

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, October 28, 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, October 28, 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 Mark Holston Peter Akey Callie Langohr
15 Stephanie Wallace Lyle Mitchell
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17 Trustee Kelly Stimpson participated via conference call. Also present were President Jane
18 Karas and Monica Settles, Clerk of the District.
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20 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**
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22 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

- 23 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on September 23,
24 2019.
25 **B.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – November 25, 2019
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27 Trustee Mark Holston moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A & B Under Section
28 III, Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Pete Akey seconded the motion. The motion carried
29 unanimously with four (4) "yes" votes.
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31 **IV. COMMENTS**

32 **A. Students**

33 The Board was presented with a written report, from students, please see
34 Attachment I. In addition, Jay Baker, President, Student Government, shared with the Board that
35 several students attended the recent Fall Festival, where sixty-five students participated in a
36 dance, scavenger hunt and costume party.
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38 **B. Faculty and Staff**

39 Associate Professor/Program Director, Agriculture, Dr. Heather Estrada,
40 presented the Board with a report from Faculty, please see Attachment II. Dr. Estrada also
41 presented the Board with an update on Stephanie Paidas and Amy Pearson's Honor's course,
42 Wilderness Experience and Expression, focused on environmental psychology and
43 communications. Students completed a weekend camping trip in September.
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45 **C. Monthly Reports**

46 **1. Executive Staff Activities Report**

47 The Board of Trustees received written reports from the Executive Staff

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3 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES** 4

5 **A. Student Success: Early Childhood Center Update and CACFP Report**

6 Renee August, Manager, Early Childhood Center and Eliza Thomas, Assistant
7 Professor, Education, presented the Board with an update on the Early Childhood Center and the
8 Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center currently participates in the Child and Adult
9 Care Food Program (CACFP). This program provides aid to child and adult care institutions
10 and family or group day care homes for the provision of nutritious foods. The center continues
11 to work with outside groups to promote its leading lab school environment. The center provides
12 educational opportunities for FVCC students, University of Montana students and students from
13 Glacier High School. The Early Childhood Center is a member of the Best Beginnings
14 Community Council and continues to grow in the Montana Best Beginnings STARS to Quality
15 program. The program works as a quality rating scale that supports improvement of
16 participating child care programs in the state. The center received its STAR 4 rating and is
17 currently working toward the STAR 5 rating. A STAR 5 rating will mean the center will
18 become a nationally accredited childcare center. The center currently has 48 children enrolled
19 with a long wait list. The Center recently obtained national accreditation. The center earned
20 accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The
21 center earned accreditation by NAEYC after completing an extensive three-year process. To
22 earn the accreditation, the center went through an extensive self-study and quality-improvement
23 process, followed by an on-site visit by NAEYC accreditors to verify and ensure that the center
24 and its program met each of the ten program standards and hundreds of corresponding
25 individual criteria. Less than 10 percent of all child care centers, preschools and kindergartens
26 in the nation have earned NAEYC accreditation.
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28 **B. ACCT National Legislative Summit Reports**

29 Trustees Shannon Lund, Mark Holston, Lyle Mitchell and Peter Akey attended the
30 ACCT annual Conference in San Francisco, October 16-18. Each Trustee reported on attending
31 several sessions in which they were provided with relevant information. The Trustees appreciated
32 the opportunity to attend the conference and each gained some valuable insight.
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34 **C. Finance and Audit Committee Report**

35 The Finance and Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The
36 committee reported that they received a review of the presented Quarterly Finance Report.

37 **1. Quarterly Finance Report**

38 Beckie Christiaens, Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and
39 Administration, presented the Board with the Quarterly Finance Report, ending September 30, 2019.
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41 **D. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

42 The Board reviewed the Trustees' events calendar and noted that the Board of
43 Regents' November meeting will be held in Bozeman, November 21-22. The next regularly
44 scheduled Board meeting is Monday, November 25. The college will be closed in observance of
45 the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. The December Board
46 of Trustees' meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23.
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2 **E. President's Update**

3 President Karas presented the Board with a written report:

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- 5 • The Festival of Flavors Update –
 - 6 ○ Successful Festival – thanks to Colleen and her team, and all of the
 - 7 volunteers who make it possible.
 - 8 ○ Good turnout – approximately 1,000 attendees
 - 9 ○ Still calculating final revenue but should equal or exceed last year
 - 10 • ATD Visit (October 21-22)
 - 11 ○ Our two ATD coaches came to FVCC Oct 21 and 22
 - 12 ○ ATD coaches met with the project leadership team, including three faculty
 - 13 representatives
 - 14 ○ Discussed campus wide survey scheduled for late November
 - 15 ○ In-Depth data analysis and discussion
 - 16 ○ Planning for next steps and January In-Service Discussions
 - 17 • Encore Campaign Update
 - 18 ○ Raised just over \$250,000
 - 19 ○ Dinners planned with potential donors in November
 - 20 ○ Meeting with Potential Grant funders
 - 21 • 2 Year Committee Update
 - 22 ○ MUS and Community Colleges are on the committee
 - 23 ○ Planning update on 2-year education to Regents in November
 - 24 ○ Participating in a panel for the Commission, on November 4, to review the
 - 25 structure of 2-year education in the MUS. This Commission was created by
 - 26 the Legislature through HB 754.
 - 27 • Legislative Update
 - 28 ○ Interim Finance Committee will be meeting in December to continue
 - 29 discussion of revising Community College funding formula (HB 657)

30 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

31 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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34 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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37 Kelly Stimpson, Secretary to the Board

Student Activities Report
October 2019

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6 The **GSA Club** hosted two meetings per week in September. The group created an awareness
7 board for Bisexuality Awareness Week. The group will participate with other clubs during
8 October events, hosting information sessions and meetings. They are starting a poster campaign
9 on campus to create awareness.

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11 **Phi Theta Kappa** met once in September to discuss goals and create an action plan for the year.
12 They are focusing on assisting students with scholarships and hosting community service
13 projects.

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15 **SWAT (Computer Club)** held four meetings and elected officers for the club. The new officers
16 are considering changing the club name to Flathead Valley Community College Computer Club
17 (FVCC++). They are working on gathering information to determine the best project for the
18 club. In October, they will make a decision on the project and form committees for the software
19 and hardware sections.

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21 **AICE** met three times in September. Two members attended the Student Leadership Retreat and
22 Student Organization Orientation and Bystander Intervention Training. They are continuing to
23 work on plans for the upcoming months.

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25 The **Mask and Hammer Club** meets biweekly, sometimes weekly. In September, the club
26 focused on the show production for Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, including tech calls twice a week,
27 concessions, rehearsals, and shows. They hosted two recruitment tables on campus. The club is
28 working on the performances and production for Dumbwaiter/Bald Soprano, the Fall Festival
29 Scavenger Hunt and Trunk or Treat events.

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31 **Global Friends** had an informal social and theatre outing on October 3. Trips are planned to
32 attend the Whitefish theatre and to pick and carve pumpkins in October.

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34 **Campus Rec** events for September were paintball, basketball, volleyball, and bingo. There will
35 be 55 students taking a charter bus to Silverwood Theme Park on October 18. To date there have
36 been 170 student participants in the campus rec program.

37 The **Student Engagement Office** wrapped up September with a trip to the Ninepipes Museum
38 on September 28 for a Service Saturday project. Other events included an Opportunity Fair,
39 Constitution Day, Voter Registration Day, Student Wellness Fair, Student Organization
40 Orientation, Student Leadership Retreat, and Native American Heritage Day.

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**Faculty Activity Report
October 2019**

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Stephanie Paidas - Assistant Professor - Psychology

Dr. Stephanie Paidas offered a local “fall tour” on child development and screen time. In addition to her September keynote address on the benefits and risks of screen exposure in infancy, toddlerhood, and early childhood, she supported Glacier High School’s Parent University viewing of the documentary “Screenagers” on October 3, 2019. At that event Stephanie co-facilitated community discussion about the risks of screen time in adolescence and what parents can do to set limits with their teens.

Stephanie and Amy Pearson continue their Honor’s course, Wilderness Experience and Expression, focused on environmental psychology and communications. They completed a weekend camping trip with students in September, when all 16 students successfully avoided use of their screen devices! (aided greatly by the lack of cell service and internet at Bowman Lake where they were camping).

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Gregg Davis - Professor - Economics

Dr. Gregg Davis was invited in September to the annual meeting of the Montana Hospital Association in Billings, MT, to present his research on the economic contribution of Montana’s private hospitals to the Montana economy. The research focused on the economy-wide contributions in terms of employment and labor income, and the dynamics of the Medicaid expansion.

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Michael Severino - Associate Professor - Mathematics

Dr. Michael Severino recently began working with the Kalispell Police Department on a statistical analysis for their staffing needs. This venture will form the basis for a future undergraduate research project.

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Janice Heil - Associate Professor - Physical Therapy Assistant

This month, Associate Professors Janice Heil and Dr. Julie Robertson will be attending an Educational Leadership Conference in Bellevue, WA to meet with PT and PTA educators around the nation. They will also travel to Missoula to meet with the University of Montana PT program to discuss and practice scenarios related to the PT/PTA relationship.

Also, all eight of this year’s PTA students passed their licensing board exam, earning the program a 100% pass rate, compared to the national pass rate of 85%.

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Jeff Sanders - Adjunct Professor - Native American Studies

Dr. Jeff Sanders was invited to give a keynote address at the 51st Annual Governor's Conference on Aging in Billings, MT Sept. 23. The conference brought a number of community members together in an effort to discuss policy and advocacy for aging populations in Montana’s native communities.

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Dru Willey - Adjunct Professor - Biology

1 Dr. Dru Willey recently took FVCC students from PHSX 126 and BIOB 126 to middle and
2 elementary school classrooms within the valley to do science experiments. Experiments included
3 DNA isolation with 7-8 grade students at Olney-Bissell School, and a demonstration of the
4 scientific method ("The Best Way To Wash Your Hands") with students in 1-2, 3 and 4-5-6
5 grades. Additional demonstration labs are planned for this semester at several other schools
6 within the Flathead Valley.

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8 **Susan Guthrie - Associate Professor - Art**

9 Susan Guthrie recently completed a solo exhibition for the month of September at Stephen Isley
10 Jewelry and Fine Art in Whitefish. She featured 8 original oils and was given a beautiful and
11 lively opening reception with many people visiting during September Gallery Nights.

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13 Susan has also been invited to submit a painting to the American Tonalist Society exhibition in
14 New York coming this February.

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16 **Janice Alexander - Professor - Chemistry, Forensic Science, and Math**

17 Dr. Janice Alexander gave an oral presentation titled "Research and teaching: Catalyst for staying
18 engaged in a lifetime of chemistry" at the national American Chemical Society meeting and expo
19 August 27, 2019 in San Diego. She was an invited guest speaker for the Eli Lilly Travel Awards
20 30th Anniversary Symposium Supporting Women in Chemistry. She was honored along with the
21 other symposium presenters at a reception immediately following the symposium; Janice was a
22 recipient of an Eli Lilly Travel Award in 1990.

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24 On October 5, 2019, Janice and FVCC student Warren MacLaine attended the fall meeting of the
25 Montana local section of the American Chemical Society. Warren gave an oral presentation
26 titled "The Effect of Mashing Technique on pH." He is in the FVCC Brewing Science and
27 Brewing Operations program and is taking CHM 290 Undergraduate Research with Dr.
28 Alexander. His presentation received a travel award from the Montana ACS Board of Directors.
29 The support received from the Brewing Academy of Montana is highly appreciated.

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31 **Heather Estrada - Associate Professor - Agriculture**

32 Dr. Heather Estrada attended the inaugural *Summit Celebrating Women in Agriculture* at
33 Montana State University in Bozeman this month. The event showcased the state's agriculture in
34 its many forms and the involvement of women in those systems. The event was an outreach
35 component of the larger Empowering Women in Agriculture project, a partnership between MSU
36 and FVCC that included the development of an online undergraduate course offered through
37 FVCC. FVCC agriculture students joined the summit remotely, and along with Dr. Estrada,
38 served on a panel discussing their experience in the online courses and internship program.
39 Attendees enjoyed hearing the students' perspective about the value of learning about the
40 different roles of women in today's agricultural workforce.