

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday October 25, 2021, 3:45 p.m.
5 Blake Hall 140/144
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7 A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened at 3:45
8 p.m., Monday, October 25, 2021.
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10 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

11 Chairperson Pete Akey called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following Board members
12 were in attendance:

13 Shannon Lund Patrick Gulick
14 Callie Langohr Kelly Stimpson
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16 Trustees Lyle Mitchell and Mark Holston were absent with prior Board approval. Also present were
17 President Jane Karas and Beckie Christiaens, Interim Clerk of the District.

18 **A. Appointment of Clerk of District**

19 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees appoint Beckie Christiaens as the Interim Clerk
20 of the District. Trustee Callie Langohr seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with five (5)
21 “yes” votes.
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23 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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25 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

- 26 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on September 27, 2021
27 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – November 22, 2021

28 Trustee Shannon Lund moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under Section III,
29 Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Kellie Stimpson seconded the motion. The motion carried
30 unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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32 **IV. COMMENTS**

33 **A. Students Activities Report**

34 The Student Activities Report was presented by Elizabeth Sheldon, Vice President of
35 Student Government, to the Board for review (see Attachment I).
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37 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

38 The Faculty Activities report was submitted to the Board and presented by Julie
39 Robertson, Associate Professor, Physical Therapy Assistant Program (see Attachment II).
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41 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

42 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
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44 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

45 **A. Student Success: A&P Student Study Room Update**

46 Assistant Professor and Health Sciences Division Chair Chaz Taylor, and Katie Johnson,
47 Lincoln County Nursing Program Coordinator, gave a presentation called “Making Excellence
48 Inclusive.” Katie described their quest to identify academic performance barriers for Lincoln County

1 students. Chaz's recent research unveiled a direct link to academic performance: access to the Human
2 Biology Study Lab located at the Kalispell campus. Therefore, Katie, Chaz, and Megan Rayome,
3 Lincoln County Campus Director, created a similar study lab at the Lincoln County campus location.
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5 **B. ACCT National Leadership Summit Reports**

6 Board members Kelly Stimpson and Pete Akey thanked the college for the opportunity
7 to attend the Annual Association of Community College Trustees National Leadership Summit
8 conference held in San Diego, California on October 13th through the 15th. They summarized sessions
9 attended and discussed the value of scheduling a board retreat.
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11 **C. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

- 12 1. FY20 Review of Financial Statements and Audit
- 13 2. FY22 Quarterly Financial Report

14 President Karas summarized the Finance and Audit Committee meeting which
15 immediately preceded the Board Meeting. Barry Weber, Senior Audit Manager with Eide Bailly, gave
16 a presentation on the results of the FY20 financial statement audit. He shared that the financial
17 statements were presented accurately by FVCC and there were no findings or misstatements. He also
18 congratulated the college on achieving a clean audit opinion since 2016, which is uncommon in his
19 experience. President Karas summarized the FY22 first quarter financial statements and acknowledged
20 the hard work of Vice President of Administration and Finance / CFO, Beckie Christiaens, and team on
21 a clean audit.
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23 **D. Trustees Events Calendar**

24 President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar. The next Board meeting is
25 scheduled for Monday, November 22.
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27 **E. President's Update**

28 President Karas updated the Board on several items:


- 29 • The ACCT Leadership Congress she attended with Trustees Akey and Stimpson.
- 30 • Festival of Flavors was October 3rd - 7th, with the online auction closing the festival on
31 October 9th, netting \$200,000 for scholarships.
- 32 • The College Center targeted completion date will be pushed out a few months, changing
33 the move-in date to Summer 2022.
- 34 • As requested by the Board, President Karas appointed a building naming committee:
35 Pete Akey, Kelly Stimpson, Colleen Unterreiner, Bob Nystuen and Walter Kuhn. The
36 committee will be making a recommendation to President Karas on naming FVCC
37 buildings.
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39 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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44 Peter Akey, Chairperson of the Board

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47 Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board

Attachment I

Student Activities Report

November 2021

The Audionauts (Music Club) Club enjoys weekly meetings with listening to music and eating pizza. Playing music for each other and receiving homework support is very helpful.

Chess Club has been officially established this month by completing the necessary paperwork. The club has been attending Interclub Council meetings and getting to know other students. Tasks for the month include deciding how best to allocate their funds, determining overall goals, and school and community involvement.

In October, Mask and Hammer performed Rumors by Neil Simon. Auditions were held for Stupid Fucking Bird. The club is busy building the set for performances in December. Their booth at the FVCC Halloween Carnival won first place.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meets every Thursday evening for pizza and Bible studies. Tuesday meetings are held in the cafeteria at noon. Club members enjoyed a bonfire off campus on October 22nd, and participated in the Halloween Carnival on October 27th.

The Native American Student Association (NASA) sponsored a Halloween Carnival on October 27th. Carnival booths were hosted by GSA, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Mask & Hammer, Student Government, Student Wellness and TRIO Mentors. The event was for students, staff and faculty, as well as families. A warming station and food/treats were provided in LRC 102, courtesy of NASA. The event promoted fun, a sense of community, and fellowship between clubs.

Campus Rec and Wellness had 60 students attend events, many attending multiple events. The average attendance for each event was about 15 students. Kickball and Cornhole were the two least attended events. The Fritz Haunted Corn Maze had the most students at 18. Grocery Bingo/Trivia, Bob Ross Paint Night and gaming tournaments had 12-16 attendees per event.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Student Wellness Team hung up posters with purple ribbons across campus. A clothesline with t-shirts containing domestic violence facts was located under the covered walkway. In addition, they hosted an event called "Does Your Love Succ?" in which participants learned about healthy and unhealthy relationships and planted a succulent. Two Healthy Relationships and Bystander Intervention workshops were held in October.

October is also Substance Abuse Prevention month, the Student Wellness Team created a PowerPoint presentation and uploaded it to Eagle Online for students to view. Participants received a Sweet Peaks gift card for taking the quiz at the end. The presentation contained information pertaining to alcohol safety tips; the dangers associated with spiked drinks; basic information and health complications of marijuana, opioid, and meth use; and the different types of resources available to students seeking cessation. The Student Wellness Team participated in the Halloween Carnival by making mocktails and handing out information for calculating blood alcohol content.

**Faculty Activity Report
November 2021**

Marty Manor Mullins, Ph.D., Adjunct Instructor - History and Political Science

Dr. Marty M. Mullins recently won the 2021 Slovak Studies Association Prize for Best Article. The article titled "Forgotten Velvet: Understanding Eastern Slovakia's 1989," was published in *New Perspectives, the Interdisciplinary Journal of Central and East European Politics and International Relations*, vol. 27, no. 3, 2019. The prize committee notes, "Mullins' well-researched and elegantly written article focused on an important and overlooked regional center, challenging the notion that people throughout Slovakia followed leaders of the Velvet Revolution in Bratislava. . . this article is a substantive contribution to understanding the events that occurred in Eastern Slovakia in 1989, presenting a clearer picture of the diversity of Slovakia's experience during the collapse of communism."

The prize affords positive publicity for FVCC as Dr. Mullins lists FVCC as her institutional affiliation, which appears under her by-line. The full text of the article can be viewed at the following link:

[Forgotten Velvet: Understanding Eastern Slovakia's 1989 - Marty Manor Mullins, 2019 \(sagepub.com\)](https://www.sagepub.com/journalsPermissions.nav?doi=10.1177/1525001420978888)

Janice Heil, PT, MAPT, Associate Professor and Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program reports a 100% pass rate for the national licensing exam that the nine 2021 program graduates took in October. Only 34 out of 255 PTA programs hold a 100% pass rate. This far exceeds the national pass rate average of 80.5%. In addition, the national mean score for all PTA students taking the exam this year was 648.5 (600 - 800 scale). The FVCC PTA cohort's mean score was 686.7, with the majority of students scoring above the 700 mark.

Heather Estrada, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chair of the Teaching and Learning Center

FVCC's Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) offered its first "Scholar Sandbox" where faculty can come together to discuss instruction -- to "play" with pedagogy together. The first topic was using a discussion protocol called The 4 A's (for Agree, Argue, Ask, and Aspire). Eliza Thomas, Associate Professor - Education, presented on this topic and discussed its instructional implications along with other TLC committee members and faculty.

Amy B. Chisholm, M.M., Adjunct Instructor - Music

Amy Chisolm will be the soprano soloist for Glacier Symphony's upcoming presentation of Messiah by Handel. Concerts will be held in Kalispell, Bigfork, and Whitefish the first weekend of December.

Manda Hudak, B.S., Chef Instructor and Program Director, The Culinary Institute of Montana

Chefs Manda Hudak, Howard Karp, and Dan Moe lead The Culinary Institute of Montana through six events of The Festival of Flavors Fall to support the FVCC Foundation. In addition, Chef Dan Moe presented two continuing education classes in October including Crisp, Crumble, Cobbler, Buckle and French Desserts for Deux.

Eliza Thomas, M.A., Associate Professor - Education

The Early Childhood (EDEC) Program recently partnered with the Nurturing Center to provide the Introduction to Early Childhood class (EDEC 108) with their first required class in the Montana Early Childhood Project's training program, Early Childhood Essentials. By taking this course embedded into EDEC 108 students could possibly substitute in a child care center and/or have an advantage if applying to a childcare program prior to graduating.

Eliza Thomas continues to serve on a state task force and a local task force working with other stakeholders to try and provide possible solutions to the child care crisis in the Flathead Valley specifically, and in Montana more generally. In addition, Eliza provided professional development for Human Resources's professional development series on Trauma-Informed practices.

Dr. Janice Alexander, Ph.D., Professor - Chemistry, Forensic Science, Mathematics

Dr. Janice Alexander served as a peer evaluator for an NWCCU (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities) ad hoc accreditation peer evaluation visit for a college in Oregon October 19th, 2021. Last April she served as chair of a mid-cycle visit for a college in Oregon.