

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2020, in the Board Room of Blake Hall 140/144.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Chairperson Shannon Lund called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following Board
12 members were in attendance:

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14 Peter Akey Mark Holston
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16 Trustees Kelly Stimpson, Lyle Mitchell, Callie Langohr and Stephanie Wallace participated via
17 conference phone. Also participating via conference phone was President Jane Karas. Monica Settles,
18 Clerk of the District, was in attendance.
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20 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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22 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

- 23 A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 24,
24 2020
25 B. Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – April 27, 2020
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27 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under
28 Section III, Consent Items-Action. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. The motion
29 carried unanimously with seven (7) "yes" votes.
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31 **IV. REPORTS/COMMENTS**

32 **A. Students**

33 **1. Student Activities Report**

34 A written student activities report was submitted for review, please see
35 Attachment I.
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37 **B. Faculty**

38 **1. Faculty Activities Report**

39 A written faculty activities report was submitted for review, please see
40 Attachment II.
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42 **C. Monthly Reports**

43 **1. Executive Staff Activities Report**

44 The Board of Trustees received written reports from the Executive Staff
45 for review.
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47 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**
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1 **A. Student Success: Accreditation Update**

2 Dr. Jessica Hopkins was in attendance to give the Board an update on
3 accreditation. Dr. Hopkins updated the Board on the current accreditation process and presented
4 the board with Accreditation Information. The information provided a review of the college’s
5 mission, core themes and strategic plan goals. Dr. Hopkins also noted that the upcoming
6 accreditation visit in April is now scheduled to be a virtual visit. The accreditation committee will
7 meet with the Board of Trustees.

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9 **B. Roofing Project Bid Award**

10 The college bid out a roofing project for the four original buildings on campus. The
11 college received three bids for the project. CentiMark Corporation provided the lowest bid. Mark
12 Holston moved that the Board approve awarding the contract to the lowest bidder CentiMark
13 Corporation and authorize President Jane Karas to sign the Notice of Ward and to negotiate the
14 Notice to Proceed and Final Contract with CentiMark Corporation, pending legal review as deemed
15 necessary. Trustee Kelly Stimpson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion
16 carried unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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18 **C. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

19 President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ events calendar and noted that the next
20 regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, April 27, 2020. Spring Break will be the week of
21 March 23. Commencement and the President’s Dinner that is currently scheduled for May could
22 be cancelled, but at this time are still scheduled.

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24 **D. President’s Update**

25 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 26 • The Alumni and Friends Luncheon was held on February 26. Ryan Pitts,
27 Assistant Professor, Emergency Management Systems, and Chief Nursing
28 Officer, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, received the Alumni of the
29 Year Award during the luncheon.
- 30 • President Karas recently attended a Two-Year Education Leadership
31 meeting in Helena, on February 28.
- 32 • President Karas shared that that she and others from the college attended
33 the most recent Board of Regents meeting in Dillon, March 5-6.
- 34 • The Achieving the Dream (ATD) Coaches recently visited the college,
35 March 10-11 and met with the ATD team. They reviewed the recent
36 feedback received from the All Employee In Service and focused on
37 identifying gaps. They were also able to work on developing a strategic
38 plan to continue to improve student success.
- 39 • President Karas gave a brief update on the ONE Campaign. There have
40 been no changes since the last update. Fundraising events have been
41 cancelled due to the recent COVID-19 outbreak and the college will be
42 looking at some more creative ways to continue fundraising in this time of
43 social distancing.
- 44 • President Karas updated the Board on the recent COVID-19 outbreak and
45 how the college is planning to move forward. In response to the
46 developments of the COVID-19 outbreak, all classes and events on
47 Kalispell’s FVCC and Lincoln County campuses are cancelled March 16-

1 29. The Library, Eagle’s Nest, Bookstore and Common Grounds are open
2 to student and staff only at this time. The college is not closed at this time
3 and that will be revisited as needed. Students are currently able to stay in
4 the residence at Founder’s Hall and are encouraged to practice social
5 distancing. In addition, students will be able to use laundry services for
6 free until otherwise noted. The Incident Command Team continues to
7 meet every morning to reassess the situation and make any necessary
8 changes to the operations as needed.
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10 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

11 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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15 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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19 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board
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Student Activities Report
March 2020

Appreciating Individuality, Challenges and Excellence - The AICE club met on Mondays and pizza was provided. Future plans include an open house pizza and game day. AICE is looking into last year's budget overage and making a repayment plan. The current budget is approximately \$190 and about \$70 will be left after the pizza/game day. There were no Service Projects in February, but a food drive is being planned for March or April.

Audionauts - The Audionaut club met on the last Monday of February. A Vinyl game night was held in February. Pizza was provided and people brought their records and everyone enjoyed the food, music, games, and fellowship. A Student Showcase Concert is being planned for March.

Intervarsity – Intervarsity met on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in February. February events included weekly bible studies, a girls' night, a guys' night, and a worship night. Future events include bible studies, a worship night, a guys' night, a girls' night, and a beach party at the residence hall. Intervarsity had a Service Project event at the Lighthouse; there were 10 volunteers.

Phi Theta Kappa – PTK met on Tuesdays in February. In February PTK planned an open house/fellowship event which will happen on March 10th and an Induction Ceremony on April 9th. A Bingo Night at Immanuel Lutheran Communities was their February Service Project. Future plans are being discussed for a Fighting Hunger on Campus College Project and a Spring Clean Up day for some time in April.

Mask and Hammer - The Mask and Hammer club met every other Wednesday in February. February activities included a production of 'Photograph 51'. Three hundred people came to watch the show. A raffle was held for tickets for their next production "Anything Goes" and dinner. The raffle raised \$287. In March there will be rehearsals for 'Anything Goes' and the 'Life Boat Debate' will be held on March 20th. The Audionauts helped out the Columbia Falls Theatre club with their sound and sound equipment for their upcoming show 'The Wizard of Oz'.

Student Government - Student Government met every Tuesday in February. Student Government sponsored a Study Skill Seminar with 53 student attending. The changes to the Student Government Constitution were finalized. Trivia/Surveys have started and the first one had 19 respondents. The possibility of purchasing a charging station for the library has been discussed. Future plans include purchasing the charging station for the library, advertising and planning Student Government elections, advertising the Connection Board, co-sponsoring an employer panel, continuing trivia/surveys and making additional Bylaws and Constitution changes.

Campus Rec and Intramurals Sports – In February Campus Rec offered indoor soccer, volleyball, bowling, basketball and ski nights at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Upcoming events for March include an indoor cornhole tournament, Esports tournament, bowling, bingo, basketball, volleyball and dodgeball. Intramurals continues to use Stillwater Christian School for their gym nights and as the spring weather improves more outdoor sports and activities will be added to the

1 calendar of events.
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3 **Student Wellness Team** – In February, The Student Wellness Team hosted the following events:
4 The Self Care Fair provided information on Community Resources, offered Self Care DIY
5 stations to encourage students to learn about self-care. Threw with Chew to educate students on
6 the effects of smokeless tobacco. Dip this not that provided veggies, chips and dips to help
7 students learn about the effects of smokeless tobacco. A Table Talk Event to discuss a variety of
8 health topics, and the Healthy Relationship Workshop to talk to students about healthy
9 relationships and bystander interventions.

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11 **Student Engagement** – In February Student Engagement had several Service Learning
12 Workshops to help students understand the Service learning and volunteering opportunities
13 available. An Opportunity Fair where a small group of local employers and campus partners were
14 offering part-time employment and volunteer opportunities to the students. The Senior Institute
15 started on February 14th and was well attended, lunch was provided before the seniors went to
16 their classes. Dreamville University replaced the Suessville University and was attended by 8
17 second-grade classes from the local schools.

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**Faculty Activity Report
March 2020**

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Eliza Thomas - Assistant Professor – Education Program

7 The Early Childhood Education program and Student Engagement recently hosted DREAMville
8 at FVCC. Approximately 200 local 2nd graders came to campus to experience lessons centered
9 around 2nd grade content standards through Diversity, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math.

10 View the [Google Slide presentation here](#).

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Laura Van De Kop - Professor - Math

13 Laura VanDeKop (along with Dr. Jane Karas and Dr. Chris Clouse) went to the DREAM2020
14 (Achieving the Dream) conference in National Harbor, MD, February 18-21, and attended
15 sessions on improving equity and student success.

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Nicole Sanford - Associate Professor - Music

18 The University of Montana Chamber Chorale, under the director of Dr. Coreen Duffy, performed
19 in a concert with the FVCC Choral Ensemble and the Vocal FVCC Ensemble on Wednesday,
20 February 26 on the FVCC campus. It was a great success and very inspirational for the students.

21 The Vocal FVCC Ensemble performed at Whitefish High School recently and did a little
22 recruiting to their mixed choir.
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