

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, February 24, 2020 3:45 p.m.
5 Board Room - Blake Hall/SCA Building
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7 A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened at
8 3:45 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2020, in the Board Room of Blake Hall 140/144.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Vice-Chairperson Callie Langohr called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following
12 Board members were in attendance:
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14 Pete Akey
15 Stephanie Wallace Mark Holston
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17 Trustees Kelly Stimpson and Shannon Lund participated via conference call. Also present
18 were President Jane Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District. Trustee Lyle Mitchell was
19 absent.
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21 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

22 Student Chloe Whitfield addressed the Board about concerns she was experiencing with
23 advising, faculty accountability and program completion. Ms. Whitfield stated she wanted to bring
24 her concerns to the Board as she felt she has exhausted all avenues of resolution. President Karas did
25 ask Ms. Whitfield if she had begun the official student grievance process? Ms. Whitfield stated that
26 she had and that she has talked to several advisors, faculty and administrative individuals without
27 any resolution. President Karas asked Ms. Whitfield to forward to her the student grievance
28 paperwork and emails that Ms. Whitfield indicated she had already submitted to her and Brenda
29 Hanson, Dean of Students.
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31 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

32 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on January 27,
33 2020.

34 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – March 16, 2020
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36 Trustee Pete Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under Section III,
37 Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Stephanie Wallace seconded the motion. The motion carried
38 unanimously with six (6) "yes" votes.
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40 **IV. REPORTS/COMMENTS**

41 **A. Monthly Reports**

42 **1. Student Activities Report**

43 Student Jay Baker presented the Board with the Student Activities Report,
44 please see Attachment I

45 **2. Faculty Activities Report**

46 Dr. Heather Estrada presented the Board with the Faculty Activities
47 Report, please see Attachment I. In addition, Dr. Estrada shared some information and pictures
48 on Associate Professor, Dawn Rauscher's Graphic Arts student's accomplishments and work.

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2 **3. Executive Staff Activities Report**

3 The Board of Trustees received written reports from the Executive Staff
4 for review. Trustee Mark Holston commented on the great speaker series that is currently
5 happening and encouraged anyone who is able to attend. Trustee Peter Akey commended the
6 Library staff and the college on its efforts in helping double the number of individuals visiting
7 the library since its move to its new location.
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9 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

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11 **A. Student Success: Residence Life Update**

12 Kelly Murphy, Director, Residence Life, presented the Board with an update on
13 Residence Life. Ms. Murphy reported to the Board that currently there are 55 total applicants (35
14 new and 20 returning) for Fall 2020 and 14 returning students for Summer 2020. There are
15 currently 3 international students, 13 out-of-state students, 66 in-district students and 37 out-of-
16 district students who reside in housing. There are 4 Resident Assistants who focus on enhancing
17 the quality of life in the residence halls. The Residence Halls also have 2 Community Center
18 Assistants, students who assist the community development in Founders Hall by providing
19 customer service at the residence hall front desk, answering student questions, assist with lock
20 outs, disbursing packages and mail, and answering the phone. Founders Hall continues with its
21 different program throughout the semesters to include passive and social programming.
22 Programming includes things such as educational bulletin boards, study nights, game nights, ping
23 pong tournaments and pancake dinners. There have been 11 student conduct violations so far
24 this year ranging in noise and quiet hour violations, guest policy violations, disorderly behavior
25 and alcohol violations. Despite some student conduct issues, academic success among residents
26 is high with 39 students making the Dean's List this past Fall Semester.
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28 **B. Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, (Second Reading)**

29 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Second Reading.
30 Trustee Shannon Lund moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter I,
31 Second Reading. President Karas indicated that no changes have been made since the first
32 reading. Trustee Pete Akey seconded the motion. After review and with no further discussion,
33 the motion carried unanimously with six (6) "yes" votes.
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35 **C. Board Policy, Chapter II, Organization (Second Reading)**

36 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter II, Organization, Second
37 Reading. Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter II,
38 Organization, Second Reading. Mark Holston seconded the motion. After review and
39 discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) "yes" votes.
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41 **D. Board Policy, Chapter IV, Fiscal Affairs, Section 30, Student Tuition (Second**
42 **Reading)**

43 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter IV, Fiscal Affairs, Section 30,
44 Student Tuition, Second Reading. After review, Pete Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve
45 Board Policy, Chapter VI, Fiscal Affairs, Section 30, Student Tuition, First Reading. Stephanie
46 Wallace seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six
47 (6) "yes" votes.
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1 **E. Deletion of the CTS, Machinist Technician, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV**

2 At its February 5, 2020 meeting, the Curriculum Committee voted to terminate the
3 Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS), Machinist Technician, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV. Students
4 are choosing to complete the program without taking the tiered options that are offered. Trustee Mark
5 Holston moved that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the CTS, Machinist Technician,
6 Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV. Trustee Shannon Lund seconded the motion. Following review and
7 discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

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9 **F. Deletion of the CTS, Industrial Maintenance, Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier**
10 **IV**

11 At its February 5, 2020 meeting, the Curriculum Committee voted to terminate the
12 Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS), Industrial Maintenance, Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV.
13 Students are choosing to complete the program without taking the tiered options that are offered.
14 Trustee Shannon Lund moved that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the CTS, Industrial
15 Maintenance, Tier I, Tier II, Tier III and Tier IV. Trustee Pete Akey seconded the motion. Following
16 review and discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

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18 **G. Deletion of the CTS Firearms Finishing**

19 At its February 5, 2020 meeting, the Curriculum Committee voted to terminate
20 the Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS), Firearms Finishing. Students are able to receive the
21 same studies and certifications from the AAS program. Deletion of CTS, Firearms Finishing will
22 eliminate duplicated courses and programs. Trustee Stephanie Wallace moved that the Board of
23 Trustees approve the deletion of the CTS Firearms Finishing. Trustee Pete Akey seconded the
24 motion. Following review and discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes”
25 votes.

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27 **H. Industrial Maintenance, CAS and AAS Program Moratorium**

28 At its February 5, 2020 meeting the Curriculum Committee voted to place into
29 moratorium the Industrial Maintenance, Certificate of Applied Science (CAS) and Associate of
30 Applied Science (AAS) programs. The committee will be realigning the curriculum offered
31 under the programs to better address the program and student needs. Trustee Mark Holston
32 moved that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the CAS and AAS Program
33 Moratorium. Trustee Shannon Lund seconded the motion. Following review and discussion, the
34 motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

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36 **I. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

37 President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ events calendar and noted that the next
38 regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, March 16, 2020, and noted that the meeting is
39 being held one week earlier than usual due to Spring Break. Spring Break is March 23-27, there
40 will be no classes but the college will be open. The Annual American Association of
41 Community Colleges Convention is being held March 28-30. Commencement is scheduled for
42 Friday, May 15.

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44 **J. President’s Update**

45 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 46 • President Karas shared that she recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to
47 attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit, February 10-12. President
48 Karas was able to meet with Montana’s State Senators and Representative

- 1 or their staff and all were very receptive to visiting with her.
- 2 • President Karas and others attended DREAM 2020, an Achieving the
3 Dream Conference. The team will be getting together to discuss what they
4 were able to learn and bring back to the college and continue to work from
5 the data collected through the ICAT and the feedback sessions that were
6 held during the All Employee In-Service.
 - 7 • President Karas and staff continue to work with Miles Community
8 College, Dawson Community College, OCHE and the Legislative Fiscal
9 Division on the community college funding formula. President Karas and
10 Beckie Christiaens recently attended a legislative meeting in Helena and
11 another meeting is planned for March 18.
 - 12 • The Encore Campaign has approximately \$2.3 million left to raise. The
13 campaign is continuing with its Be Seated! opportunities, where a \$5,000
14 gift or pledge will provide a seat to be named in the Performance and
15 Lecture Hall. President Karas encouraged each Trustee to come up with
16 the names of 10 friends or associates who could participate in the Be
17 Seated campaign. Selling just 200 seats would raise an additional \$1
18 million.
 - 19 • The bid opening meeting for the new College Center is scheduled for
20 Tuesday, March 3. The Trustees will plan a Special Board Meeting to
21 approve the winning bid once all bids are received and opened.
 - 22 • Spring enrollment numbers continue to hold flat this semester. Headcount
23 is up slightly with a .3% increase and FTE is down slightly. The numbers
24 continue to indicate more students are choosing to take fewer credits and
25 are on par with national trends at other institutions in a good economy.
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27 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

28 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m. Following
29 adjournment, Vice-Chairperson Callie Langohr called to reconvene the meeting. A member of
30 the public wished to address the Board but had arrived after the public comment period. The
31 meeting was re-opened at 4:37 pm and Ms. Chloe Whitfield addressed the Board (please see
32 public comment above). Following public comment, and with no further discussion, the meeting
33 was again adjourned at 4:43 pm.

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Callie Langohr, Vice-Chairperson of the Board

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41 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board
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Student Activities Report
February 2020

AICE – The AICE Club met 1 Monday in January. Pizza was served to encourage attendance. In February the club will be teaching mindfulness at the Student Government Study Skills Seminar.

The possibility of a food drive in the future is being discussed.

Audionats Music Club – An Officers’ meeting was held mid-January to prepare for the start of the semester and to discuss upcoming events. February activities will include a game night with vinyl records to enjoy music, games and fellowship. A Student Showcase Concert will be held to provide an opportunity for musicians not taking an accredited music course to perform, vocally, instrumentally, etc.

GSA – GSA met every other Wednesday. The GSA club took part in the Week of Welcome Club Day and recruit several new students. A friendship event will be held on February 12th.

Intervarsity – Intervarsity Christian Fellowship hosted regular weekly bible studies, attended by almost all members. Other events included a worship night, a super bowl party, and a game night.

Campus Rec - Campus Rec and Intramurals continues to use Stillwater Christian School for evening gym activities. Activities for January include basketball, dodgeball, volleyball and indoor soccer. There was also a ski night at Whitefish Mountain Resort that was well attended. Upcoming events include another ski night, learn to play lacrosse, bingo, ice skating and bowling. To date, there has be 272 total participants in the campus rec and intramurals program.

Student Engagement – Week of Welcome kicked off on Tuesday, January 21, with a Welcome Breakfast sponsored by Student Government. Club Day was a big hit with a free taco bar. Each club hosted a recruitment table. On Thursday the BC Library, Common Grounds and TRIO sponsored events which included trivia, coffee sampling and a speed friending activity. An ice skating event scheduled for Friday was canceled due a power outage in Woodland Park.

In honor of Martin Luther King (MLK) Day, a food pantry challenge was hosted during the last two weeks of January. Over 675 pounds of food was donated by FVCC employees.

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4 **Faculty Activity Report**
5 **February 2020**
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7 **Eliza Thomas - Assistant Professor - Education**

8 Eliza and Renee hosted a meeting with the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
9 and other early childhood stakeholders from our valley to discuss
10 ways the early childcare supply and demand can be met to ensure our children get the best early
11 start to their education. Unfortunately, there were not many solutions...yet, but the
12 conversation was rich and ideas were germinating amongst the business community, tribal
13 colleges, our campus, early childcare providers, service providers, and the president of the
14 Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. It was a robust sharing opportunity that will continue.
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16 The Student Engagement department and the Education department students are gearing up to
17 provide a hands-on day of fun for area 2nd graders during DREAMville (formerly known as
18 Seussville). Wendy Jeschke and Eliza have been working to ensure that students (young and old)
19 have an amazing learning experience on FVCC's campus learning about Diversity, Reading,
20 Engineering, Art, and Math (DREAM). The day is set for March 5th in the AT Building. The
21 UM 2+2 students are writing the lessons they'll deliver which is a way for them to give back to
22 their FVCC community and meet the expectations of their UM teacher preparation program.
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24 Eliza presented to area educators PreK-5 on "Pausing for Perseverance" in the classroom. The
25 discussion and learning focused on creating a culture of problem-solving (particularly in the area
26 of Elementary Math instruction), strategies for a problem-solving process, and opportunities to
27 collaborate about activities to engage children in problem-solving.
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29 Teacher Academy is undergoing a shift. The community need for that type of professional
30 development has shifted and Eliza is currently investigating a two-day conference approach. She
31 is seeking input from area educators on how FVCC can continue to support local PreK-12
32 educators with topics of need in a re-formatted manner that better aligns with their continued
33 education requirements. Stay tuned for what looks to be an exciting opportunity!
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36 **Christina Relyea - Associate Professor - Natural Resources**

37 Dr. Christina Relyea presented a public lecture *Understanding Climate Change* to the Bigfork
38 Community. This lecture examined the science behind climate change by exploring major lines
39 of evidence such as changes in global temperature, greenhouse gases, glacier and sea ice, sea
40 level and ocean acidity. Current and predicted changes in Montana and the United States were
41 also discussed.
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44 **Stephanie Paidas - Assistant Professor - Psychology**

45 Dr. Stephanie Paidas has been hard at work supporting two major projects on campus. She
46 recently put her qualitative data analysis skills to work by analyzing the feedback provided by all
47 staff during the in-service Capacity Café. Stephanie compiled findings from this thematic
48 analysis into a 26-page report which the Achieving the Dream team is now using to determine

1 next steps on campus.
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3 Stephanie has also worked on major program overhauls for Substance Abuse Counseling and
4 pre-Social Work, in response to changing statewide curricula and state licensing board
5 requirements. In collaboration with Carlin Hale and Chris Clouse, Stephanie designed and
6 implemented curriculum changes for Substance Abuse Counseling which will take effect in the
7 fall. In collaboration with Jori Bullemer, she updated and revised pre-Social Work curriculum
8 and the articulation agreement with the University of Montana. After these labor-intensive
9 efforts, Stephanie was thrilled when the search committee she served on interviewed and hired a
10 new full-time faculty member to oversee these programs. She welcomes Carlin Hale into this
11 new role, and is excited to return her own focus to psychology, where she is supporting
12 independent studies and concurrent enrollment courses this semester.
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15 **Karla Ryan - Assistant Professor - Anatomy and Physiology**

16 The Broussard Center health departments hosted the 7th graders from West Valley Middle
17 School this month. Kids went through seven stations that included demonstrations and hands-on
18 activities related to health, disease, lungs, blood, muscle testing, ECG testing, and hearts. After
19 the stations were complete, all of the students got to see a healthy lung compared to a smoker's
20 lung, a healthy liver compared to an alcoholic's liver and a healthy brain compared to one that
21 suffered a whiplash injury. FVCC student volunteers guided the groups from station to station
22 while answering questions about the educational activities, what it's like to go to college, and
23 what FVCC has to offer students who want to enter the health profession.
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26 **Amy Pearson - Assistant Professor - Communications**

27 Over the last month, Dr. Pearson had the great pleasure to speak in various capacities around the
28 community. First, she volunteered in an emcee role at the Backcountry Film Festival hosted by
29 the Montana Wilderness Association, of which she is now acting as the local chapter board
30 president. All of the proceeds of the event go to student scholarships, and this year a portion of
31 the funds will go towards the Many Voices Speech Symposium: Pivotal Points to be hosted by
32 Pearson at FVCC in April.
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34 Pearson also read one of Martin Luther King Jr's speeches at a fundraising event for the local
35 warming center Samaritan House that was sponsored by the Crown of the Continent Choir. This
36 was a great opportunity to represent FVCC's commitment to important community initiatives,
37 and to gain further speaking skill performing one of the most powerful speeches ever written.
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39 Pearson also shared a story for CRYJ's (Center for Restorative Justice) fundraiser '(not your
40 average) Love Story'. CRYJ works one on one with youth to create meaningful ways forward to
41 victims of juvenile crime. This was a powerful community-building event and Pearson was
42 proud to represent FVCC's support for student success. She was thrilled to share the stage at this
43 event with FVCC student Mia Kelso.
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45 The Genders and Sexualities Alliance Club, faculty sponsored by Pearson, hosted an 'alternative
46 valentine's day' event in the library where all students were welcome to show their affection and
47 appreciation for others by creating handmade valentines, friendship cards, or friendship bracelets.
48 This was a club sponsored event geared towards supporting the variety of relationships we have

1 and for making the holiday feel inclusive to all at FVCC.
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3 **Marshall Jones - Adjunct Professor - Music**

4 This semester, Marshall has been focusing on instrumentation with composition students. He has
5 had several local musicians read transcriptions that FVCC composition students have written,
6 and give feedback as to what works well for their instruments and what does not. On February
7 14th, FVCC faculty, students, and Glacier Symphony musicians performed a reading of Tan
8 Dun's piano piece "Sunrain" that FVCC composition students transcribed for strings.
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10 Marshall's orchestral work "Paramnesis" was selected for inclusion on ABLAZE Records next
11 volume in their Orchestral Masters series. ABLAZE Records is a label that works with and
12 champions the work of living composers. Paramnesis will be recorded with the Brno
13 Philharmonic in the Czech Republic during the summer of 2020 under the direction of Mikel
14 Toms.
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