

**Official Proceedings of the
Alpena Community College Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

February 18, 2016

Roger C. Bauer Board Room, Charles R. Donnelly Natural Resources Center
665 Johnson Street, Alpena, MI 49707

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees gathered on Thursday, February 18, 2016, for its regular monthly meeting.

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Seated at the Board Table: President Don MacMaster and Board Secretary Jay Walterreit.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Townsend that the agenda be approved; seconded by Trustee Stibitz. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2016, Board Retreat and January 21, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Stibitz moved to accept the draft minutes from the January 18, 2016, board retreat and the January 21, 2016, regular board meeting. Trustee Townsend seconded the motion. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Introduction of Guests and Public Comment

Guests attending the regular meeting included: Ben Stevens, WATZ News; Nicole Grulke, Alpena News; Richard Sutherland, ACC administration; Kathy Marsh, ACC administration; Deb Hautau, ACC faculty; Dawn Stone, ACC administration; and Paul Wolne.

Paul Wolne distributed handouts and mentioned several subjects, including urging the trustees to read a book entitled *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*, by Jane Mayer, and reiterating that Hillman Community Radio is looking for on-air content.

Communication(s)

None.

Board Member and Subcommittee Reports

None.

Student Report

None.

Faculty Report

Biology Instructor Deb Hautau mentioned several activities, including:

- ACC is proceeding with a lineman rodeo on April 29, 2016.
- Science Olympiad will be held on the Alpena Campus on March 12, 2016. Two teams from the Alpena competition will be able to go on to the next level.
- The summer field biology class in Costa Rica will happen this year.
- ACC also hosted the Science Fun Day for Boy and Girl Scouts event on February 6, 2016.

President's Report

Following is the President's Report as it was distributed.

President's Report to the Board of Trustees
February 18, 2016

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is a system of survey components that collect data from about 7,500 institutions that provide postsecondary education across the United States. IPEDS collects institution-level data on student enrollment, graduation rates, student charges, program completions, faculty, staff, and finances. The 2015 IPEDS data feedback report for Alpena Community College, which benchmarks ACC in 16 performance metrics against nine comparable Michigan community colleges, arrived recently. Notable metrics include:

- Graduation rate: ACC (35 percent), comparison colleges (17 percent).
- Average net price of attendance: ACC (\$3,626), comparison colleges (\$6,469).
- Graduation rate within normal time: ACC (18 percent), comparison colleges (6 percent).
- Core instruction expenses per FTE enrollment: ACC (\$8,002), comparison colleges (\$5,586).

Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Sutherland is here to explain the IPEDS report.

Aspen Prize Update

The Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program recently reached out to Alpena Community College, selecting ACC as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. This distinction also makes the College eligible for the fourth \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges.

The Prize, awarded every two years, has brought a new level of public attention to community colleges, defined new measures of excellence in outcomes for community college students, and uncovered and disseminated practices that help exceptional colleges ensure great outcomes for their students. Areas of excellence defined by the Aspen Prize include: completion, labor market, learning, and equitable outcomes.

The \$1 million first prize will be awarded in March 2017. A detailed application which will be used in reducing the top 150 to the top 10 is due March 4, 2016. College staff has been focused on gathering the outcomes data requested and writing the narrative sections of the application. Colleges named in the top 10 will each receive site visits from Aspen Institute staff prior to awarding the first prize award.

Fellowship on the Nautilus

Marine Technology instructor David Cummins learned this week that he won a prestigious Ocean Exploration Trust Fellowship to crew this summer on the Nautilus, the research vessel operated by Dr. Robert Ballard, the famous undersea explorer who discovered Titanic. David writes:

“The Ocean Exploration Trust was founded in 2008 by Dr. Robert Ballard and continues to lead the field in telepresence-enabled exploration of our deep oceans. Our international program centers on scientific exploration of the ocean launched from aboard Exploration Vessel (E/V) Nautilus, a 210-foot research vessel that includes two remotely operated vehicles.

“During and after the 1-3 week experience at sea, I will work with members of the Nautilus Exploration Program to continue to engage the students, organizations, and our communities in the excitement of ocean exploration and STEM.

“It was a competitive position with interviews and a selection committee. I want to thank the College, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, and the community for their support and backing that made it possible for me to obtain this opportunity! It all started with an email from Meaghan Gass at TBNMS saying ‘Check out this FREE education opportunity...’

“Thank you again for all the support!”

More on the Nautilus can be accessed via this weblink: <http://www.nautiluslive.org/>

Lineman’s Rodeo Update

The College is moving ahead on hosting the National Lineman’s Rodeo, scheduled for April 29 at ACC. Barb Szczesniak and Jackie Witter are leading the charge on planning details. Utility Tech instructor Roy Smith and Todd Artley are leading the outreach to alumni and employers for support. ACC Director of Public Information and Marketing Jay Walterreit generated a feature story which will run in an upcoming issue of *Country Lines*, the magazine of the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association.

Action Items

2.646 Equipment Bids for HUSH Lab and Unmanned Aerial Systems Program

[Note: this action item was mistakenly numbered in the February 18, 2016, Board Meeting Agenda. The number has been corrected, above, and also in the latest version of the agenda posted online. — DJW]

Trustee Townsend made the motion and Trustee Ferguson seconded the motion which reads as follows:

The Alpena Community College Board of Trustees approves the purchase of

- Two 3D printers and scanners from MakerBot at a cost not to exceed \$21,369.01.
- One UAS FLIR system from Straight Up at a cost not to exceed \$12,765.00.
- One UAS mapping system from UAV Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$11,653.36.
- One UAS fixed wing system from Straight Up at a cost not to exceed \$6,965.00.
- One UAS bracketed system from UAV Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$13,906.28.
- Three welders with fume extractors and booths and tables from Airgas, Alpena, at a cost not to exceed \$38,190.00.

All purchases shall be made from grant funds.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Information Items

Vice President for Administration and Finance Richard Sutherland shared insights about the current state of the FY16 budget, saying that the budget was in good shape due to better-than-expected tuition and fees revenue for Spring Semester 2016, and that some of that revenue would go to replenishing the Maintenance and Replacement Fund.

Board Discussion

Chairman Briggs brought up to the question of what tuition rate should be charged to school districts which form early college programs with ACC.

Chairman Briggs noted that several years ago the Board of Trustees approved an action item (2.583, February 19, 2014, Board Meeting) which granted in-district tuition rates to all dual-enrolled students. There were two reasons for that decision: to be more price competitive, and to recognize that the State of Michigan was paying for the dual enrolled students. Briggs offered his opinion that students in early college programs which ACC might develop with school districts outside of Alpena County would also fit the criteria of being funded by the state, and thus it would be appropriate for ACC to charge in-district rates to those students.

Trustee Ferguson agreed with Chairman Briggs, noting that based on funding sources, the state is our district. Briggs also pointed out one challenge which would be negated by charging all early college students in-district rates: other schools who wish to have their students participate in Alpena Public

School's Early College program would have to give the state money for that student to APS, which those schools are loathe to do.

President MacMaster noted there are Oscoda and Tawas high school students participating in an early college arrangement with IRESA and those students take classes from Kirtland. He sees the potential to create an early college agreement based on CTE courses which would be attractive to IRESA and students in the area. There are also other schools in Northeast Michigan who might be interested in a CTE-based early college model.

Trustee Duncan asked President MacMaster if IRESA uses data like IPEDS to evaluate early college offerings and partners. President MacMaster noted ACC's high marks in the most recent IPEDS report and expressed interest in discussing ACC's academic excellence with IRESA and other schools.

Chairman Briggs then asked the other trustees if they thought it was appropriate to treat early college and dual enrolled students the same way related to tuition rates. They all agreed yes, it was appropriate. After discussion of the most appropriate way to acknowledge that change, Briggs instructed President MacMaster and Secretary Walterreit to craft an action item like 2.583 which includes early college students along with dual enrolled students. That action item should be included in the March 2016 board meeting agenda for consideration by the trustees.

Continuing the discussion about ACC's early college efforts, Chairman Briggs stated he was pleased with the way the current Early College program with APS is working out and with the possibility of expanding early college offerings to other school districts.

Vice President for Academics Kathy Marsh stated that the new Huron Shores Campus tech lab will be integral to offering early college programs in Iosco County. Chairman Briggs asked Marsh if ACC's Early College program included online content. Marsh said no, and added that online offerings may not be suitable for all high schoolers.

New Business

None.

Suggested Future Agenda Items

None.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 7:00 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.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

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