

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2016, 3:45 p.m.
Board Room - Blake Hall/SCA Building

A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened at 3:45 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2016, in the Board Room of Blake Hall/SCA 140/144.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Thomas Harding	Kelly Stimpson	Tom McElwain
Jeremy Presta	Callie Langohr	Mark Holston

Also present were President Jane Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on February 22, 2016
- B. Recommendation that the Board of Trustees accept the Monthly Human Resources Report as submitted.
- C. Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – April 25, 2016

Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, B, & C Under Section II, Consent Agenda-Action. Mark Holston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with seven (7) "yes" votes.

IV. COMMENTS

A. Students

1. Student Activities Report

The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board as a written report.

- Student Government welcomed five new members this past month. Two Food for Thought tables were set up to collect information from students on various topics. They have moved forward with their plans for the FVCC's Got Talent Show to take place on Friday, April 8. The student organization allocations process was a success and the 2016-17 budget requests have been approved.
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) hosted several campus tours and workshops this past month with 42 students in attendance. Three students will be attending the Greater Northwest Region Phi Theta Kappa Conference in Tacoma, WA on March 18-20. The officers have hosted two member orientations this past month with the PTK Spring Induction Ceremony set for April 14th at 6 p.m. in AT 139.

B. Faculty and Staff

1. Faculty Activities Report

Dr. Gregg Davis, Faculty Senate Vice-President presented the Board with the Faculty Activities Report.

- **Jean Barragan**, Adjunct Professor of Education, has been inspired by the plethora of Republican and Democratic debates to run for Montana House District #11, which includes Lakeside, Somers and Kila.
- **Dr. Robert Bauer**, Associate Professor of History, completed two “Lightning Sessions” which demonstrate how to use volumes of information to remember key themes and key points, as well as the role of highlighting subject matter to improve reading comprehension. Lightning Sessions are 5-minute tutorials on a broad range of topics students can use on an inter-disciplinary basis.
- **Janice Heil**, Associate Professor and Program Director, Physical Therapy Assistant Program, along with **Julie Robertson**, Associate Professor and Physical Therapy Assistant, attended the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections meeting in Anaheim, California February 18-21, 2016. Funded by the Perkins grant, Janice and Julie were able to attend the largest national physical therapy conference in the U.S. to learn about management of lower back pain, concussion rehabilitation, pediatric posture control, electrotherapeutic modalities, and clinical practice guidelines for the management of diabetic ulcers.
- **Dr. Don Hickethier**, Professor of Math, is to be commended for hosting over 300 junior-high and high school students on campus March 7th. FVCC hosted the Montana Council of Teachers of Mathematics math contest. The entire FVCC Math department, FVCC Intramurals and FVCC Ambassadors pitched in as approximately 375 students from grades 7-12 took a series of math tests on a variety of topics. This was the first time the math contest has been in the Flathead Valley since Fred and Karen Longhart hosted the event back when they taught at Flathead High School. **Laura VanDeKop**, Associate Professor of Math, worked with Don and Mr. Peter Musick at Kalispell Middle School, Mrs. Janet Espeseth and Mr. Brad Holloway at Glacier High School in planning the event. The contest was funded through an FVCC Foundation enhancement grant which enabled FVCC to purchase t-shirts and provide snacks for a hospitality room for all the teachers accompanying their students.
- **Laura VanDeKop** reports that the Math Department held its annual Pi Day celebration on Monday, 3-14-16. It was noted that pi rounded (3.1415926535) is 3.1416 (3/14/16). The Math Department also had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest art project, a large wall graphic in Ross Hall. They also served “pie” immediately after the ribbon cutting ceremony in Blake Hall.
- **Dorothy Hintz**, Professor of English and Humanities, along with **Chad Shilling**, Associate Professor of Business, attended the Instructional Technology Council 2016 eLearning conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.
- **Dr. Ivan Lorentzen**, Professor of Psychology, reports that the first three lectures of this year’s Honors Symposium Lecture Series have broken attendance records averaging 375 attendees for each evenings lecture. This year’s Honors Symposium Lecture Series is entitled “Dividing Lines: Why Good People are Divided by Politics, Religion, Race and Gender.” All lectures are free and open to the public.

- **Dr. Amatzya Mezahav**, Associate Professor of Sociology, attended the Teaching and Learning conference of the American Political Science Association in Portland, Oregon. Next month Ami will attend the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Oakland, California.
- **Dawn Rauscher**, Associate Professor of Computer Applications, presented at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy at Virginia Tech, along with co-presenter Gretchen Thomas, a professor at The University of Georgia. The session engaged participants in small group discussions on teaching strategies that support learning.
- **Dr. Christina Relyea**, Associate Professor of Natural Resources, and Director of the FVCC Honors Program, has been appointed to the Two-Year College Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council for the term January 2016 to December 2018.

C. **Monthly Reports**

1. **Executive Staff Activities Report**

The Board of Trustees thanked the Executive Staff for their informative reports. Trustees noted all the hard work faculty and staff do every day to continue to make FVCC an amazing place for students.

D. **Commissioner of Higher Education Report**

John Cech, Deputy Commissioner, Academic and Student Affairs, presented the Board with an update from the Commissioner's office. Deputy Commissioner Cech noted that many of the two-year college CEOs and leaders will be in Helena for a day long retreat and will discuss ideas on how to engage adult learners across the state. In addition, Deputy Commissioner Cech updated the Board on continued work with the MT Department of Labor and Industry's (DLI) and Montana University System's (MUS) Driven Workforce Development Partnership. Deputy Commissioner Cech also recognized FVCC students, Jeshua Glascock and Heidi Fleury for making Montana's All Star Community College/Two-Year College 2016 All Academic Team.

V. **COLLEGE ISSUES**

A. **Student Success: Developmental Math Sequence Update**

Laura VanDeKop, Associate Professor, Math, and Erin Wenner, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, presented the Board with an update on the developmental math sequence. The FVCC Foundational Math Lab is providing ways for students to work through their math requirements without having to take multiple semesters of pre-college level math classes before they can enter into their required college level math classes. The new sequence and math lab are creating a way for students to move through any developmental classes in less time by offering simultaneous classes that can be completed in the same semester and at the students pace. The students are required to spend additional time in the math lab where they can receive peer support and constant faculty support if needed. The new developmental math sequence and requirements help students become introduced to different teaching styles, as faculty are required to spend a certain amount of time in the lab, and most students are able to find a faculty member or teaching style that helps them understand math on their own terms. Starting this fall, FVCC will be changing its math sequence to help students be more successful in their particular chosen path of study. Students who might be Science, Technology,

Engineering and Math (STEM) majors will need different math classes than those students who are non-STEM majors and thus not require the same amount or level of math courses. The math department has worked on a new math sequence that will allow these STEM majors, who will require more math classes, and non-STEM majors, who may not require as many math courses, to choose the classes or path, in math, that will help them be more successful in completing their education.

B. Board Policy, Chapter VI, Human Resources, Section 30, Conflict of Interest (Second Reading)

The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter VI, Human Resources, Section 30, Conflict of Interest (Second Reading). Following additional review after the first reading, President Karas noted only a minor change to include those who may belong to professional organizations in connection with their employment. Thomas Harding moved that the Board approve the second reading as presented of Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 10, Admissions. Jeremy Presta seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Tom McElwain called for the question. The motion carried unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

C. Trustees Events Calendar

President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar and noted the upcoming Festival of Flavors dinner, New York, New York, on April 7, the American Association of Community Colleges annual conference will be held in Chicago April 8-12 and several staff will be attending. The April Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 25. Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 20, and all Trustees are encouraged to plan to attend.

D. President’s Update

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- President Karas reported that the college is continuing to move forward with student housing. A committee from the college has been meeting several times a week with CTA, as the design phase of student housing continues. The location of student housing has been designated and will be located just west of the Occupational Trades Building. This location was chosen for its proximity to the main area of campus and accessibility to restaurants, shopping and entertainment. Also, the location will allow the project to be built into the already existing utilities (water, sewer, electrical) access.
- Christina Relyea, Associate Professor, Natural Resources,
- The March Board of Regents meeting was recently held in Dillon on March 3-4. Several staff attended the meeting.
- Montana State, Bozeman, is looking at possibly expanding its four year nursing program to be offered in the Flathead Valley and could create a partnership with FVCC to offer their program. This would be a great opportunity for place bound students to be able to earn a four year nursing degree without having to leave the valley.
- The 7th Annual FVCC Alumni and Friends Luncheon was recently held on

March 9. During the luncheon the Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Jesse Mahugh. The Distinguished Alumni Award is given to an individual whose career achievements, service to others, and his passion for FVCC rise above the rest. Mr. Mahugh graduated from FVCC in 2004, where he served as Student Government President from 2002-2003. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Montana. More than 100 people attended the luncheon, which also included a presentation about FVCC's Running Start Program for high school students.

- The American Council on Education recently held its annual meeting in San Francisco. President Karas was able to attend this meeting that provided insight to all the changes that are occurring in higher education and gain additional knowledge on leadership in education.
- President Karas spoke at the March 15th Kalispell Chamber Luncheon. President Karas was able to give an update on student housing and give an update on the college. Mark Flatau, Superintendent, School District 5, also presented during the luncheon.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

Mark Holston, Secretary to the Board