

Official Proceedings
Alpena Community College Board of Trustees

December 15, 2011

Approved by the ACC Board of Trustees on January 19, 2012

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center.

Present: Teresa Duncan, Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Lisa Hilberg, Florence Stibitz, and Thomas Townsend.

Seated at the Board Table: President Olin Joynton and Board Secretary Elizabeth Spragg

Absent: John Briggs

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

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Stibitz that the agenda be approved as presented with the removal of item number 2.517 to allow for further review.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

Members signing the guest register are as follows: Emily Siegmon, Alpena News; Jaime Adams, WATZ News; Carol Putkamer, ACC faculty; Don Newport, visitor; Jim Rapin, A.L.L.; Bob Discher, A.L.L.; Wanda Discher, A.L.L.; Jodene Compton, A.L.L.; Loueta Howard, visitor; Maggie Clay, A.L.L.; and Jay Walterreit, ACC.

Item 2.511 was moved to this point in the agenda.

2.511 Resolution of Appreciation for and naming of Room in Honor of Dr. Margaret (Maggie) Clay

Moved by Member Hilberg that it be resolved that the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees unanimously express its appreciation for the life of Dr. Margaret Clay and for the honor of knowing her. Furthermore, in order to celebrate her accomplishments and her association with the College, the Board officially designates the classroom of the Madeline Briggs University Center on the main campus of Alpena Community College as the "Maggie Clay Room for Elder Studies" and instructs the College staff to place appropriate signage and record the designation in College publications. Further, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College, in recognition of her noteworthy accomplishments and dedication, wishes to convey its deep appreciation to Maggie Clay.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

Communication(s)

President Joynton presented the Board with a Christmas card from ESD Superintendent Brian Wilmot.

Board Member and Subcommittee Reports

Member Gentry told the Board of his discussions with the Huron Humane Society.

There were no other reports.

Faculty Report

Medical Information Systems/Business Information Systems instructor Carol Putkamer updated the Board on her programs.

Student Report

None

President's Report

The President's Report follows as it was presented.

1. Graduation of First Cohort of Physical Therapist Assistants

In response to labor market demand and encouragement from local providers, in November 2008 Alpena Community College signed a memorandum of understanding with North Central Michigan College, Macomb Community College, and Otsego Memorial Hospital in order to bring a physical therapist assistant associate of applied science degree to students in the Northern Lower Peninsula. Macomb has long had a well-regarded program with discipline-specific accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Over the following year Macomb applied for and received CAPTE approval to extend its program up north, while details of curriculum and delivery were worked out. The agreement provided spaces for eight students each from ACC and NCMC to take didactic instruction online, laboratory instruction at OMH, and clinical instruction at rehabilitation centers in Alpena and Petoskey. In the fall of 2009 the first student cohort was accepted, and instruction began in the spring of 2010. Vice President Mark Curtis and former Director of Nursing and Allied Health Programs Suzanne Weathers were ACC principals in moving the arrangements forward.

On December 13, all 16 members of the first cohort graduated with their AAS degrees from Macomb Community College. We are told that the entire program was a huge success and that the achievement of our students was beyond the wildest dreams of the Macomb PTA faculty. In fact, two ACC students made perfect scores on their capstone exit exam, something that has never happened before. Last week the Macomb PTA faculty held an organizational kick-off meeting with members of the second cohort, including seven former ACC students, who will begin instruction in the spring of 2012.

Special thanks to Trustee Teresa Duncan for encouragement and support in getting the partnership started and for offering her business, Thunder Bay Therapy and Sports Medicine, as a site for clinical instruction of students. ACC Goal Five enjoins us to “conduct college business with a view to developing partnerships and alliances to expand learning opportunities,” and it would be hard to find a better example.

2. Success of ACC Transfers to FSU

The latest 2010-11 academic year data from Ferris State University continue to tell the story that transfer students from community colleges fare better than students overall (3.16 GPA vs. 3.10), and that ACC transfers (n=45) out-perform those from the state’s other community colleges (3.25 GPA vs. 3.16).

During the reporting period 15 ACC transfer students graduated from Ferris. Their degrees were in automotive engineering technology, performance machining quality technology, performance motorsports, nursing, respiratory care, medical laboratory technology, medical technology, health care systems administration, business administration, biology, manufacturing engineering technology, automotive management, and graphic design.

2.512 Emeritus Designation for Daniel Cary

Moved by Member Gentry that it be resolved that the Board of Trustees unanimously applaud this dedicated member of the ACC faculty and recognizing these distinguished attributes, confers upon Mr. Daniel Cary the title of EMERITUS, as appropriate, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, and further, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College, in recognition of his noteworthy accomplishments and dedication, wishes to convey its deep appreciation to Mr. Cary.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.513 Emeritus Designation for Elizabeth (Lee) Spragg

Moved by Member Gentry that it be resolved that the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees unanimously applauds this dedicated member of the administrative team and recognizing these distinguished attributes, confers upon Mrs. Elizabeth Spragg the title of EMERITUS with all appropriate honors and benefits. Further, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College, in recognition of her noteworthy accomplishments and dedication, wishes to convey its deep appreciation to Mrs. Spragg.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.514 Emeritus Designation for F. Tom Winter

Moved by Member Stibitz that it be resolved that the Board of Trustees unanimously applauds this dedicated member of the ACC faculty and recognizing these distinguished attributes, confers upon Mr. F. Thomas Winter the title of EMERITUS, as appropriate, with all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, and further, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Alpena Community College, in recognition of his noteworthy accomplishments and dedication, wishes to convey its deep appreciation to Mr. Winter.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.515 Election of Secretary of the Board

Moved by Member Stibitz that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Denis J. Walterreit as Secretary of the Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2012, unless changed by official resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.516 Online Concrete Technology Credit Certificate

Moved by Member Stibitz that the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees authorize staff to apply for Higher Learning Commission approval for the College to offer a concrete technology certificate for which all instruction will be taken online and agrees to support the implementation of this certificate offering should HLC approval be granted. It is further understood that HLC approval may extend to other all-online certificates or degrees developed by the College in response to market demand, where educational standards of excellence can be achieved by the online methodology.

Ayes: Duncan, Ferguson, Gentry, Hilberg, Stibitz, and Townsend.

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

2.517 Telephone System

This item was removed from the agenda for additional study, and will be addressed by the Board at a future meeting.

3.714 Financial Report

President Joynton reviewed the financial report with the Board.

3.715 Personnel Report

The personnel report showed one addition/replacement, one resignation, no retirements and two other.

3.716 Gifts and Grants Report

The gifts and grants report is attached in its entirety.

New Business

None

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None

Next Regular Meeting

January 19, 2012

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.!

Elizabeth L. Spragg
Secretary of the Board of Trustees