- Speaking of retirement programs, the presidents heard a presentation by Phil Stoddard, director of the Office of Retirement Services, which is part of the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, and which administers the MPSERS plan. The presentation was largely a defense of MPSERS in terms of historic commitments to employee benefits which reflect the value of employees to their organizations, the security of defined benefits to retirees, and the economic benefit to communities in which they live. Mr. Stoddard attempted to field a barrage of tough questions from the presidents agitated by the escalating costs of required MSPERS payments. For example, one president has to use almost all of his annual state allocation for this purpose.
- The presidents also heard from Jack Witt, vice president for human resources at Macomb Community College, on the effects of federal health care reform legislation signed by President Obama in March. Much of his emphasis was on how organizations can preserve the grandfathered status of their health care plans until the year 2014, when the new group plan mandates come fully into effect. Collectively bargained plans are protected from forced changes until the contracts covering them expire, which applies to ACC's five-year contracts that expire in the year 2014.
- The presidents' program ended with an address by John Gardner, a former South Carolina history professor who gained fame 20 years ago for research accentuating critical success factors for a student's first year in college. He now consults all over the country on a variety of
- Higher education topics – the role of the CEO in managing the values of the organization, collaboration between community colleges and universities, engagement with faculty on student success projects, and advisement/registration processes. Afterwards I took the opportunity to share information about factors contributing to ACC's graduation rate related to the Board in May and to hear his comments on them. In his opinion, an honors program would do us more good than any other single thing

### 3. Presque Isle County Dialogue

During the past month I have made five presentations to Presque Isle groups on the topic of expanding services and a possible voter referendum on joining the ACC district: Case Township Board of Trustees, Onaway Community Schools Board of Education, Onaway City Council, Posen Village Council, and Posen Consolidated Schools Board of Education. Audiences have been friendly and receptive, and nearly every time there have been spontaneous positive testimonials about the value of ACC education.

### 4. Perkins Grant Equipment Purchases 2010-11

Activity	Function Code	Program	Equipment/Item Description	Perkins \$	ACC \$ Match
1	916	Auto Service and Repair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase tool cabinets</li> <li>2. Scan Tool 7 accessories</li> <li>3. Smoke type leak detector</li> </ol>	\$5,546	\$5,546
2	916	BIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Color Printer</li> <li>2. Adobe Indesign CS4 Software</li> <li>3. Photoshop elements 8</li> <li>4. Acrobat pro 9 and 35 licenses</li> </ol>	\$6,919	\$6,919
3	916	CADD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Renew ACC's annual subscription for Autodesk software, which is utilized within the CAD Engineering Technology AAS degree program, the CES certificate program, the Advanced CAD/CAM certificate program and electively in several other programs, such as Concrete Technology and Pre-Engineering.</li> </ol>	3,290	3,290
4	916	Concrete	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase Trident moisture meter kit</li> <li>2. ASTM manuals</li> <li>3. ACI manuals</li> </ol>	\$2,357	\$2,357
5	916	Criminal Justice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase 16 folding wrestling mats</li> </ol>	\$1,432	\$1,432
6	916	Electrical App.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase a long-range OTDR fiber tester</li> <li>2. Soldering Irons</li> <li>3. Magnetic base drill</li> </ol>	\$6,850	\$6,850

7	916	Network Admin.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase Juniper routing and switching equipment</li> <li>2. One computer forensics writeblocker/toolkit</li> <li>3. CompTIA affiliation</li> <li>4. IT academy affiliation</li> <li>5. Tool repair and replacement kit</li> </ol>	\$8,798	\$8,798
8	916	Nursing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Purchase DVD series (Mental Disorders)</li> <li>2. Diagnostic sets (otoscope/ophthalmoscope)</li> <li>3. Venous training arms</li> <li>4. Suretemp thermometers and probe covers</li> <li>5. Blood pressure simulator arm with PDA</li> <li>6. Medication cart</li> <li>7. Cogent Axioum Vertical Headwall</li> <li>8. Oxygen flowmeter with humidifier and cannula</li> <li>9. Vacuum regulator, intermittent and continuous</li> </ol>	\$6,694	\$6,694
9	916	UTT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 10 KVA Pole mount transformers</li> <li>2. 25 KVA pad mount underground transformers</li> <li>3. Class 2 high voltage gloves with protectors</li> <li>4. TIG welder</li> <li>5. Air dryer for compressor</li> </ol>	\$14,555	\$14,555

Total Planned Perkins Equipment Expenditure = \$112,882 (\$56,441 each, Federal and ACC funds)

1. No single item listed above exceeded the requisite Board of Trustees approval amount of \$15,000
2. The three most expensive purchases are:
  - A. \$13,157 for the Juniper routing and switching equipment
  - B. \$10,050 for the long-range OTDR fiber tester
  - C. \$9,500 for the TIG welder

***Action Items***

2.489 Emeritus Status

Moved by Member Stibitz that the Board of Trustees adopts Resolutions of Appreciation for eight long-term, full-time members of the faculty and staff including, Carl Bourdelais, Tom Brindley, David Eger, Rick Engstrom, Vicki Cripps, Kathleen Jones (Dapprich) Mary McLaren, and George Schwedler and extends its sincerest best wishes to them for much continued success in all their future activities, and confers emeritus status and all appropriate honors and benefits upon them on their retirement.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

***Information Items***

3.671 Financial Report

President Joynton reviewed the financial report with the Board.

3.672 Personnel Report

The personnel report showed no additions/replacements; one resignation; nine retirements; and five others.

3.673 Gifts and Grants Report

The gifts and grants report showed the attached activity.

New Business

None

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

September 16, 2010

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Elizabeth L. Spragg  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

