

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in the Board Room, Room 217 of Building A on the MCC Main Campus. Vice Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. and announced that Trustee Evertsen would be attending via telephone. He then asked Secretary Hoban to call the roll for all Trustees physically present. When Secretary Hoban called the roll, seven Board Trustees were physically present, with the exception of Ms. Evertsen.

Vice Chair Allen then asked for a motion to allow Ms. Evertsen to attend via telephone. Ms. Siddons motioned, seconded by Mr. Morton. Vice Chair Allen asked Trustee Evertsen whether any closed session conversation will be kept confidential. Ms. Evertsen confirmed, after which a roll call vote was called of the seven attending Trustees. All seven voted in favor of allowing Trustee Evertsen to attend via telephone. Motion carried. Vice Chair Allen then instructed Secretary Hoban to take a final roll call to include all Trustees present, regardless of the mode of attendance. The following were present:

Ms. Walsh
Mr. Allen
Mr. Morton
Ms. Siddons
Ms. Speros
Ms. Hoban
Ms. Sanchez
Ms. Evertsen – attended via telephone

Dr. Gabbard was present. Attorney Ken Florey was present as legal counsel.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Allen asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Walsh moved; seconded by Ms. Siddons. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor to accept the minutes as presented.

OPEN FOR RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Gabbard reported on the fall semester being underway, with large numbers of students physically on campus. The College continues its health and safety protocols, and requires masks/face coverings on

campus whether vaccinated or not. The MCC portal, myMCC, will also post weekly campus updates on any confirmed cases of COVID-19; though MCC continues to experience much lower incidences than the county as a whole, the College has in place quarantine requirements for any exposure.

Dr. Gabbard shared that, pending Board approval in August, the College will welcome its new Chief Information Officer, and welcomes his leadership in IT.

He then reported on enrollment numbers for Fall 2021, which show continued growth over the prior year. He gave a brief recap on MCC's Fall Opening Day, noting a fantastic turnout of students. More students attended than were registered for the event, and were excited and thankful to be in person on campus, once again. Related to students, the College has been busy awarding both Federal and State emergency relief funds, in addition to Purple Pride Relief Funds to students financially impacted by the pandemic.

Dr. Gabbard then recapped the revised Foglia CATI Expedited Schedule, created with collaboration by both Ross Barney Architects and the CDB making commitments to reduce the design schedule timeline which will shave off 12 weeks of that process. In addition, both firms have committed to reducing the construction phase from 18 to 15 months. This is exciting news as the College pushes forth with plans to build the technology and innovation center.

Dr. Gabbard mentioned upcoming events – the Fall 2021 Faculty Speaker Series: Experts and Insights will begin in September, the 2021 College Fair will be held on October 7, 2021, and the 2021 President's Dinner will be held Friday, October 29, 2021, returning as an in-person event this year.

PRELIMINARY JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Tenuta provided a recap of the preliminary June financial statements, noting closing entries are being made as the College closes out the FY21 budget. Despite COVID-19 being the biggest variable during the year, there were no surprising results, and Mr. Tenuta shared that we ended fairly close to budget.

PACE SURVEY RESULTS

Dr. Gabbard shared the 2021 PACE Survey results. The PACE survey is implemented every three years with the goal of measuring employee satisfaction. Dr. Gabbard was pleased to report significant improvement in nearly every category since the last survey was done in 2017, and noted very strong percentages of participation by employees taking this survey. Dr. Gabbard stated the College gained valuable insight in many areas, and that despite such all-over improvement being made, administration will continue to use information gathered by the survey, working to continually improve in all areas.

CAMPUSWORKS UPDATE

Ms. Michelle Skinder highlighted updates to the College's IT Transformation during this past year. Improvements were made in so many areas with the help and direction of consultants from CampusWorks. Together, challenges were identified and ways to push forward student-centered

projects were accomplished. Ms. Skinder went on to state that the College has identified a new Chief Information Officer and the College looks forward to building the IT team under his leadership

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/SUMMARY COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Morton congratulated the College on the 2021 PACE Survey results, noting the improvements are a reflection of administration's focus on students.

Ms. Hoban enjoyed participating at the Fall Opening Day for students.

Ms. Siddons felt the PACE Survey reflects excellent results, and shared she is happy the College has hired a Chief Information Officer. She then remarked that cybersecurity is an important focus and asks what the College is doing to continually improve in this area, and what MCC's disaster recovery plan may be.

Ms. Speros remarked on how proud she is of Student Trustee Edith Sanchez, after hearing Ms. Sanchez speak recently at three different events. Ms. Speros also noted that on Opening Day she enjoyed sitting in on sessions with instructors Laura Power and Judi Cameron, among other activities she attended during that event.

Ms. Walsh mentioned having time to walk the campus outdoors recently, and asks whether we may be able to have some of the native plantings identified in the gardens. Also, once ready, she will be interested in a report about Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Inclusion/DEBI efforts.

Vice Chair Allen urges all Trustees to attend the various events held on campus in order to get their own sense on how students feel about MCC. He suggests that Trustees identify themselves to students, to sit in on classes, and ask questions. He was also pleased with the 2021 PACE Survey results recapped this evening.

Ms. Evertsen reflected on the transition through these past several years to more online course offerings. As the College increased these opportunities, greatly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Evertsen commended all who stepped up to make this happen for our students.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session held.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Vice Chair Allen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mary Cornett, Recording Secretary

Suzanne Hoban, Board Secretary