

Alpena Community College
Board of Trustees
Workshop
August 19, 2010

The Board of Trustees convened a Board Workshop immediately following its regular August meeting on August 19, 2010, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, on the College campus.

Chairman Briggs convened the workshop at 7:41 p.m.

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

Absent: Lisa Hilberg

Staff present: President Joynton, Secretary Spragg, Vice President Dick Sutherland, and Vice President Mark Curtis.

Others Present: Crystal Nelson, *The Alpena News*, and April Ahlgren, WATZ.

Member Gentry accepted Chairman Briggs' appointment to chair the president's review process committee. Member Stibitz accepted an appointment to the committee as well.

The workshop consisted of conversation among the trustees regarding such items as a revisit of the goals for the College; sustainability and assigning someone to champion the topic for the College; and student success rates and how they are measured at ACC. President Joynton will get the student success rates for ACC for the Board when they become available later this fall. Developmental education was also discussed with the following comments:

- What is the role of community colleges in developmental ed?
- How do we go about assisting high schools in the process?
- State keeps raising the graduation standards.
- Many students aren't at appropriate levels and give up.
- Algebra II now a requirement for graduation.
- Result will be a higher amount of high school dropouts.
- Adult education is not funded by the state the way it was before.
- What are our plans for developmental ed?
- What developmental classes do we now offer?
- ACT composite scores don't address the problem.
- Developmental ed classes are prohibited in counting for graduation.
- Developmental ed is a terrific bridge for those who need it.
- A cohort of students can take classes to get associate degrees before graduating from high school. The downside is only a small group can do it and Dr. Curtis indicated it is labor intensive and costly.

It has been five years since we did a workshop to change goals to five. Is it time to revisit our goals? We should look at the numbers within those five goals to assess how well we are doing.

What are we doing to achieve the paradigm change? President Joynton suggested we are doing such things as attempting to offer B.A. degrees, new scholarships through the Foundation, and the Presque Isle initiative.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees