MINUTES OF THE FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Room Z-203
La-Z-Boy Center
7:00 p.m., May 19, 2014


Also present: Deborah Beagle, Jack Burns, Peter Coomar, Sam Coulter, Randell Daniels, Jamie DeLeeuw, Penny Dorsey-Naber (recording secretary), Jean Ford, Mark Hall, Paul Hedeen, Barry Kinsey, Paul Knollman, Brian Lay, Kimberly Lindquist, Barbara McNamee, Molly McCutchan, Josh Myers, Jim Ross, Heather Shinault, Kojo Quartey, Tracy Vogt, Suzanne Wetzel, and Grace Yackee

1. Chair Bacarella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. It was moved by Mrs. Kreps and seconded by Mr. Braunlich that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2014 be approved as presented.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (1) 3. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Dr. DeVries that Policy 3.05, Tuition and Fees Policy, be revised as presented.

Vice President Suzanne Wetzel presented options for tuition increases to the Board. Her presentation covered scenarios with enrollment projections ranging from flat to down 5 percent and tuition rates of zero increase, 3 percent increase, 5 percent increase, and 10 percent increase.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yes: DeVries, Bellino, Lauer, Bacarella, Braunlich, Thayer, Kreps
No: None

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (2) 4. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Ms. Lauer that Policy 3.12, General Graduation Requirements, be revised as presented.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (3) 5. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that Policy 3.31, Academic Forgiveness, be revised as presented.

The motion carried.

B. 3. a. (4) 6. It was moved by Mr. Braunlich and seconded by Mrs. Thayer that the Board authorize the President to execute the following administrative one-year, non-continuing contract:


Motion carried.

C. 2. a. (1) 7. President Quartey received a note of appreciation from Dr. Cynthia Roman, former Monroe County Community College Dean of Health Sciences, for allowing her and her colleagues to visit the new Career Technology Center.

C. 3. a. (1) 8. The Board received a thank you note from Linda Roberts for giving her the opportunity to go to the Ellucian Conference.

C. 3. a. (2) 9. The Board received a note of gratitude from Randy Berns and family for the memorial in honor of his father.
C. 3. a. (3) 10. President Quartey reported on the following staff appointment, one-year non-continuing contract, and resignation:

Staff Appointment

Robert Semanski, Full-time Temporary ASET Lab Technician, effective May 1, 2014

One-Year Non-Continuing Contract

Anthony Quinn, Director of Upward Bound, effective September 4, 2014 through September 3, 2015

Resignation

Eric Slough, Coordinator of Grants and Major Gifts, effective May 2, 2014

C. 3. a. (4) 11. The Board received the Statement of General Fund Revenues and Expenses for the period ending April 30, 2014. Deborah Beagle, Director of Financial Services, reported that tuition revenue for the spring term is 10 percent under budget. Tuition revenue is projected to be 5 to 6 percent under budget for the fiscal year. The college should receive the 2013 final settlement payment for property taxes by June 6, 2014. We should be receiving the 2014 Taxable Value from the Monroe County Equalization Department very soon.

C. 3. b. (1) 12. President Quartey reported that he had a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 7. Topics discussed included the upcoming HLC visit presented by Dr. Grace Yackee and Math Redesign presented by Dean Vinnie Maltese and Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw. The college is developing a math lab which will be staffed by student assistants who excel in math; similar to the Writing Center.

Barry Kinsey, Paul Knollman, and Josh Myers are coordinating a Monroe Business Pitch competition. There are ten entries from which judges will select a winner.

On May 22, Dr. Quartey and a team of college personnel will visit Milan Correctional Facilities staff to talk about MCCC offering classes at the facility. Last week he met with representatives from Monroe Senior Center regarding offering MCCC classes at the center.

Paul W. Smith will air his radio show from the main campus this Friday, May 23, beginning at 6:00 a.m. in the Meyer Theater.

C. 3. b. (2) 13. Dr. Randy Daniels presented revisions on two procedures. Procedure 3.09, Withdrawal from College, and Procedure 3.12 (c), Change of Schedule (Dropping /Adding Classes). Both procedures now align with current practice.

C. 3. b. (3) 14. Dr. Grace Yackee and Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw presented an update on the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), which shows how MCCC ranks nationally against similar institutions. When asked whether or not they would recommend MCCC to a friend or family member, 97.2 percent of MCCC students answered “yes.” Overall, MCCC’s scores on the five benchmarks are below the national average. Upon analyzing the raw data, the benchmarks did not predict full-time students’ intent to return, but they did predict satisfaction with students’ entire educational experience at MCCC. Ninety percent of MCCC first-time students did not take a student success course, versus 74 percent of respondents from other institutions, indicating an opportunity for improvement at the policy level. The full CCSSE report can be viewed at http://www.monroeccc.edu/institutionalresearch/surveyresults/CCSSE%20MCCC%202013%20Frequencies.pdf.

Chair Bacarella called for a short break at 8:25 p.m.

Chair Bacarella called the meeting back to order at 8:32 p.m.
C. 3. b. (4)  15. Dr. Grace Yackee and Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw presented the most recent Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report. IPEDS is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, a part of the Institute for Education Sciences within the United States Department of Education. IPEDS consists of nine interrelated survey components that are collected over three collection periods (Fall, Winter, and Spring) each year. Colleges have reported this information to keep their federal financial aid eligibility. These metrics are part of the 70 Core Indicators of Institutional Effectiveness used by the institution for strategic planning, and by CNN Money when rating colleges. A school can compare itself to a cohort and to itself over time.

Dr. DeLeeuw chose a cohort of institutions like MCCC: medium, public, 2-year, Midwest, suburban colleges. MCCC has more part-time students than its cohort. MCCC is above average in its transfer rate of 26 percent and associate degrees earned (485). MCCC’s tuition is $2,880 while the average cost is $3,407. The full IPEDS report can be viewed at https://www.monroeccc.edu/institutionalresearch/surveyresults/IPEDS%202013%20with%20Traditional%20Cohort.pdf.

C. 3. b. (5)  16. Dr. Grace Yackee and Dr. Jamie DeLeeuw presented an update on Math Redesign. The results indicate that 6.3 percent more pre-redesign students passed MATH-090 than post-redesign students; however, there were more student withdrawals pre-redesign and students could pass with a “D” rather than a “B”. MATH-092/150 showed 6 percent more first-time passes post-redesign when 80 percent or above was considered a passing score. For MATH-151, post-redesign there were 26.5 percent more first-time passes when 80 percent or above was considered a passing score.

Students who were initially successful in Math Redesign courses were more likely to take successive math courses, and those who were not successful were more likely to try again, showing persistence over time. An indirect effect of Math Redesign may be that students learn to become independent learners and apply this skill to other classes. Math Redesign requires accountability at every level. Instructors can view how much time students spend on each concept and see what areas the students are struggling with, enabling instructors to better help students.

The lab fee for redesign classes covers the netbook and access to the software, and students do not have to purchase a calculator. The Science/Math Division is working on a new Math Lab that is much like the Writing Center. The lab will be free. The complete report on Math Redesign can be viewed at http://www.monroeccc.edu/institutionalresearch/analyses/Math%20Redesign%20Results%20050714.pdf.

C. 4. b. (1)  17. The Board Study Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

C. 4. b. (2)  18. Chair Bacarella noted the following upcoming events: Monroe County Middle College Graduation on Friday May 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater and the Learning Bank Graduation scheduled for Thursday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

C. 4. b. (3)  19. Josh Meyer, Coordinator of Development and External Affairs, presented an update on the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The activities begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, and continue until 11:00 p.m. All buildings on campus will be locked and closed for liability reasons. The festivities will be staged in the center of campus. Mr. Myers showed a map of the tent and activities layout. Alcohol will be permitted only within a restricted area. The Bacchus Society will be serving wine from their first batch. Five different acts are slated to perform at the anniversary event between 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. They include Madison Avenue, The Verve Pipe, Baskery, Ben Daniels (son of Jeff Daniels), and eighth season American Idol winner, Kris Allen. All events are sponsored by The Foundation and outside donors. The anniversary celebration is free of charge to the community. Paul W. Smith will announce the 50th Anniversary on air this Friday. The Monroe Evening News will run ads as the celebration draws near. All Monroe County Community College graduates will receive an invitation to the event.
20. It was moved by Mrs. Thayer and seconded by Dr. DeVries that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Bacarella Jr.
Chair

Linda Lauer
Secretary

These minutes were approved at the June 23, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting.