

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, March 20, 2017 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 20, 2017, in the Board Room of Blake Hall/SCA 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 Tom McElwain Jeremy Presta
15 Callie Langohr Mark Holston
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17 Trustees Thomas Harding and Kelly Stimpson were absent with prior Board approval.
18 Trustee Tom McElwain attended via conference phone. Also present were President Jane Karas and
19 Monica Settles, Clerk of the District.
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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 27,
25 2017.
26 **B.** Recommendation that the Board of Trustees accept the Monthly Human Resources
27 Report as submitted.
28 **C.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – Tuesday, April 25, 2017
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30 Trustee Mark Holston moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, B, & C
31 Under Section III, Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Callie Langohr seconded the motion. The
32 motion carried unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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34 **IV. COMMENTS**

35 **A. Students**
36 **Campus Recreation**

37 Campus Rec hosted the last ski night March 3rd, which was well attended. Along with ski
38 nights, indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball, cosmic bowling, bingo, gaming tournaments and
39 indoor rock climbing have been offered to students since the start of the semester. Activities are
40 held at: Stillwater Christian School gym, Rockfish Fitness Center, Pick's Bowling Center,
41 Montana Indoor Sports and in the FVCC Student Lounge and Eagles Nest. There have been 251
42 participants in the program to date, and 55 pounds of food have been donated to the Flathead
43 Valley Food Bank this semester.

44 **Audionauts**

45 The Audionaut's jam sessions have been successful. In addition, they have scheduled three Open
46 Mic sessions for this spring: March 21, April 11, and May 2. They are excited to tryout their new
47 PA system and have the opportunity perform in the Eagles Nest.

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2 **Phi Theta Kappa**

3 Phi Theta Kappa members have been focusing this past month on their fellowship and
4 service activities. They attended Campus Recreation's Bingo Night and volunteered at the Mini
5 Makers Faire. On March 8th they hosted a scholarship workshop for members.

6 **Interclub Council (Student Government)**

7 The Interclub Council held their second meeting on February 27. They worked together
8 to finalize the 2017-18 allocations requests from student organizations. They did a great job of
9 trimming out over \$11,000 in requested funds to balance their budget. Their next meeting is
10 March 13th at 2:30.

11 **Student Government**

12 Student Government approved the Interclub Council's (ICC) recommendation to release
13 Spring 2017 allocation funds to active student organizations. Also, they approved the ICC's
14 recommendation for the 2017-18 allocations. Student Government is hosting Around the World
15 in 90 Minutes with Marty Essen on March 10th.

16 **Tobacco Free Task Force**

17 The Task Force has been busy planning a "Kick Butts Day" event to take place on
18 campus Wednesday, March 15th. Their goal is to remind the college community that FVCC is a
19 tobacco free campus and provide a wide variety of resource information.

20 **Global Friends**

21 Global Friends meets every Friday at Noon in the Eagle's Nest. They are hosting a European
22 Film Festival this spring. The second movie in the series: The Class (France,2008), was held on
23 March 3rd. They had a great turn out with several Senior Institute students in attendance. The
24 final movie, Two Lives (Germany and Norway, 2012) will be held on March 24th in AT 144 at 3
25 pm.

26 **Veterans Association**

27 The Veterans Association has been moving forward with plans to have a monument on campus.
28 A Veterans Center open house is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, from 10-2. Free chili will
29 be provided.

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31 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

32 **Laura VandeKop** – The Math Dept is hosting the NW Regional MCTM (MT Council of
33 Teachers of Mathematics) math contest for local middle and high school students for the 2nd time
34 Thursday, 3/16. We have about 450 students registered from 19 different schools in the valley
35 and outside area (I think Libby is sending students).

36 **Julie Robertson** - The PTA program hosted a continuing education course for physical
37 therapists over the weekend of March 3 – 5 in the Physical Therapist Assistant classroom. Janice
38 Heil, PTA Program director and I both attended. The Spinal Mobilization and Manipulation
39 course, offered by Orthopedic Physical Therapy Specialists, L.L.C., attracted 18 physical
40 therapists from across the state and provided an opportunity for us to informally introduce FVCC
41 and PTA program to many physical therapists who were not yet familiar with the program. The
42 course was excellent and well-received by the participants.

43 **Dave Dorsett** - along with seven current surveying students, attended the Montana
44 Registered Land Surveyors Association (MARLS) annual conference in Bozeman for three days
45 in February. A total of 41 of Dave's students were in attendance. Of the 250 surveyors and
46 technicians in attendance, approximately 80 were FVCC surveying grads. Also, 1995 graduate

1 Tom Stark was awarded “outstanding surveyor” for 2016. As FVCC celebrates its 50th year, it
2 can be noted that the Surveying Program has been here 47 of those years.

3 **Nichole Sanford** - Bye Bye Birdie rehearsals have been going well. Pit orchestra has
4 about 9 instrumentalists with a mix of Running Start, college, faculty, and the community
5 involved. There were about 35 people who auditioned
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7 **C. Monthly Reports**

8 **1. Executive Staff Activities Report**

9 The Board of Trustees thanked the Executive Staff for their informative
10 reports. Trustees noted all the hard work faculty and staff do every day to continue to make
11 FVCC an amazing place for students.
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13 **D. Commissioner of Higher Education Report**

14 Erik Rose, Compliance and Workforce Data Analysis, from the Commissioner’s
15 office updated the Board on Montana University System’s (MUS) Corequisite Design Initiative.
16 Mr. Rose noted that most students who are placed in remedial math or English courses don’t go
17 on to complete their college gateway courses. Roughly only 1 in 10 students who place in
18 remedial algebra course goes on to earn a postsecondary degree or certificate. The MUS wants to
19 help students in remediation courses be successful and go on to complete their degrees. The idea
20 behind replacing prerequisite remediation with corequisite remediation (a support class offered
21 concurrently with the college level course instead of before it), is to shorten the time to degree
22 and greater student success in gateway courses. This also helps with retention and graduation
23 rates. The Montana University System has committed to scaling corequisite design by Fall 2018
24 for students who would have normally been placed into remedial math or English courses. It was
25 noted that Flathead Valley Community College is already ahead of the curve as it has already
26 implemented shortened prerequisites in math and half of gateway English courses have
27 corequisites. The Montana University System will host three Corequisite Design work sessions
28 during the week of April 17-21 to help institutions in recognizing strategies to scale corequisite
29 remediation across the Montana University System.
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31 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

32 **A. Student Success: Art Department Update**

33 David Regan, Associate Professor, Art, presented the Board with an Art
34 Department Update. The Foundation at FVCC awarded \$48,520 to FVCC faculty and staff on
35 innovative projects that will shift learning experiences for its students. The Art Department was
36 awarded one of these mini grants for an outdoor salt kiln. Ceramics students have helped build
37 an outdoor kiln utilizing special bricks that allow for salt firing, a process that produces beautiful
38 atmospheric results. Salt firing is a vapor-glazing process where salt is introduced into the kiln
39 firebox at high temperatures. The project also coordinated with occupational trades students who
40 helped construct the frame of the kiln. Professor Regan noted that using a salt kiln is an option
41 that isn’t readily available to a lot of ceramists or potters, so students will be given a unique
42 opportunity and new learning experience with the new salt kiln. In addition, Professor Regan
43 also noted the upcoming 50th Anniversary Alumni Art Show and auction event. An opening
44 reception for FVCC alumni artists will be held on May 4, at the Hockaday Museum of Art. The
45 work from several FVCC alumni will be on display for one month and then the artwork will
46 return to FVCC where a special art auction will be held.
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2 **B. Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 60, Discrimination, Harassment,**
3 **Sexual Misconduct, Stalking and Retaliation Policy (Second Reading)**

4 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Sections 60, Discrimination,
5 Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking and Retaliation Policy (Second Reading). Mark
6 Holston moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 60,
7 Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking and Retaliation Policy (Second
8 Reading). Jeremy Presta seconded the motion. Upon further discussion, President Karas noted
9 that the only changes made to the policy are those agreed upon by the Board at the first reading
10 on February 27, 2017. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with five (5)
11 “yes” votes.

12 **C. Board Policy, Chapter X, Institutional Advancement and Fundraising,**
13 **Sections 10, 20, and 30 (Second Reading)**

14 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter X, Institutional
15 Advancement and Fundraising, Sections 10, 20, and 30 (Second Reading). Jeremy Presta moved
16 that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter X, Institutional Advancement and
17 Fundraising, Sections 10, 20, and 30 (Second Reading). Tom McElwain seconded the motion.
18 With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with five (5) “yes” votes.

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20 **D. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

21 President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ events calendar and noted that the college
22 will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary with a Founders Day Celebration that will be held on
23 April 7 followed by the Golden Anniversary Gala on April 8. The April Board meeting has been
24 moved to Tuesday, April 25, due to scheduling conflicts. Commencement is scheduled for
25 Friday, May 12, all Trustees are encouraged to attend.

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27 **E. President’s Update**

28 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

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- 30 • President Karas provided an in-depth Legislative Session update to the
31 Board. President Karas updated the Board on HB2, and HB462. It was
32 also noted that HB232 has been through the both the house and the senate
33 and signed by the Governor.
 - 34 • The Board of Regents met in Helena March 8-10. During the meeting
35 much discussion took place on potential budget cuts that the University
36 System will be facing.
 - 37 • Student Housing continues to move forward as scheduled, with expected
38 move-in dates for students to be in mid-August. Fifty applications have
39 been received so far with 2/3 of those coming from students who are out of
40 district. A tour of student housing for the Board and community will be
41 set up at a later date.
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1 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

2 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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6 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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9 Mark Holston, Secretary to the Board

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