

Alpena Community College
Board of Trustees
Official Proceedings

December 17, 2009

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, December 17, 2009, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, 665 Johnson Street, on the college campus, to conduct its regular December meeting.

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

Present: John Briggs, Lisa Hilberg, Florence Stibitz, and Thomas Townsend.

Absent: Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, and Dr. Judith Grenkowicz.

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 with the addition of new business item number 2.474.

Ayes: Briggs, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Approval of November 19, 2009, Board Proceedings

The November 19, 2009, board proceedings were approved as presented.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

The following guests signed the register: Crystal Nelson, *The Alpena News*; Roy Smith, ACC Faculty Council; Dr. Mark Curtis, ACC; Dick Sutherland, ACC; Mark Hunter; Bob Newton, ACC; Jay Walterreit, ACC; and April Ahlgren, WATZ.

Communication(s)

President Joynton read a thank you note from former ACC administrator John E. Heimnick.

Board Member and Subcommittee Reports

There was no board member or subcommittee reports.

Faculty Report

Faculty Council President Roy Smith delivered the faculty report.

Student Report

There was no student report.

President's Report

The president's report follows as it was presented.

1. Educational Talent Search Senior Survey

As required by federal regulations that come with TRIO grant funding, the staff of ACC's Educational Talent Search program recently compiled data on results of their efforts to encourage junior high and high school students to stay in school, focus on academic success, aspire to worthy careers, and go to college. The program's focus is students from low-income families whose parents are not college graduates – in other words, students who, apart from the program's effects, would otherwise attend college at lesser than average rates. The performance report covers the 2008-09 school year and ten schools in ACC's service area.

The primary ways that ETS serves participants are as follows:

- Career information through interest inventories, career pathway nights, and job shadowing.
- College information, visits, and mock classes so that students can see what a college class is like.
- Financial aid information so students are aware that college attendance is possible – indexed to their grade levels.
- Annual academic plans so students can tell their advisors about their goals for the year and advisors can determine appropriate services.
- Monitoring of grades and attendance to see whether students are demonstrating college potential and working towards their own goals.

The survey methodology took information from 212 seniors served by ETS during their final semester of high school. It then followed with investigation on how many graduated on time and how many entered college the following fall semester (the one just ended). Of the 212 students surveyed, 211 received their high school diplomas on time, 205 said they planned on attending college, and 180 actually made it. This translates into an 85% rate of ETS clients going right to college, compared with an overall rate of 42% for the high schools that provided useable data.

ETS Director Bob Newton and Secretary Jean Waeiss composed the report. They and the entire ETS staff are to be congratulated on the success of their program.

2. Early Registration for Spring Semester 2010

The attached early registration analysis shows headcount of 1,576 (increase of 15% over same point last year) and credit hour enrollment of 16,692 (increase of 12%). As a result of intensified marketing efforts in the Oscoda area, facility improvements, the one-stop-shop service from Secretary Lori Pulda, and popular courses (anatomy, political science, and psychology), the Huron Shores Campus

headcount is up 81% and the credit hour enrollment up 130%. Layoffs at Cooper Standard and Kalitta have also brought more students to HUSH.

About 5% of those registered will be purged for non-payment next week, and experience tells us that nearly all those purged will re-register and pay in January. There continues to be a steady increase in the number of students registering online, with 384 already for Spring 2010 compared with a final count of 315 for Fall 2009 (a 22% increase and counting). This is evidence of return on investment for the Datatel system and culture change for how ACC conducts its business with students.

Action Items

2.473 HB 4647

Moved by Member Townsend that the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees endorses HB 4647, commends Representative LeBlanc for introducing it, and encourages ACC staff and other interested parties to apply appropriate efforts to secure its passage by the Legislature and ratification by the Governor.

Ayes: Briggs, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.474 Temporary Easement for DNR Trail (New Business Item)

Moved by Member Hilberg that the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees authorizes members of its Property Committee and college staff, working in concert, to contract with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to grant a temporary trail, revocable at the pleasure of the college and granted at no cost to the college. Such arrangements shall include review by legal counsel to ensure protection of the college's interests from exposure, including but not limited to liability for accidents. Provisions of any such contract shall be reported to the full Board at its regular meeting immediately subsequent to execution of the contract.

Ayes: Briggs, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Information Items

3.650 Financial Report

President Joynton reviewed the financial report with the board.

3.651 Personnel Report

The personnel report showed one addition, no resignations, no retirements, and no other.

3.652 Gifts and Grants Report

The gifts and grants report showed the attached activity.

President Joynton reported the Foundation Board had met in a retreat earlier today and had agreed upon establishing 34 new endowed scholarships. Each Foundation Board member agreed to facilitate the establishment of at least two new scholarships over the next two years.

New Business

New business item 2.474 was addressed during the action items section of the agenda.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

January 21, 2009

Adjournment

Moved by Member Townsend that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting to discuss contract negotiations for the ESP I and II.

Ayes: Briggs, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

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

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:43 p.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m. with nothing to report from the closed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L. Spragg
Secretary of the Board of Trustees