

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, February 26, 2018 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 26, 2018, 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 Tom McElwain Peter Akey
15 Mark Holston Kelly Stimpson
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17 Trustees Shannon Lund and Stephanie Wallace were absent with Board approval. Trustees
18 Tom McElwain and Peter Akey participated via conference phone. Also present were President Jane
19 Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District.
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21 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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23 **III. PRESENTATIONS-STUDENT SUCCESS INNOVATION SLAMS**

24 Faculty and Staff presented the Board with “Innovation Slams.” These Innovation Slams
25 were shared during the January 2018, all employee in-service. Faculty and Staff shared their
26 product, designs or an idea or process on campus, with the Board. The slams give an opportunity to
27 share new ideas and innovative thoughts on things occurring in the campus community. Several
28 slams were shared including virtual reality in libraries, the economic impact of FVCC in the local
29 community, providing a maker lab to fuel innovation, and helping foster resiliency in our youngest
30 learners.
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32 **IV. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

- 33 A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on January 22,
34 2018
35 B. Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – March 19, 2018
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37 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under Section
38 IV, Consent Items-Action. Trustee Mark Holston seconded the motion. The motion carried
39 unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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41 **V. REPORTS/COMMENTS**

42 **A. Students**

43 **1. Student Activities Report**

44 Emily Baker, Student Government President, presented the Board with a
45 review of the student activities report.

46 **Student Health and Wellness** meets weekly and is working on becoming an
47 official club. They participated in the Student Organization Meet and Greet during Week of
48 Welcome. They also hosted a sexual assault workshop to help expand students’ awareness on the

1 topic and resources available. They hosted a Student Wellness Fair on February 7th.

2 • **Global Friends** is meeting every Thursday and is working toward some upcoming
3 events. These include their weekly lunch meetings, a cross country ski outing at Whitefish Golf
4 Course, and a co-sponsorship of a Holocaust Survivor lecture. They recently participated in the
5 Student Organization Meet and Greet during Week of Welcome.

6 • **Veterans Association** has started meeting bi-weekly on Mondays and is planning for
7 future events. They are going to host an Earth Day Clean-up and an Association Open House.
8 They collaborated with the Audionauts during Week of Welcome and hosted a pizza and karaoke
9 event. They participated in the Student Organization Meet and Greet on January 24th.

10 • **Student Government** has been very active this semester. They participated in Week of
11 Welcome activities by hosting a Welcome Back event with coffee, hot chocolate and a fire pit
12 outside. They also participated in the Student Organization Meet and Greet. They hosted two
13 movie nights featuring Thor: The Dark World and Thor: Ragnarok. Free pizza was provided
14 and about 85 students attended.

15 • **S.W.A.T. (Student Working on the Advancement of Technology)** is working toward
16 gaining new members and building the club back up this semester. They are planning a trip to
17 Bozeman to tour MSU's computer programming and engineering buildings. S.W.A.T. is also
18 planning to offer assistance to students who might have computer related issues or problems.

19 • **AICE (Appreciating Individuality, Challenges and Excellence)** is meeting weekly on
20 Thursdays. They are co-sponsoring a Real Life Fair for high school students with disabilities in
21 May. This fair will provide information about post high school transition services and FVCC's
22 opportunities. In April, they are going to meet with special education students from Flathead
23 High School to answer question regarding college. This past month they volunteered at a local
24 food bank and hosted an informational table during Week of Welcome.

25 • **Audionauts** have been meeting regularly and has hosted a few events. They have hosted
26 a karaoke event during Week of Welcome, and have played musical jeopardy in their meetings.
27 Three Open Mics are scheduled this semester and a jam session in March. In addition, they plan
28 on hosting more karaoke events since the last one was a success with about 40 people in
29 attendance.

30 • **Mask and Hammer** has been holding tech calls every Tuesday and Thursday as well as
31 club meetings every Tuesday. Rehearsals are Monday through Thursday every week and
32 auditions for Guys and Dolls were held February 1 and 2. They are attending a conference
33 February 19-23.

34 • **Phi Theta Kappa** meets weekly on Tuesdays and has been fairly active this past month.
35 They participated in Week of Welcome by hosting a Meet S'more Friends that included a fire pit,
36 and hosted a table at the Student Organization Meet and Greet. In February, they plan to serve at
37 the Flathead Food Bank. On February 22nd they are hosting a trivia night for all students.

38 • **Campus Rec & Intramurals**
39 During Week of Welcome, Campus Rec & Intramurals hosted a ski film: Rouge Elements.
40 Participants were asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for the FVCC food pantry; 55.9
41 pounds of food was collected. Other activities such as basketball, volleyball, ski nights, indoor
42 soccer and gaming tournaments have occurred this semester. All waivers have moved to a free
43 online platform, IMLeagues this semester and students are getting used to it and the feedback is
44 positive. We are at 260 participants thus far for 2017-2018 school year.

45 • **Student Engagement**
46 This past month has been busy with planning and coordinating the Week of Welcome activities,
47 the Student Wellness and Campus Resource Fair, and organizing and staffing the new Food

1 Pantry. Their office sends out a weekly newsletter to all clubs and their advisors regarding
2 upcoming events, service opportunities and meetings times. For community involvement
3 activities, they have hosted a faculty workshop on Service Learning and conducted numerous in-
4 class Service Learning presentations. We have been actively recruiting volunteers to serve at
5 Senior Institute and Seussville University. Seven work-study students have been hired with two
6 students placed off campus with community partners.

7 • **Food Pantry Report**

8 January 22-31, 2018

9 Distributed foods: 179.5 pounds of food given out

10 Participants receiving foods: 12

11 Donated food/intake: 247.5 total pounds in January.

12 The Student Engagement office hosted a food pantry challenge at the beginning of the semester.

13 Several FVCC departments participated and we collected 1,176.9 pounds of food!

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15 **B. Faculty**

16 **1. Faculty Activities Report**

17 Faculty presented the Board with a written report.

- 18 • **Stephanie Paidas** defended her dissertation on February 1, *Exploring the Impacts of*
19 *Wilderness Experiences on Nature Connection, Sense of Purpose, and Meaning in Life.*
20 She will be presenting portions of the data at the annual conventions of Western
21 Psychological Association in Portland (April) and American Psychological Association in
22 San Francisco (August).
- 23 • **Dru Willey** is going into the Elementary Education science classes (BIOB 126 and PHSX
24 126) and into middle school classrooms to perform different science labs. The FVCC
25 students work with the middle school students to "supervise" them as they perform the
26 lab. Last semester the demonstration labs focused on biology experiments: isolation of
27 DNA and gel electrophoresis. The grant **Ruth Wrightsman** received from NSF pays for
28 the equipment and supplies. This arrangement gives the FVCC students an opportunity
29 to teach.
- 30 • **Marty Mullins, Ph.D. (Soc. Science Adjunct)** has been accepted to the 2018 Czech
31 Studies Workshop, held at Columbia University in NYC from April 20-21. She's
32 particularly excited to have been chosen this year as funding for travel and
33 accommodation are generously provided by the Harriman Institute and the East Central
34 European Center at Columbia University.
- 35 *"Since the year 2000, the Czech Studies Workshop has brought together scholars from*
36 *the United States and abroad to explore Czech-themed topics from such diverse fields as*
37 *anthropology, architecture and art history, economics, education, film, geography,*
38 *history, Jewish studies, literature, music, philosophy, politics, religion, sociology, and*
39 *theater. Work in progress is appropriate for our workshop format, and junior faculty and*
40 *advanced graduate students are particularly encouraged to submit proposals."*
- 41 • **Robert Bauer** has a number of publications coming out.
42 ○ 1st book, *My Australian Adventure*, was published in December
43 ○ 2nd book, *Outside the Lines of Gilded Age Baseball: Alcohol, Fitness, and*
44 *Cheating in 1880s Baseball* was published in January.

- Scholarly Journal Article, “Gilded Age Gladiators: Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the First Baseball Spring Training” will appear in the spring issue of the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*.

- **Dan Leatzow** and the Industrial Machine Technology program received an \$8,000 grant for student scholarships from the Gene Haas Foundation. This grant increases the total amount FVCC has received from the Gene Haas Foundation to \$28,000. FVCC has been selected for the site of the 2019 Haas Technical Education Centers (HTEC) national conference. This conference brings manufacturing educators from all over North America for a period of sharing and professional development. It has already been stated that the 2019 conference may be the largest gathering in the 14-year history of the conference due to its location in northwest Montana.
- **Gerda Reeb & Susan Guthrie** report that 9 FVCC students are currently enjoying rigorous academics and la dolce vita in Venice. You can use the following link to keep up with all that is going on: <https://www.fvcc.edu/blog/venice-week-3-february-6-2018/>
- **FVCC Theatre** sent six students to UM’s Professionals Weekend Acting Auditions and Design/Tech Interviews. Five of the students received call backs from various theatres, and three students received job offers for summer stock theatre work. Five theatre students will be attending the Region 7 KCACTF Festival and Conference in Spokane February 19-23, thanks in part to an enhancement grant from the FVCC Foundation. They will be participating in various workshops, auditions, and showcases throughout the week. The upcoming, student directed theatre production, “Wonder of the World” will be adjudicated for possible awards and entry into next year’s festival in Eugene Oregon.
- **The FVCC Music and Theatre Programs** announce a cast of twenty-two and orchestra of sixteen will be featured in the spring musical collaboration, *Guys and Dolls!* The classic American musical will be directed by **Rebecca Spear** with musical direction by **Nicole Sanford**. **Rebecca Spear** is also directing *The Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane*, featuring FVCC music faculty **Amy Chisholm**, for Whitefish Theatre Company opening February 22. Nick Spear will be the sound designer and Musician for *The Miraculous Adventures of Edward Tulane*.

C. Monthly Reports

1. Executive Staff Activities Report

The Board of Trustees received written reports from the Executive Staff for review.

VI. COLLEGE ISSUES

A. Spring Enrollment Update

President Karas provided the Board with an update on spring enrollment. FTE enrollment is down slightly for Spring 2018 compared to the same time last year. FTE is 1,329.27 compared to 1,338.13 at the same time last year, down 8.86 FTE or .067%. Headcount is up 68 or 3% compared to the same time last year. President Karas indicated that we have more students taking fewer credits compared to Spring 17.

B. Foundation Year End Report

1 Colleen Unterreiner, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement, presented the
2 Board with the Foundation year-end report. It was reported that the Foundation received
3 \$320,000 net revenue from its Festival of Flavors and Bibler tour events in 2017. The Foundation
4 awarded \$898,000 through 909 scholarships last year. The Foundation has currently moved to an
5 online application program for scholarships called Academic Works, they have moved their data
6 and accounting systems on the cloud giving access to important information and data at their
7 fingertips and have developed a consistent marketing program, Social Media and Electronic
8 messaging for information, ticket sales, annual drive and events. The Foundation also worked on
9 donor development through the 50th Anniversary year, expanding volunteer opportunities,
10 providing President and Donor Lunches and doubled its outreach with its advancements in their
11 newly adopted technological platforms. Colleen thanked the Board and President Karas for their
12 continued support of the Foundation and thanked her talented staff for all their hard work and
13 dedication in helping foster the Foundation's great success.

14 **C. Building Ad-Hoc Committee**

15 Vice Chair Langohr indicated that the Board needs to recommend President Karas
16 appoint an ad-hoc naming committee, per Board Policy Chapter XII, College Facilities, Section
17 10, Facility Design and Planning, to bring recommendations to the Board, in the naming of the
18 planned College Center. Following discussion, Trustee Kelly Stimpson requested that President
19 Karas appoint an ad-hoc committee and then bring recommendations to the Board at a future
20 meeting. President Karas noted that she would plan to have recommendations brought back to the
21 Board at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

22 **D. ACCT National Legislative Summit Reports**

23 Trustee Callie Langohr recently attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in
24 Washington, D.C., February 11-14, and updated the Board on what she learned during the
25 Summit. Trustee Langohr stated that she and President Karas were able to meet with Montana's
26 State Senators and Representative or their staff and all were very receptive to visiting with the
27 them. Trustee Langohr noted that she appreciated the opportunity to represent Flathead Valley
28 Community College at the event and stated the investment for any Trustee to attend is a great
29 benefit to the college and community.

30 **E. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

31 President Karas reviewed the Trustees' events calendar and noted that the next
32 regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, March 19, 2018. The Board of Regents will hold
33 their next meeting March 8-9, 2018 in Dillon. Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 18,
34 and highly encouraged all Board members to attend. Former FVCC student Sarah Rugheimer
35 will be this year's commencement speaker. The annual President's Dinner will be held on a
36 Monday this, Monday, May 21.

37 **F. President's Update**

38 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 39 • President Karas shared the upcoming Honor Symposium schedule with the
40 Board and encouraged them to attend as many events as possible.
- 41 • President Karas recently attended the Bureau of Business and Economic
42 Research's annual economic outlook seminar. During the seminar it was
43 noted that much of economic growth in the Flathead Valley can be
44 contributed to Flathead Valley Community College.

- 1 • The three community colleges in the state continue to meet and discuss the
2 community college funding formula that is up for review during the
3 coming biennium. The three community colleges, the Office of the
4 Commissioner of Higher Education, the Governor’s Budget Office and the
5 Legislative Fiscal Division continue to meet to review the current formula
6 structure.
7 • President Karas announced that longtime Flathead Valley businessman
8 Paul Wachholz has donated \$4 million in support of FVCC’s ONE
9 Campaign. President Karas expressed the college’s sincere gratitude and
10 thanks for Mr. Wachholz incredible generosity. This gift will touch many
11 lives of not only our students but of our community as well. With the \$4
12 million gift, the campaign has currently raised \$9.8 million dollars for its
13 ONE Campaign, a privately funded effort to support the development of a
14 new Library/Learning Commons and a College Center on the Kalispell
15 campus.
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17 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

18 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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22 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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25 Mark Holston, Secretary to the Board
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