

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, March 18, 2019 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 18, 2019, 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 Stephanie Wallace Callie Langohr
15 Kelly Stimpson
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17 Trustees Mark Holston participated via conference phone. Also present were President Jane
18 Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District. Trustee Peter Akey was absent with prior Board
19 approval. Trustee Lyle Mitchell was absent.
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21 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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23 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

24 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 25,
25 2019

26 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – April 22, 2019
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28 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under
29 Section III, Consent Items-Action. Trustee Stephanie Wallace seconded the motion. The
30 motion carried unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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32 **IV. REPORTS/COMMENTS**

33 **A. Students**

34 **1. Student Activities Report**

35 Emily Scallen Student Engagement, presented the Board with a review of
36 the student activities report, please see Attachment I. In addition to the submitted written report,
37 Emily noted that the Welding Club, a new student club started meeting.
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39 **B. Faculty**

40 **1. Faculty Activities Report**

41 Dr. Heather Estrada presented the Board with the faculty activities report,
42 please see Attachment II.
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44 **C. Monthly Reports**

45 **1. Executive Staff Activities Report**

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

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2 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**
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4 **A. Student Success: Accreditation Update**

5 Dr. Jessica Hopkins, was in attendance to give the Board an update on
6 accreditation. Dr. Hopkins updated the Board on the current accreditation process and presented
7 the board with an Accreditation Cycle Information sheet. The sheet provided an updated and
8 review of the college’s mission, core themes and strategic plan goals.
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10 **B. Foundation Year End Report**

11 Colleen Unterreiner, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement, presented the
12 Board with the Foundation year-end report. It was reported that the Foundation awarded over
13 \$1,000,000 through 1,000 scholarships last year. The Foundation received \$250,000 through the
14 annual fund last year and currently holds assets in the amount of \$28,000,000. Work continues
15 on the ONE Campaign. The campaign has currently raised \$17,200,000. Colleen thanked the
16 Board and President Karas for their continued support of the Foundation and thanked her talented
17 staff for all their hard work and dedication in helping foster the Foundation’s great success.
18 President Karas acknowledge all the hard work of Colleen and her staff.
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20 **C. Pharmacy Technology CTS Program Deletion**

21 During its February 28, 2019 meeting, Curriculum Committee voted to delete the
22 Pharmacy Technology CTS Program due to low interest from students and employers, and no
23 enrollment in the program. Following review and discussion, Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved
24 that the Board of Trustees approve the deletion of the Pharmacy Technology CTS Program.
25 Trustee Callie Langohr seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
26 unanimously with five (5) “yes” votes.
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28 **D. Resolution 18-10, Intention to Grant Easements to the City of Kalispell**

29 The Board was presented with Resolution 18-10, Intention to Grant Easements to the City of
30 Kalispell for the Grandview Drive Improvement Project. The Easements have been reviewed by
31 legal counsel. Following review and discussion of resolution 18-10, Trustee Mark Holston
32 moved that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution 18-10, Intention to Grant Easements to the
33 City of Kalispell for the Grandview Drive Improvement Project. Trustee Stephanie Wallace
34 seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with five (5)
35 “yes” votes.
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37 **E. Resolution 18-11, Resolving to Sell Real Property Owned by the District**

38 The Board was presented with Resolution 18-11, Resolving to Sell Real Property
39 Owned by the District. The college has determined that 2.88 acres owned by FVCC immediately to
40 the east of Homewood Suites on the west side of the Hutton Ranch Road is unsuitable for college
41 purposes. Pursuant to MCA 20-6-604, The Board must adopt a resolution to sell this property
42 because it is undesirable. The resolution may not become effective until 14 days after notice of the
43 resolution is posted as required by law. Following review and discussion, Trustee Kelly Stimpson
44 moved that the Board approve Resolution, Resolving to Sell Real Property Owned by the District.
45 Trustee Mark Holston seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
46 unanimously with five (5) “yes” votes.
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2 **F. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

3 President Karas reviewed the Trustees' events calendar and noted that the next
4 regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, April 22, 2019. Spring Break will be the week of
5 March 25, there will be no classes but the college will be open. Commencement is scheduled for
6 Friday, May 17, and President Karas highly encouraged all Board members to attend. The annual
7 President's Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 16.
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9 **G. President's Update**

10 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 11 • President Karas shared that that she attended the most recent Board of
12 Regents meeting in Dillon, March 8-10.
- 13 • The Legislative Session continues to move forward. It was noted that
14 House Bill 2 continues to move quickly through the process.
- 15 • President Karas gave a brief update on the ONE Campaign. It was noted
16 that the campaign has raised \$17,200,000 to date and we continue to work
17 to raise the remaining \$800,000 to reach the fundraising goal of
18 \$18,000,000.
- 19 • President Karas shared the recent award the college received from the Boy
20 Scouts of America. FVCC was presented with the Tom Sliter Community
21 Partnership award.
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23 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

24 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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28 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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31 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board
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Student Activities Report
March 2019

Agape hosted a weekly prayer group, several bible studies, and 4 game nights during February.

Audionauts hosted an Open Mic session in the Eagle's Nest and two jam sessions in the practice room. They plan to continue hosting additional jam sessions and open mic sessions throughout the semester.

The **Campus Rec & Intramurals** program has had 259 participants to date. Night Skiing at Whitefish Mountain Resort was offered twice as well as ice skating, cross country skiing, volleyball, basketball and snow flag football. Students are enjoying the new activities being offered. As the snow melts, additional outdoor activities will be offered to students during spring semester.

Global Friends met every week for the Wednesday lunch social and had a group outing to the FVCC play Noises Off and two Honors Symposia. Global Friends also participated in the FVCC cross country outing.

Genders and Sexualities Alliance (GSA)

The GSA has been working to establish itself and is slowly building membership. The Co-Presidents have created an impressive psychoeducational club experience where each meeting offers some new information, such as LGBTQ+ terminology, relationship considerations, etc., and follows this "lesson" with open discussion and rapport-building. They have also surveyed membership to gain a better sense of club needs. Activities have thus far focused on meetings and slow recruitment of new members, and one "game day" was recently held. Plans are in the works for upcoming elections, trainings, collaboration with other GSAs in Montana, and Gay Pride events, including a potential visit to Missoula and UM's GSA Gay Pride celebration.

Student Government

During the month of February, Student Government was able to make good progress on several of their goals. First of all, they recruited several students in regards to joining Student Government: several of these students have since joined and the council now has every position filled! Several of these new students will be here next year, which is exciting for the group since all of the current officers will be graduating this semester. Student Government also developed a comprehensive survey to send out to the student population so the council will have solid statistics on which to base their project decisions next academic year. This survey will be distributed to all students within the next couple of weeks. Student Government is also in the process of deciding on allocations for all the clubs for the next academic term. This process is going smoothly and all clubs are actively participating in it. In addition, Student Government is actively working towards sponsoring an event later this semester that will feature a motivational/leadership skills speaker to help develop our student leaders on campus and hopefully encourage students who are not yet involved to do so. The students in Student Government are excited to continue to work towards creating a great learning environment for all students on campus.

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2 **Mask and Hammer** has been holding tech calls every Tuesday and Thursday. Noises Off was a
3 big hit in February with 6 performances.

4 **Student Engagement**

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6 Student volunteers completed 53 hours of service for Senior Institute in February. Students
7 helped setup, serve lunch, provide guidance, teardown and aid in the classrooms.

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9 Seussville University was a huge success with 181 second grade students in attendance from 5
10 local elementary schools. Students from the University of Montana Elementary Education 2+2
11 program led the stations with help from the Higher Math for K-8 Teachers class (M234). Service
12 learning students served a guides. A total of 97.75 volunteer hours were completed. For our 20th
13 Anniversary of Seussville, we hosted a screening of The Lorax on Saturday, March 2nd. The
14 movie was a success with 79 people in attendance. We received numerous positive comments
15 from community members and it was a great tie into the Free the Seeds event.

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17 A new welding club has been created. With approximately 25 members, the club's purpose is to
18 create more interest in and an understanding of the Welding Technology Trade, to encourage
19 individual professionalism that contributes to how the industry is perceived, and to promote
20 FVCC's Welding Trades Program and involvement in the community.

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22 The **Student Wellness Team** attended the Healthy Colleges Montanan Day of Action event in
23 Helena, MT on February 21-22, 2019. Students learned about policy advocacy and the [current](#)
24 [bills in session](#), chatted with Tobacco Prevention Specialists, planned for change on campus, and
25 met with Senator Regier.

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3 **Faculty Activity Report**
4 **March 2019**
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6 **Dave Dorsett - Surveying**

7 Dave Dorsett attended the Montana State Association of Registered Land Surveyors annual
8 conference in Billings along with six of his current students. Approximately fifty of the 270
9 attendees were current or former FVCC surveying students. Dorsett and FVCC grad Linda Smith
10 presented their half-day seminar “In Search of the Baptiste Mineral Surveys”.

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12 **Dr. Heather Estrada - Agriculture**

13 The Agriculture department sponsored the 4th annual Free the Seeds events workshop at FVCC
14 on March 2, 2019. Dr. Estrada assisted with the event and joined Dane Regan (Campus Farm
15 Manager) and two agriculture students at the trade show in a showcase of the FVCC Agriculture
16 program. The event was attended by over 900 community members, and was a great opportunity
17 for FVCC Ag students to talk about their program. Later that day, Dr. Estrada gave a presentation
18 on Teaching Agriculture in 2019 to the local chapter of the American Association of University
19 Women (AAUW). It was an honor to present to the group and represent FVCC in the
20 community.

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22 **Peter Fusaro - Director - Trades and Industrial Arts**

23 FVCC had 13 booths at the recent Making Montana Technology Expo and Faire held on
24 February 15 and 16, 2019. Over 2,500 students, parents, and community members attended the
25 two day event. The event allowed FVCC to showcase their departments, connect with students
26 and manufacturers, and inspire people of all ages. The following FVCC departments participated
27 in the event:

- 28 ● Agriculture
- 29 ● Culinary
- 30 ● Electrical Technology
- 31 ● Electronics Technology – Programmable Logic Controllers
- 32 ● Industrial Machine Technology – 3D Printing
- 33 ● Industrial Machine Technology – CNC machining
- 34 ● Manufacturing
- 35 ● Maker Lab
- 36 ● Welding – Nondestructive Testing
- 37 ● Natural Resources
- 38 ● Electronics – Solar Energy
- 39 ● Surveying
- 40 ● Welding Fabrication

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42 **Dr. Shannon Hayashi - Program Director - Culinary Institute of Montana**

43 Chef Shannon Hayashi is going to Judge the Pro-Start Invitational High School Culinary
44 Competition at Montana State University, March 9th.

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47 **Connie Hitchcock - Business**

1 Connie reports that this year's Senior Institute has approximately 260 students, with 18 classes.
2 There are four brand new classes this year...Bridging the Generation Gap: Developmental
3 Psychology in Dialogue; Creating Art with Euclidean Geometry; Shakespeare; and Early
4 Travelers to Regions of Yellowstone, Glacier, and Canada's Mountain National Parks. Among
5 the popular returning classes, we have Geology, Birds of Northwest Montana, Rocky Mountain
6 Flora, Topics and Trends in American Indian Country Today, as well as several in the arts and
7 activities areas. Special programs during lunch this year, all presented by our full time faculty,
8 include Lowell Jaeger (Montana Poet Laureate), Rob Bauer, Christina Relyea and Tim Eichner,
9 and Nicole Sanford and Wai Mizutani. Senior Institute began February 15 and runs through
10 March 22.

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12 **Dr. Amy Pearson– Communication**

13 Dr. Pearson, in service with the Montana Wilderness Association (MWA), took part in the MWA
14 backcountry film festival in Whitefish and raised money for their scholarship program, which
15 Amy chairs. The MWA is gearing up to offer more scholarships for FVCC students this year.
16 Amy also taught a session on Public Speaking for FVCC staff Professional Development.

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18 **Eliza Thomas - Early Childhood Education**

19 Can you hear me now? Well, you can certainly hear better thanks to a Foundation Grant to
20 upgrade the microphones and listening devices at the ECC. The observation rooms are such a
21 great way to see children in their "habitat" (aka their classrooms) and now observers will have an
22 easier time honing in on specific interactions.

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24 Eliza Thomas was recently accepted into an Education Doctoral Program in Literacy. She will
25 do this as a "robot" throughout the year with only a few on campus requirements. She is very
26 excited and eager to apply her new learning to two of her courses at FVCC - Lit and Literacy for
27 Young Children and Children's Literature (for elementary teachers).

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29 The University of Montana 2+2 Elementary Education students recently taught lessons as
30 Peterson Elementary's STEAM Day and FVCC's Seussville. The new cohort will be announced
31 to students soon, but the rumor is there will be twelve participants - up from five this year.

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33 Finally, the Early Childhood Department will host its second Professional Learning Community
34 meeting for early childhood educators and kindergarten teachers in the valley. They will be
35 working on transition tools to support children moving from childcare centers like the ECC into
36 Kindergarten.

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38 **Dr. Laura VanDeKop - Mathematics**

39 The 4th annual MCTM (MT Council of Teachers of Mathematics) math contest for local middle
40 and high school students was hosted by FVCC on Tuesday, March 12. A total of 419 students
41 registered to take math tests for fun and scholarship.

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