

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, May 20 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, May 20, 2019, 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 Peter Akey Kelly Stimpson Stephanie Wallace
15 Callie Langohr Lyle Mitchell
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17 Trustee Mark Holston participated via conference call. Also present were President Jane
18 Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District.
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20 **A. Oath of Office**

21 The Clerk of the District administered the "Oath of Office" to Shannon Lund and
22 Mark Holston and requested their signatures on the "Certificate of Election" form.
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24 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**

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26 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

27 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on April 22, 2019

28 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – June 24, 2019
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30 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, & B Under Section
31 II, Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. The motion carried
32 unanimously with seven (7) "yes" votes.
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34 **IV. COMMENTS**

35 **A. Students**

36 **1. Student Activities Report**

37 The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board as a written report (Please see
38 Attachment I).
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40 **B. Faculty**

41 **1. Faculty Activities Report**

42 Faculty member Rich Haptonstall presented the Board with the Faculty Activities Report (see
43 Attachment II).
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45 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

46 The Board of Trustees thanked the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
47 Trustees and President Karas noted all the hard work faculty and staff do every day to continue to

1 make FVCC an amazing place for students.

3 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

4 **A. Student Success: Logger Sports Update**

5 Annie Beall and Amber Larsen (student) presented the Board with an update on
6 Logger Sports. 2018-2019 was the 48th season for the FVCC Logger Sports team at FVCC.
7 Logger Sports test the competency of participants in a variety of events, such as, ax throw,
8 burling, climbing and cross cut saws. During the year there were a total of 26 team members.
9 The team competed in several competitions this year to include; the Idaho Lumberjack Classic,
10 FVCC Stumpjumper Days, the home competition and placed first, the 80th Annual Association of
11 Western Forestry Clubs Conclave and the University of Montana's Pro-Am Competition, placing
12 first as a team. In addition to the main competitions throughout the year, Logger Sports
13 participates in many hours of community service outside of their schooling and competing. The
14 team participated in the recent Family Forestry Expo by providing its annual grandstand show
15 and offering various educational stations as part of its commitment to community service.

16 17 **B. Student Success: Online Education Update**

18 Dr. Chris Clouse, provided the Board with an update on online education.
19 Recently the college has looked at its online educational opportunities. An online education task
20 force was created to review the current online education option at the college and to provide
21 feedback on ways to improve with online education, offerings and delivery. Following a
22 thorough review the committee's main recommendation is that the college become an approved
23 SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) institution in the state of Montana. SARA
24 policies and standards make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary
25 institutions amongst other schools in their state or to take online courses offered by
26 postsecondary institutions in a state other than where one resides. In addition, the committee
27 recommends having co-chairs of the committee, consisting of a faculty member and an
28 instructional technologist. As online enrollment continues to grow, the college will continue to
29 reassess and reevaluate its online education platform and offerings. In Spring 2016, the college
30 offered 80 online course offerings with 839 students enrolled in at least one online course.
31 During the past semester, Spring 2019, the college offered 60 online courses with 899 (an
32 increase of 60 students) students enrolled in at least one online course. As online enrollment
33 continues to grow, the college will continue to reassess and reevaluate its online education
34 platform and offerings. The Board did pledge their full support to help in any way possible so
35 that the college can adopt SARA policies and standards (best practices in in distance education).

36 37 **C. Achieving the Dream**

38 President Karas noted that FVCC has received one-time only State funds. The
39 college would like to plan to use a portion of the funds to join Achieving the Dream (ATD) to
40 assist the college in instituting transformative change and better meet its mission and strategic
41 goals. Joining the ATD network will provide FVCC with data based resources and access to best
42 practices to improve its services to students to improve their success in academic endeavors and
43 in program completion. ATD will help FVCC implement strategies for improving student
44 success and closing achievement gaps. With the support from the ATD Network and coaches,
45 FVCC will increase retention, persistence, and completion rates. In addition, the goal is to help
46 more students earn postsecondary credentials, including occupational certificates and degrees.
47 One of the requirements of the application process for ATD is a statement of commitment from

1 the Board of Trustees. Following discussion, the Board agreed to providing a statement of
2 commitment and would provide any and all support necessary moving forward.

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4 **D. Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020**

5 The Board was presented with the Board meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2020.
6 President Karas noted that should any dates need to be changed in the future adjustments can be
7 made and noticed as required. Trustee Mark Holston moved that the Board approve the Board
8 meeting schedule for Fiscal Year 2020 as presented. Trustee Kelly Stimpson seconded the
9 motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with seven (7), “yes” votes.

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11 **E. Trustees Events Calendar**

12 President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar and noted that the Ribbon
13 Cutting ceremony for the new Library and Learning commons will take place on June 6 at 4:00
14 pm. The next Board of Regents meeting is scheduled for May 22 and 24 in Great Falls. The
15 next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24.

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17 **F. President’s Update**

18 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 19 • The college provided an appreciation luncheon for all employees on Wednesday,
20 May 8.
- 21 • The President’s Dinner was held on Thursday, May 16, with a great turnout and
22 exceptional student stories and the life changing Transformation Scholarships
23 presented.
- 24 • The nursing pinning ceremony and graduation was held on Friday, May 17, at
25 2:00 pm in the Arts and Technology Building. Fourteen nurses were pinned
26 during the ceremony.
- 27 • FVCC graduated its 51st class on Friday, May 17. The ceremony was once again
28 held on the campus lawn. FVCC recognized 363 students for completing
29 graduation requirements. The featured speaker was community member Paul
30 Wachholz.

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32 **VI. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

33 **A. Appoint Board Members to Positions of Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair and**
34 **Secretary to the Board**

35 Chairperson Lund called for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees and opened
36 the meeting to nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that
37 the Board of Trustees appoint Shannon Lund as Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Peter Akey
38 seconded the motion. With no other nominations, the motion to appoint Shannon Lund as
39 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees carried with seven (7) “yes” votes.

40 Chairperson Lund called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the
41 Board of Trustees. Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Callie
42 Langohr as Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. With no
43 other nominations, the motion to appoint Callie Langohr for the position of Vice-Chairperson of
44 the Board carried with seven (7) “yes” votes.

45 Chairperson Lund called for nominations for the position of Secretary to the Board.
46 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Kelly Stimpson as Secretary to
47 the Board. Trustee Pete Akey seconded the motion. With no other nominations, the motion to

1 appoint Kelly Stimpson as Secretary to the Board of Trustees carried with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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3 **B. Appoint a Clerk of the District**

4 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees reappoint Monica Settles as Clerk of
5 the District. Trustee Stephanie Wallace seconded the motion. With no other appointees, the
6 motion carried unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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9 **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10 Chairperson Lund thanked everyone for attending and inquired whether or not there was
11 any other discussion before the Board convened into an Executive Session. There being no
12 further discussion, he announced the Board would enter into an Executive Session to discuss the
13 evaluation of the President and it was determined that the demand of individual privacy clearly
14 exceeded the merits of public disclosure and therefore she would close the meeting. The meeting
15 was closed at 4:22 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 4:30 p.m. Following the reconvening of
16 the meeting, Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Emeritus
17 recommendations submitted and honor Sue Justis with Emeritus distinction. Trustee Callie
18 Langohr seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with
19 seven (7) “yes” votes.

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21 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

22 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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27 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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30 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board

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3 **Student Activities Report**
4 **May 2019**
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6 **AGAPE** hosted a BBQ and volleyball event at Founders Hall.
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8 **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society** hosted their induction ceremony on April 18th and welcomed
9 34 new members this semester. They ended the school year with a fellowship event at Lawrence
10 Park for all members.
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12 **Student Government** hosted an escape room on campus with great success. Their spring
13 election and BBQ provided over 200 burgers to students and employees. With new officers in
14 place, they have started planning for 2019-20.
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16 The **Student Wellness Team** had a busy month. They hosted a Truth or Dare event in Founders
17 Hall that provided information on the effects of e-cigarettes and JUUL use. On April 10, a Fun
18 Run & Walk was held on campus with 43 participants. Participants received a free infuser water
19 bottle and learned about the importance of exercise and drinking water. Stress Less Day was a
20 big hit again this year with free massages, therapy dogs, crafts, chocolate fountain and more.
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22 **Campus Rec and Intramurals** wrapped up the year with 302 unique participants. Students
23 enjoyed a wide variety of activities including multiple sports, a Griz football game, a haunted
24 theme park, video game tournaments, paintball and laser tag. Campus Rec will continue to offer
25 outdoor trips throughout the summer and will begin regular programming during Week of
26 Welcome in the Fall.
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28 **Student Engagement** wrapped up the year with a successful leadership program and recognized
29 36 student leaders. Service projects for the Summer Experience program and planning for Week
30 of Welcome activities are underway.
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4 **Faculty Activity Report**
5 **May 2019**
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7 **Dr. Stephanie Paidas - Psychology**

8 Stephanie Paidas has been working with students in her Developmental Psychology classes to
9 engage in Service Learning this semester. Students have volunteered a minimum of 15 hours in
10 various community organizations, including local schools, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted
11 living facilities, CASA and the Center for Restorative Youth Justice (CRY-J), and FVCC's Early
12 Childhood Center, Seussville University, and Senior Institute. These experiences help bring
13 developmental science content alive for students, and also meet community needs for more
14 support in these areas. A few of these placements are leading to job opportunities for students!
15 Stephanie has also been supporting a student this semester in an internship focused on
16 developmental issues like speech pathology. This student has created an educational resource as
17 her final project that she will be donating to local speech pathologists and which can be given to
18 families struggling with developmental auditory issues.
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20 **Dr. Amy Pearson- Communication**

21 In April, Amy hosted the Many Voices Speech Symposium: Survival Stories. Eight FVCC
22 students from across disciplines spoke about overcoming challenges. Three were awarded
23 Foundation funds. Mia Kelso was the winner. Student Luke Dowler played music. Jesse
24 Mahugh gave the keynote. Approx 150 people from the community were in attendance.
25 Amy and FVCC English faculty Conrad Rauscher performed in three shows in the 10-Minute
26 Play Festival this month, cast and directed by FVCC Theatre students.
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28 **Amy Chisholm - Adjunct Faculty - Music**

29 Amy performed as part of a quartet of area professional-level singers at the concert on May 9th at
30 FHS, which was a fundraiser for a new piano. The quartet sang a set of Brahms waltzes.
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32 **Nicole Sanford - Music**

33 Nicole reports that Man of La Mancha was very successful. Eight students were part of the pit
34 orchestra either during rehearsals or productions. In the last two years only four to five students
35 have been involved. Two adjunct faculty also performed with the pit orchestra.
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37 **Dr. Christina Relyea - Natural Resources**

38 Christina was appointed to a new two-year term on the Science, Mathematics & Sustainability
39 Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council. This is a national committee of 20
40 members with only 2 community college representatives. One of the main roles of the committee
41 is to make recommendations regarding science and mathematics in honors programs.
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43 **Laura VanDeKop - Mathematics**

44 Laura VanDeKop attended the 5th annual SuMMiT (Symposium on MT Mathematics Teaching)
45 at Fairmont Hot Spring resort. She was able to go to roundtable discussions highlighting current
46 math classroom activities/research/etc, participate in a math circle activity (Zome tools and
47 bubbles!), discuss math history and fractions as it relates to the CCSS for math, discuss modeling

1 in the math classroom, and had the opportunity to connect with her peer group (2-year/CC/tribal).
2 She would like to thank the Professional Development committee for helping to fund her travel
3 to this great symposium!

4 5 **Dr. Don Hicketier - Mathematics**

6 Don represented the FVCC Math Department at the MUS CCN Math meeting this month. The
7 group discussed transfer pathways between MUS schools and looked at course equivalencies and
8 redundancies across the MUS. Don is happy to report FVCC mathematics is very much in line
9 with MSU, UM and Tech.

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11 Don was recently accepted to participate in an NSF-funded developer's workshop as a DEMARC
12 (Differential Equations Model and Resource Creators) Fellow in Newberg, OR in July. Only 22
13 participants were selected. The 4-day workshop is part of SIMIODE (Systemic Initiative for
14 Modeling Investigations & Opportunities with Differential Equations) where the group will
15 produce modeling scenarios that will be classroom ready and published in SIMIODE. Don plans
16 to develop at least two differential equations scenarios, one in the physics area of Aerial Robotics
17 and the other in Biochemistry pertaining to current FVCC Undergraduate Research projects.

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19 Don will also be taking an Aerial Robotics course from the University of Pennsylvania in
20 preparation for the July workshop.

21 22 **Dave Dorsett - Surveying**

23 Dave Dorsett, along with FVCC survey grad and professional land surveyor Linda Smith, will be
24 presenting a half-day seminar at the Saskatchewan Surveyors Association annual conference in
25 Regina.

26 27 **Dr. Mirabai McCarthy - Biology**

28 Four of Mirabai's research students presented undergraduate research projects entitled:
29 **Antibiotic Potential of Flathead Fungi and Flora** and **Fungal Morphology in the Flathead** in
30 Bozeman at the IMBRE research conference at MSU. See abstract below:

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32 Widespread use of antibiotics in medical and agricultural industries has resulted in extensive
33 antibiotic resistance at the global level, which poses an immediate threat to human health. The
34 most commonly used antibiotics are currently synthesized from fungi and bacteria, yet other
35 organisms such as lichens, bryophytes and pteridophytes have sparked scientific interest as
36 potential sources of antimicrobial compounds, but only a small fraction of species have been
37 tested. The overarching goal our research is to determine whether locally occurring fungi,
38 lichens, bryophytes, and other vascular plants, have antibiotic potential against various
39 pathogenic bacteria including, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *S. aureus*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*,
40 *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Bacillus cereus*, and *Escherichia coli*. Two-hundred-and-nine plant,
41 lichen, and fungal specimens were collected, identified, dried, and deposited in the FVCC
42 herbarium. Samples were later prepared for antibiotic analyses using ethanol extractions and
43 tested using the Kirby-Bauer disk diffusion method and MIC plate methods. Extractions from
44 twenty lichens, four bryophytes, six pteridophytes, and three fungal species inhibited growth of
45 various bacteria, but none inhibited that of *E. coli*. Our continued research in this area will
46 include utilizing various solvents for our extraction methodology, such as water and methanol, as
47 well as sampling additional plant, lichen, and fungal species against these bacteria.