

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, May 24, 2021, 3:45 p.m.
5 Blake Hall, Room 140/141
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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 24, 2021.
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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 Patrick Gulick Callie Langohr
15 Lyle Mitchell Mark Holston
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17 Trustee Kelly Stimpson participated via conference phone. 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 Lyle Mitchell and
22 Callie Langohr.
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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 26, 2021 and the
28 Special Board Conference Call on May 4, 2021
29 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – June 22, 2020, Special Board Meeting
30 May 28, 2021 and Board of Trustees Retreat-June 18, 2021.
31 **C.** Board Meeting Schedule for FY22
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33 Trustee Pete Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, B & C Under Section
34 III, Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Patrick Gulick seconded the motion. The motion carried
35 unanimously with seven (7) "yes" votes.
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37 **IV. COMMENTS**

38 **A. Students**

39 **1. Student Activities Report**

40 The Student Activities Report was submitted to the Board for review (Please see Attachment I).
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42 **B. Executive Staff Activities Report**

43 The Board of Trustees thanked the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
44 Trustees and President Karas noted all the hard work faculty and staff do every day to continue to
45 make FVCC an amazing place for students.
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47 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

1 **A. Student Success: MUS YouMatter Campaign**

2 Mandee Johnson, Mental Health Counselor/Advisor provided the Board with a
3 report on the YouMatter MUS campaign that raises awareness about student mental health and
4 promotes resources available to MUS students and employees in addressing health and wellness
5 needs. The YouMatter MUS campaign was created out of work from the MUS Suicide
6 Prevention and Mental Health Task Force aimed at addressing and responding to increased
7 mental health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, MUS institutions noted
8 seeing more students with mental health needs that were more challenging to identify and it was
9 harder to reach these students due to the remote and altered environments created by the
10 pandemic. The support provides students and employees with resources which include a mental
11 health wellness app (You@FVCC), an online referral platform (ThrivingCampus) and a virtual
12 mental health literacy and suicide prevention training (Kognito). Partnerships with Montana
13 mental health provides has also created a network of professionals for students to easily access
14 and reach out to in times of need. The list of these professionals is listed on the ThrivingCampus
15 website and shared with students and staff across the Montana University System.

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17 **B. Healthcare Core, CTS Program Approval**

18 On April 30, the Curriculum Committee approved a new Healthcare Core, CTS
19 Program. The Board was presented with the new program for review and approval. Chris
20 Clouse, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, noted that the program was created as a
21 path for students to take more focused prerequisites for higher level healthcare programs.
22 Following review, Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the
23 Healthcare Core, CTS Program. Trustee Mark Holston seconded the motion. With no further
24 discussion, the motion carried unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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26 **C. Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 10, Admissions (First Reading)**

27 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 10,
28 Admissions (First Reading) for review and approval. President Karas noted that the policy is
29 being updated to coordinate with state and federal laws and Montana University System (MUS)
30 admission requirements. Following review, Trustee Lyle Mitchell moved that the Board of
31 Trustees approve Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 10, Admissions (First Reading).
32 Trustee Callie Langohr seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
33 unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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35 **D. Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 60, Code of Student Conduct**
36 **and Student Complaints (First Reading)**

37 The Board was presented with Board Policy, Chapter VII, Students, Section 60,
38 Code of Student Conduct and Student Complaints (First Reading) for review and approval.
39 Following review, Trustee Mark Holston moved that the Board approve Board Policy, Chapter
40 VII, Students, Section 60, Code of Student Conduct and Student Complaints (First Reading).
41 Trustee Peter Akey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
42 unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.

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44 **E. Revision of Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 111, COVID-19 Face**
45 **Covering (First Reading)**

46 Based on recent guidance from the CDC and recommendations from FVCC’s
47 COVID Quick Response Team (QRT), President Karas has lifted FVCC’s current mask mandate.

1 With the recent guidance from the CDC and the MUS recommendation that individual campuses
2 set their own guidance, by the MUS Healthy Task Force, the Board is being asked to suspend
3 Board Policy, Chapter I, Doctrine, Section 111, COVID 19 Face Coverings. President Karas
4 noted that the Board had approved the policy in December 2020 when mask mandates were in
5 place but at the time of approval, the Board gave authority for President Karas to change or
6 rescind the policy as needed. President Karas suspended the policy on May 13 due to CDC
7 guidelines and is asking the Board to formally suspend the COVID-19 Face Coverings policy.
8 Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board approve the revision of Board Policy, Chapter I,
9 Doctrine, Section 111, COVID-19 Face Covering. Trustee Lyle Mitchell seconded the motion.
10 With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with seven (7) “yes” votes.
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12 **F. Trustees Events Calendar**

13 President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar and noted that the next
14 regularly scheduled Board meeting is Monday, June 28. The Board will hold a workshop retreat
15 on Friday, June 18. The college will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of the
16 Memorial Day Holiday and on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. The
17 Governor’s Cup Dinner is scheduled to be held on the FVCC campus on Thursday, July 29, all
18 Board members will be invited to attend. All Employee In-Service is scheduled for Monday,
19 August 23 and Fall Semester classes begin on Wednesday, August 25.
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21 **G. President’s Update**

22 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 23 • HB 102, a law that would expand permissions for concealed carry firearms on
24 college campuses is scheduled to take effect on Monday, June 1. The college is
25 currently working on a policy that would need to take immediate effect. The
26 Board of Regents held a special meeting last week to decide if they will request a
27 judicial review of the law to clarify the Regents constitutional authority to
28 supervise, coordinate, manage and control the presence and use of firearms on
29 MUS campuses. The Board may need to hold a special board meeting to approve
30 a concealed carry firearms policy should the courts not have a ruling prior to the
31 June 1 effective date.
- 32 • Commencement was held on Friday, May 7. It was nice to be able to be in-person
33 to celebrate the success of all of FVCC’s graduates.
- 34 • The Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held Friday, May 7, in AT 139. Limited
35 guests and attendees were allowed at the event but it was a wonderful event
36 celebrating our nursing students.
- 37 • Springfest was held May 20-21. Final numbers have not been calculated but the
38 event helped raised money for student scholarships.
- 39 • The College Center construction continues with completion planned for late
40 spring of 2022. As the weather improves and more progress is completed a tour
41 will be scheduled for the Board.
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43 **VI. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

44 **A. Appoint Board Members to Positions of Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair and** 45 **Secretary to the Board**

46 Chairperson Lund called for the reorganization of the Board of Trustees and opened
47 the meeting to nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Mark Holston moved that the

1 Board of Trustees appoint Peter Akey as Chairperson of the Board and Trustee Shannon Lund
2 moved that the Board appoint Callie Langohr as Chairperson of the Board. Trustees voted by
3 ballot and with a 4-3 vote Trustee Peter Akey was elected Chairperson of the Board.

4 Chairperson Lund called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the
5 Board of Trustees. Trustee Mark Holston moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Callie
6 Langohr as Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Trustee Callie Langohr declined and nominated
7 Trustee Kelly Stimpson to the position of Vice-Chair. With no other nominations, the Board
8 elected Kelly Stimpson for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

9 Lund called for nominations for the position of Secretary to the Board. Trustee Mark
10 Holston and Lyle Mitchell both nominated Trustee Patrick Gulick to the position of Secretary to
11 the Board. With no other nominations, the Board elected Trustee Patrick Gulick Secretary to the
12 Board of Trustees.

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

15 Trustee Peter Akey moved that the Board of Trustees reelect Monica Settles as Clerk of the
16 District. Trustee Shannon Lund seconded the motion. With no other appointees, the Board
17 elected Monica Settles as Clerk of the District.

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19 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

20 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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25 Peter Akey, Chairperson of the Board

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28 Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board
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**Student Activity Report
May 2021**

During the month of April, the Student Wellness Team commemorated Sexual Assault Awareness month by hosting a variety of activities. Informational slides and posts were created and posted throughout the month. A "Walk the Walk" event was held on April 15 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Students and employees enjoyed a mile-long trail on campus that incorporated a variety of informational signs pertaining to healthy relationships, affirmative consent, and bystander intervention. All participants were given a brief survey and entered to win a Fitbit Charge 4. An awareness campaign took place on April 28th to promote Denim Day. Students were encouraged to wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate themselves and others about all forms of sexual violence.

Stress Less Day was hosted on April 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on the lawn in front of the AT building. The event included interactive, educational stations on physical fitness, nutrition, mindfulness, sleep, and play (3 physical therapy dogs). The event attracted 56 students.

Student Government hosted their spring election on April 21st and provided free lunch to everyone that voted. They will start the fall semester with 6 members. An Earth Day trivia event was hosted on April 15th.

Events hosted by the Student Engagement Office included Grocery Bingo Night, Make Your Own Monday, and a service project at the Community Kitchen. April 30th was a great night to host an outdoor movie - we had 49 attendees.

On April 27, fresh produce boxes from the North Valley Food Bank were distributed to students. A new partnership with the FVCC Farm will start on June 10th. Fresh produce boxes and meat from Farm to Market pork will be provided to 5 students every week until September.