

Official Proceedings of the
Alpena Community College Board of Trustees Meeting
May 16, 2013
Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center
Alpena, MI 49707

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16, 2013, in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center.

Present: John Briggs, Teresa Duncan (arriving late), Marc Ferguson, Lisa Hilberg, Florence Stibitz, and Tom Townsend.

Absent: Joseph Gentry II.

Seated at the Board Table: President Olin Joynton and Board Secretary Jay Walterreit

Chairman John Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Stibitz that the agenda be approved; seconded by Trustee Hilberg. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the April 18, 2013, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustee Ferguson moved to accept the draft minutes from the April 18, 2013, regular ACC Board of Trustees meeting; Trustee Hilberg seconded the motion. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

Guests in attendance included: Nicole Grulke, Alpena News; Velena Jones, WBKB News; Dick Sutherland, ACC administrator; Nancy Seguin, ACC administrator; Kathy Marsh, ACC administrator; David Cummins, ACC faculty; Don MacMaster, ACC administrator, Mike Kelley, ACC faculty; Karen Bennett, ACC attorney, Carolyn Daoust, ACC administrator; Wendy Brooks, ACC administrator; and Roy Smith, ACC faculty.

Communication(s)

None.

Board Member and Subcommittee Reports

None.

Faculty Report

Roy Smith gave an impromptu faculty report, saying that he thought Commencement and the Honors Breakfast went very well.

Student Report

None.

President's Report

The President's Report follows as it was distributed at the meeting.

President's Report to ACC Board of Trustees

May 16, 2013

1. Instructor Roy Smith has good news about the success of our utility tech students in the Lineman Rodeo Competition held last month at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha, Nebraska. He and Instructor Mark Swanson accompanied three teams of ACC students as follows.
 - Team One: James Dylan Kemp (Traverse City), Daniel Borowiak (Gaylord), Paul Wiley (Cheboygan), and Matthew Fate (Petoskey).
 - Team Two: Jeremiah Ritchie (Manton), Lucas Eisler (New Era), Jacob Brunette (Grand Rapids), and Matthew Eaton (Ossineke).
 - Team Three: Jordan Koszegi (Hart), Brandon Bell (Traverse City), Nathan Balog (Hillman) and Keegan Planck (Hastings).

In passing, it's great to see the diversity of student representation from locations all over the state. Our teams competed with 34 teams comprised of 140 linemen from around the country. The results for Team One include first place in the framing event, second place in the written exam, and third place overall. Individual honors went to James Dylan Kemp for first place in framing and to Daniel Borowiak, who took third place as overall lineman and second place in framing.

Congratulations to the students and their instructors for these awards, and many thanks to Janet and Lucas Pfeiffenberger for the John M. Grant fund that provided \$2,000 of support for the trip distributed through the ACC Foundation and to Associate VP Nancy Seguin for \$1,000 from the student activities fund.

2. Tech Tour: Amazing Alpena

ACC's training and research in the areas of cellulosic ethanol production, marine technology, and concrete technology under the direction of Dean Don MacMaster were featured in a CBS Detroit broadcast on April 29, as reported by Matt Roush, who described Alpena as not only a gritty industrial town but also a hotbed of technology. Other subjects of his report on our town included Target Alpena, Lafarge Corporation, Premium Hydro Solutions, WellConnect, American Process Incorporated, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and Scentfree Outdoors.

3. Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting

Dean Wendy Brooks, our liaison officer with the HLC and leader of our Assessment Academy projects, is present this evening to cover a few highlights of the HLC annual meeting that she and I attended in April. A summary of her presentation is attached.

4. A+ Bond Rating Maintained

ACC has received a notice from Standard and Poor's Rating Services that affirms our A+ bond rating on the basis of strong per-capita market values, good general fund reserves as a percentage of expenditures, low debt burden, and standard financial management practices indicating adequate policies in most key areas.

5. Reduction of Student Loan Default Rate

Included with this report is a table showing student loan default rates of Michigan community colleges for several years. ACC's rate declined four points, from 15.6% to 11.6%, from 2010 to 2011, the last period for which figures are available. We are thus placed in the lowest third among the 28 colleges and several notches below the average rate of 14.9%. Financial aid staff members are charged with coaching students on the importance of staying on track with their loan payments, or arranging for deferments in an orderly way, and they are to be commended for their efforts that have resulted in this reduction. There's more progress to be made in this direction, but we have made a good start, and the improvement the state's economy will also be favorable to continuing the trend.

6. Governor's Education Summit

Dean Don MacMaster and I participated in Governor Snyder's Education Summit held on April 22 at the Kellogg Center on the MSU campus. The theme of Collaborate-Create-Connect was woven through addresses and regional break-out sessions, in which Tom Moran participated for our region. Part of the work involved applying the results from the Economic Summit on March 18-19 to improvements in the state's educational operations. The key result from the Economic Summit for ACC's purposes was a list of jobs forecasted to be in highest demand for the next five years:

- Skilled trades (welders, tool and die fabricators, line workers, machinists, mechanical maintenance technicians, pipe fitters, designers, electricians, and mold makers).
- Engineers (including electrical, mechanical, electro-mechanical, manufacturing, chemical, robotics, software, metallurgy, and design).
- IT specialists (including software developers, application developers, database analysts and administrators, computer support specialists, and data communications specialists).
- Project management.
- Administrative services.
- Digital marketing.
- Primary care physicians and registered nurses.

ACC's role in training for many of these fields reinforces the importance of keeping our technical programs strong and up to date. The major disconnect of the day, in my opinion, relates to how pressures on career and technical education at high schools (from both funding and Michigan Merit Curriculum standpoints) seem at variance requirements for training workers in many of the fields projected for growth.

Action Items

2.559 Bids for Marine Technology Program ROV

Trustee Townsend made the motion and Trustee Hilberg seconded the motion that reads as follows:

That the Alpena Community College Board of Trustees authorizes college staff members to proceed with purchase of ROV equipment as specified above from Outland Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$64,540 and to use TAACCCT grant funds to cover the purchase.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passes.

Information Items

3.762 Financial Report

Dr. Joynton reviewed the Financial Report with the Board.

3.763 Personnel Report

New hires, terminations, and status changes for April 2013.

New Hires:

N/A

Terminations:

N/A

Status Changes:

The following faculty were moved to non-probationary status.

- Julie Miller, Nursing Faculty
- Diane O'Connor, Nursing Faculty
- Cathy Kappius, English Faculty – HUSH
- Anthony Pratt, Nursing Faculty
- Kim Salziger, Business & Medical Information Systems/Director of Medical Assistant Faculty
- Greg Augustyn, Auto Body Faculty
- Matt Gallarno, Network Administration Faculty

3.761 Gifts and Grants Report

The Gifts and Grants Report showed 67 donors gave gifts or pledges totaling \$27,616 for the time period of April 12 to May 6, 2013.

New Business

None.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

Due to anticipated conflicts in Dr. Joynton's schedule of attending MCCA meeting, the Trustees discussed changing the date of the June regular board meeting date. The Trustees agreed on a new date, Monday, June 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees also agreed to hold a workshop session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24, to review information related to the 2013-14 proposed budget.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular ACC Board of Trustees meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. in the Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Room 400 of the Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center, 665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707. A budget workshop was also scheduled for the same day at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Meeting Recess

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:58 p.m.

Trustee Ferguson motioned to enter a closed session to discuss strategy related to negotiating future collective bargaining agreements. Trustee Duncan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the results were as follows:

Trustee Duncan: aye. Trustee Ferguson: aye. Trustee Briggs: aye. Trustee Hilberg: aye. Trustee Stibitz: aye. Trustee Townsend: aye. All ayes, motion carried. The room was then cleared of attendees not involved in the closed session and the discussion began.

The closed session was ended at 9:03 p.m., and the regular meeting resumed.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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