

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022

On February 24, 2022, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 507, in the Counties of Vermilion, Edgar, Iroquois, Champaign, and Ford in the State of Illinois, met in regular session in the Board Room, Vermilion Hall Room 302, at Danville Area Community College.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Harby called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3: ROLL CALL

The roll was called. Trustees present: Tracy Cherry, Sandra Finch, Dave Harby, Dylan Haun, Terry Hill, Greg Wolfe, and Student Trustee Laura Duncan. Trustee absent: John Spezia (arrived at 5:33 p.m. via phone).

Others present: President Dr. Stephen Nacco, Board Secretary Kerri Thurman, Dr. Carl Bridges, Tammy Betancourt, Jill Cranmore, Lara Conklin, Brian Hensgen, Mark Barnes, and Jerry Davis.

Media present: Steve Brandy, WDAN-WDNL (arrived at 5:38 pm).

ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Harby asked if there were any changes requested to the agenda. Due to the inclement weather, Mr. Wolfe made a motion to amend the agenda and remove Items 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and change Item 14B from Board Consideration of DACC Equity Plan to Board Discussion of DACC Equity Plan. Mr. Hill second the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 5: RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 6: PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SELL \$1,500,000 FUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT

The meeting was recessed to conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Trustees to sell \$1,500,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the district.

ITEM 7: INSIDE THE COLLEGE: GRAPHIC DESIGN REPORT

No report. Item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 8: REPORT ON ACCT NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT, WASHINGTON, DC, FEBRUARY 6-9, 2022

No report. Item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 9: FINANCIAL UPDATE

No report. Item was removed from the agenda. The Financial Statement of Revenue and Expenditures ending January 31, 2022 was included in the Board agenda book.

ITEM 10: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report. Item was removed from the agenda.

ITEM 11: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM 12: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2022; AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2022**
- B. FINANCIAL REPORT**
- C. CLERY SECURITY REPORT**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Ms. Cherry, the Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ITEM 13: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS

- A. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF TENURE RECOMMENDATION**
 - 1. RACHAEL ARNHOLT, INSTRUCTOR, SONOGRAPHY**

Full-time faculty members completing their third academic year of probation must be granted tenure, extended another year of probation, or dismissed. Included in the Board packet is the recommendation for approval of tenure status for the individual listed above. Dr. Carl Bridges and the respective supervisor has evaluated her performance and personnel files to ensure that her credentials are in order. This outstanding faculty member is an asset to the instructional programs at Danville Area Community College. It is an honor and privilege to recommend this talented faculty member for tenure status. This individual is a superior classroom teacher who will serve DACC well into the future.

Upon motion by Mr. Haun, and a second by Ms. Finch, the Board approved tenure status for Rachael Arnholt. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

- B. BOARD DISCUSSION OF DACC EQUITY PLAN**

The mission of the DACC equity plan is to pinpoint actions necessary to close equity gaps to allow underrepresented and minority students, faculty, and staff to succeed at the College. Three crucial questions guide this equity plan: How can we focus on systemic racism that is a part of our everyday practices and policies and transform them to be equitable? How can we cooperate with each other to eliminate barriers that have hindered us from helping students, faculty, and staff equitably? How can we prepare for a diverse and globally connected world? This plan emerges from a serious consideration of these questions.

DACC expects the results of increasing and encouraging workplace diversity, providing extra learning support to underrepresented students, seeing underrepresented students as high achievers, and work done to remove financial barriers as culminating in equitable outcomes and representation. Of course, students have their part in their success. But we see ourselves as taking a more proactive role in the success of students. The goal of this equity plan is to eliminate inequities and disparities in access, enrollment, and completions regarding students. Another goal of this equity plan is to eliminate racist practices and policies embedded in the institution that are barriers to equitable employment and opportunities.

No action taken by the Board of Trustees. The item will be included on the March 24, 2022 Board agenda for consideration.

C. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

Recommendations of Employment are conditional upon all Human Resources processes being met.

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the Human Resources Report. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

D. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR TRUSTEES

Per Public Law 99-0604, known as the “Local Government Travel Expense Control Act,” travel expenses for members of the Board of Trustees must be approved at an open meeting of the Board.

A total of \$190.59 was expended for travel expenditures for trustees over the last month. The expenses were for the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, DC in February 2022 for Mr. Greg Wolfe.

Upon motion by Mr. Haun, and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the travel expenditures for the Trustees. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

E. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF TUITION INCREASE

Historically during the spring semester, Danville Area Community College considers the rate of tuition and universal fees in making projections for the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Making early budget projections for the next fiscal year are always challenging; however, amid a global pandemic, declining enrollment and the uncertainty of how the State of Illinois’ fiscal situation may impact the College’s funding, projecting FY2022 revenue is an even greater challenge.

A tuition increase of \$5 per credit hour is proposed, effective with the summer 2022 semester. This increase will provide funds to allow the College to continue to support student engagement, retention, recruitment, and success initiatives, provide current technology, and to recruit and retain talented faculty and staff. The proposed increase would raise tuition from \$145 per credit hour to \$150 for in-district students. The universal fee is recommended to remain at the same

rate of \$25 per credit hour. In addition, we propose increasing the out-of-district, out-of-state and international rates from \$260 to \$270, in order to maintain compliance with Illinois State Statutes; and the 7-County Indiana rate to \$225, which is 1.5 times the in-district rate.

With the proposed increase in tuition for FY22, DACC's tuition and fee rate will likely continue to be slightly above the FY22 average tuition and fee rate for all Illinois community colleges. An increase of \$5 will generate approximately \$200,000 of revenue.

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Mr. Haun, the Board approved effective with the summer 2022 term a \$5 per credit hour in-district increase and a \$10 per credit hour out-of-district, out-of-state and international tuition increase. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

F. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF NEW ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

1. ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE DEGREE

2. ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS IN MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE

3. MUSIC PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTION CERTIFICATE

The Liberal Arts Division, under the leadership of Dr. Eric Simonson, has done extensive research into the development of an Associate in Fine Arts in Music Performance Degree, an Associate in Fine Arts in Music Education Degree, and a Music Performance and Production Certificate.

ICCB requires that the Board of Trustees approve any new programs before we can submit the proper paperwork to ICCB for their approval. We are excited about these new programs and the interest they are already generating with potential students.

Upon motion by Mr. Wolfe, and a second by Ms. Finch, the Board approved the Associate in Fine Arts in Music Performance, the Associate in Fine Arts in Music Education, and the Music Performance and Production Certificate. The motion passed by roll call vote: 8 yeas, 0 nays.

G. BOARD CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A SCOREBOARD/VIDEO DISPLAY

Danville Area Community College currently hosts the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship through the year 2023. This summer, the Leadership Team will be asking Danville Area Community College Administration and the Board of Trustees for support in securing the NJCAA tournament on our campus for another contract. During that process, one of the points of emphasis at the national level is facility upgrades. Integrating a video display will help our facility compete with other schools around the country and will leave a lasting impression on the NJCAA representatives that will be attending our championship as well as the participating players and coaches.

In addition to the NJCAA Championship, the video display can be utilized for other events on campus, including graduation, E-sports tournaments, honors program, recruiting, and other community events in the Mary Miller Center.

We obtained a rental agreement with Watchfire Signs to rent this scoreboard/video display (9.5ft x 17.5ft) for an annual rental fee of \$16,852.50. The initial annual amount is due upon installation. Subsequent payments are due March 1 of each successive year. The College has the ability to terminate or extend the rental period with notification to Watchfire no later than 60 days prior to the end of the rental period. The College is responsible for installation and removal, as well as maintenance and non-warranty repairs during the rental periods.

The scoreboard/video display will allow for various advertising through the form of sponsorships. The athletic program will oversee the sponsorship opportunities throughout the year. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, game sponsorships, player of the game sponsorships, and student or band member of the week. Funds for the first year's rent will be provided by the NJCAA tournament fund. Future rentals will be funded by sponsorship revenue. Additionally, the NJCAA tournament fund will also contribute annually to the rental fee. College operating funds will not be utilized.

Upon motion by Ms. Cherry and a second by Mr. Hill, the Board approved the rental agreement with Watchfire Signs for the scoreboard/video display in the gymnasium. The motion passed by roll call vote: 7 yeas, 1 nay.

ITEM 15: INFORMATION

A. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Harby thanked everyone for attending the meeting, particularly with the impending weather forecast.

Mr. Hill expressed appreciation to the Athletic Department for recognizing the first two DACC African American basketball players during African American History Month.

Mr. Wolfe thanked Dr. Nacco and others for the assistance offered to a student recently.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Harby adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Approved: _____