

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Official Board Proceedings

September 16, 2010

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met for its regular September meeting on Thursday, September 16, 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, Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Dr. Judith Grenkowicz, Florence Stibitz, and Thomas Townsend. Also present at the Board table were President Olin Joynton and Board Secretary Elizabeth Spragg.

Absent: Lisa Hilberg

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Briggs led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Townsend that the agenda be approved as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Approval of August 19, 2010, Regular Proceedings and August 19, 2010, Conversation Workshop Notes

The Board proceedings for August 19, 2010, and the August 19, 2010, notes from the Conversation Workshop were approved as presented.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following guests signed the register: Crystal Nelson, *The Alpena News*; Meghan Cameron, Math faculty; Steve Lewis, Math faculty; Jim Berles, Math faculty; Mike Kelley, Math faculty; Vicki J. Cripps, retired ACC secretary; John Seguin, ACC recycler/mailman; Dick Sutherland, ACC; and Mark Curtis, ACC.

There was no public comment.

Communication(s)

None

Board Member and Subcommittee Reports

There were no meetings of Board Subcommittees since the last meeting of the Board.

Faculty Report

Math faculty Mike Kelley, Jim Berles, Meghan Cameron, and Steve Lewis presented the faculty report.

Student Report

There was no Student Report. President Joynton told the Board that a new Commission had been formed to replace the old Student Senate and the new Commission would make the student report to the Board in October.

President's Report

ACC recycler and mailman John Seguin was present during the sustainability portion of the President's Report to update the Board on his recycling duties as well as present a breakdown of costs and savings.

The President's Report follows as it was presented.

1. Final Fall Enrollment Report

After enjoying the second highest levels of enrollment in ACC history during the 2009-10 academic year, we have virtually equaled last year's numbers for the fall semester.

Final figures show the headcount of 2,081 as down by only 4 students (-0.19%). Even closer, credit hour enrollment of 22,043 is down by only 10 hours (-0.05%). As reported last month, the freeze on No Worker Left Behind funds, which supported the studies of 107 displaced workers last fall, has left their counterparts this fall to seek other resources for re-training on our campuses for new careers. This change has likely affected current enrollment negatively, but the increase of scholarship awards by the ACC Foundation and the Pell Grant maximum award amounts has mitigated the effect.

In keeping with the marketing plan emphasis, Huron Shores participation rates increased at healthy rates of 6.63% for headcount and 7.02% for credit hours. Five new class sections at Atlanta High School have boosted the Other Sites enrollment by 23.65% in headcount terms and 17.02% in credit hour terms.

After slight declines for the spring and summer semesters, online course headcount is back up again by 13.19% and credit hour enrollment by 22.19%. To account for these increases, we cite the uptick from 21 sections offered online last fall to 24 this fall. Dr. Curtis has commissioned each of the six departments to develop one new online course this year for launch next year, so we can expect the trend to continue.

2. Scramble for Scholarships

At the River's Edge course last Saturday, 80 golfers (including ACC employees from custodial/maintenance, faculty, and administrative ranks) competed in the annual Scramble for Scholarships event organized by the ACC Foundation. Many volunteers were on hand to assist, among them ACC Foundation Board members and students who are scholarship recipients. The net came up to \$18,074, an increase of \$3,000 over last year. Since 1996, the ACC Foundation has raised a total of \$240,000 from this fundraiser. Our thanks to the sponsors and golfers, and our congratulations to Foundation Executive Director Penny Boldrey and Secretary Barb Szczesniak for a successful day of increasing direct support for our students.

3. Sustainability Champions – A Call to Action

Most people are familiar with a definition of sustainability originating from a 1987 conference sponsored by the United Nations: meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Everywhere one turns the concept is applied to one practice or another connected with conservation, resource management, and green technology. It's promoted as a curriculum topic to be woven into nearly every subject taught by schools, colleges, and universities. The Presidents' Climate Commitment calls on higher education leaders to effect "climate neutrality" in the operation of institutions they serve.

Of the ACC Board members, Trustee Florence Stibitz has earned distinction for her knowledge of sustainability and her eagerness for ACC to conduct business in accordance with its principles. She led in-depth discussion to this end at a Trustee retreat in January 2009, resulting in the following consensus statement recorded by the retreat facilitator:

- Sustainability is important.
- The Board will not micromanage the administrative staff on small projects.
- This could be a possible core value.
- Consider this when we talk about the whole vision.
- Use a cost/benefit analysis in implementing projects.
- Common sense will be the best balance with the other values as identified by the Board.
- If this is a core value, there will be trade-offs in the cost/benefit analysis that the Board will acknowledge.

Although the Board has not adopted official statements of vision and values for ACC, unofficially it's fair to say that sustainability does indeed characterize and inform a host of educational and facilities management practices at ACC. It's the subject of continuing communication with the Board as we implement principles of sustainability in carrying out college business. For example, Board members have learned about unprecedented levels of energy efficiency in recent boiler and lighting system replacements, and they have followed with interest our pursuit of grants for green technology workforce development training in the electrical and concrete technology trades. John Seguin is present this evening to bring us up to date on recent advances in our recycling program. Sustainability thus ranks in reality as an important value and component of vision for our practice.

It's our intent to remain attentive to trends and opportunities to do more along these lines. In July at the annual MCCA summer institute, ACC Trustees and Dean Don MacMaster heard an address by Debra Rowe, Ph.D., professor of renewable energies and energy management at Oakland

Community College and Senior Fellow in Education for a Sustainable Future with the Association of University Leaders for a Sustainable Future. Her career focus is integration of the sustainability paradigm into all levels of formal education.

After hearing Dr. Rowe, Trustee Stibitz called on me, in a workshop after the August Board meeting, to appoint a sustainability champion for ACC. I am prepared to go her one better with the announcement that Director of Facilities Management Tom Ludwig and Dean of Workforce Development Don MacMaster will extend their “duties as assigned” by serving as ACC sustainability champions. In this capacity they will

- Stay abreast of ways for us to extend our involvement with sustainable practices.
- Work through established channels of institutional strategy and resource management to advance and implement the ways that fit with overall college priorities.
- Communicate formally once a year with the entire ACC community and citizenry with a report on progress made toward conformity with standards of sustainability.

This is a call to action for all ACC employees who identify with the sustainability movement to present themselves by the end of the month to Tom and Don as ready to render institutional service on behalf of the cause. We’ll see by this measure how much sustainability resonates within the organization and be guided accordingly to implement improvements in our practice.

4. Legislative Update

- The community college appropriations bill (SB 1151) was approved yesterday as modified by the House/Senate Conference Committee to provide for level state aid for FY11 compared with last year. This result follows the governor’s recommendation at the beginning of the budgeting process last February and the subsequent House recommendation. The Senate had recommended a 3.1% reduction, and the current ACC budget as approved by the Board of Trustees was premised on a 4% reduction.

The Conference Committee did eliminate the reimbursement community colleges receive for local revenue missed from the creation of tax-free Renaissance Zones designed to encourage new business start-ups. For ACC, there’s an effect of only \$7,782, much less than for several downstate sister colleges. For Montcalm CC, its \$341,039 reduction equates to an 11% cut in the state aid. Accordingly, the MCCA is now promoting legislation that would impose community college property taxes in Renaissance Zones, making them no longer completely tax-free.

- After very heavy counter-lobbying by public universities, the community college baccalaureate bills (HB 4837 and HB 5533) passed today in the Michigan House of Representatives by narrow margins (the former 55-49 and the latter 55-48). We hope this will lend momentum for getting the corresponding Senate legislation out of the Appropriations Committee, which is chaired by a supporter, Senator Ron Jelinek.
- After the House version passed in June this year, the Senate version of the election year change bill (SB 1342, introduced by Senator Stamas) remains in the Senate Campaign and Election Oversight Committee (chaired by Senator McManus). Though completely non-controversial, it is

the subject of weekly reminders by ACC and MCCA staff members so that it doesn't get overlooked in the process of legislators dealing with issues of broader scope.

Action Items

2.490 Emeritus Status: Vicki Cripps

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board of Trustees adopts a Resolution of Appreciation for Vicki Cripps, extends its sincerest best wishes to her for much continued success in all her future activities, and confers emeritus status on her upon her retirement with appropriate honors and benefits.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.491 Resolution of Appreciation: Volunteer Gardeners

Moved by Member Grenkowitz that the attached resolution be adopted.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Information Items

3.674 Financial Report

President Joynton reviewed the Financial Report with the Board.

3.675 Personnel Report

The Personnel Report showed seven additions/replacements, no resignations, one retirement, and five others.

3.676 Gifts and Grants Report

The Gifts and Grants Report showed the attached activity.

New Business

There was no new business.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

October 21, 2010

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Elizabeth L. Spragg
Secretary of the Board of Trustees