

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
3 Regular Board Meeting  
4 Monday, September 18 2017, 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, September 18, 2017, 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 Stephanie Wallace Kelly Stimpson  
15 Pete Akey Tom McElwain  
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17 Trustees Callie Langohr and Mark Holston were absent with prior Board approval. Also  
18 present were President Jane 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 July 24, 2017.  
24 **B.** Recommendation that the Board of Trustees accept the Monthly Human Resources  
25 Report as submitted.  
26 **C.** Next regular Board of Trustees meeting – October 23, 2017  
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28 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEMS A, B, & C Under  
29 Section III, Consent Agenda-Action. Trustee Tom McElwain seconded the motion. The motion  
30 carried unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.  
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32 **IV. COMMENTS**

33 **A. Students**

34 The Board was presented with a written report.

35 **Campus Recreation**

36 Campus Rec offered five different outings and two trips to the summer experience  
37 class. Trips that were offered were horseback riding in Glacier National Park, whitewater  
38 rafting, bike riding on the Hiawatha Trail, Whitefish Mountain Resort's aerial adventure park and  
39 a kayak trip. There were 55 student participants in the summer activities. Trips were offered to  
40 students at a 70% discounted rate which included transportation and gear rentals. Students that  
41 were enrolled in summer or fall classes could participate. Campus Rec & Intramurals  
42 participated in Week of Welcome (WOW) with an information table at the student organization  
43 fair and hosted sand volleyball which was held at the Conrad Complex courts and slip n slide  
44 kickball which was played on campus. It was the first time that either of these activities were  
45 offered and both were received really well from students and were asked to be scheduled again.

46 **Student Engagement**

47 The Student Engagement office hosted two service projects for the Summer

1 Experience program in July. Over 40 students helped clean up ABS Park in Evergreen. The fall  
2 semester kicked off with Welcome Fest on Friday, August 25, at Founders Hall. All students  
3 were invited and the event included live music, free BBQ and student activity information tables.  
4 We had over 120 in attendance. Cory Clarke, our new Campus Resource Officer, volunteered to  
5 run the BBQ grill and cheerfully cooked all the burgers. Week of Welcome (WoW) events were  
6 very successful. Events for the week included a free breakfast hosted by Student Government,  
7 TRIO Grand Opening, sand volleyball, Campus Resource Fair, Student Organization Meet and  
8 Greet, slip n' slide kickball, Spirit Day and an outdoor movie on Friday night. The Campus  
9 Resource Fair and Student Organization Meet and Greet had a little over 100 in attendance and  
10 the outdoor movie had about 85 in attendance.

### 11 **Phi Theta Kappa**

12 Phi Theta Kappa hosted a booth at the Northwest Montana Fair in August. They  
13 are currently raising funds for student travel and have raised almost \$1,000.

## 14 **B. Faculty and Staff**

15 **Dr. Janice Alexander** attended the 254<sup>th</sup> American Chemical Society National  
16 meeting & Exposition in Washington D.C. August, 2017, serving in her role as elected  
17 Councilor for the Montana Local Section. As part of the meeting she attended a special  
18 symposium 'Journey to Mars' focused on current status and research needs for the projected  
19 human space exploration to Mars in the early 2030's.

20 **Don Hickethier and Luara VanDeKop** were able to attend the Montana Math  
21 Meeting in Butte this August, thanks to an FVCC Enhancement Grant. They were able to bring  
22 along 3 SD5 math faculty (Peter Musick, KMS; Janet Espeseth, GHS; and Angie St. Onge,  
23 GHS) and one FVCC students (Josh Espinosa, Elem Ed major). This is a small meeting (about  
24 40 in attendance) of MT Math teachers to discuss current trends/issues/technology and learn  
25 best practices from each other. They were all SUPER excited that they brought a pre-service  
26 teacher along (Josh was the only one!) and thought it was a great idea for him to learn some of  
27 these things before getting in the classroom. They learned a lot and had great opportunities to  
28 build connections with our local school district math faculty. They even discussed the  
29 possibility of starting a Mu Alpha Theta (math honor club) chapter at Glacier, which could lead  
30 to a chapter here at FVCC. A big thank you to the Foundation for making this possible – it was  
31 a very worthwhile trip!

32 **Marty Mullins** (New History Adjunct), participated in the Association of East  
33 European and Eurasian Studies annual conference where she organized a panel entitled "Kicked  
34 Out of Czechoslovakia: The Fate of Postwar German and Hungarian Refugees, Then & Now."  
35 Based on the paper she wrote for that presentation she went on to publish an article in the  
36 academic journal *Slovakia* this June. The article citation is as follows: "**Kicked Out:  
37 Czechoslovakia's Postwar Policy Toward Ethnic Minorities and Its Unintended  
38 Outcomes,**" *Slovakia* vol. 43

39 **Mirabai McCarthy** and Danner Pickering (a research student) produced a  
40 wildflower guide to the Whitefish trail. These are available for purchase in the bookstore and  
41 various businesses in Whitefish. All proceeds will support the whitefish legacy partners and  
42 study abroad program at FVCC. She also took three of her research students to the American  
43 Society of Plant Biology annual meeting in Hawaii over the summer. There they had the  
44 opportunity to present on their research, and she believes that we were the only community  
45 college represented at the meeting!!

46 **Rich Haptonstall and Joe Legate** announce the 2017-2018 theatre season.

- 1 • THE FOREIGNER by Larry Shue - Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
- 2 • THE SHADES OF ORCUS by Josh Kelly - Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9
- 3 • WONDER OF THE WORLD, by David Lyndsay-Abaire - Feb. 15, 16, 17, 22,
- 4 23, 24
- 5 • 5<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL 10 MIN. PLAY FESTIVAL - Apr. 26,
- 6 27 & 28

### 7 **C. Monthly Reports**

#### 8 **1. Executive Staff Activities Report**

9 The Board of Trustees thanked the Executive Staff for their informative  
10 reports. Trustees noted all the hard work faculty and staff do every day to continue to make  
11 FVCC an amazing place for students.  
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### 13 **D. Commissioner of Higher Education Report-None**

## 14 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

### 15 **A. Student Success**

16 Nursing Student Eric Hofseth shared with the Board his experiences and story in  
17 regards to his present choice to attend FVCC and apply for the Nursing Program. Eric thanked the  
18 Board for all that they do to make FVCC a great place for students to pursue their educational  
19 goals.  
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### 21 **B. Fall Enrollment Update**

22 President Karas noted that due to the recent county-wide school closures,  
23 deadlines for registration have been extended and final fall enrollment numbers are currently not  
24 available. Fall enrollment numbers will be available by the end of the week or beginning of next  
25 week once the registration deadline has passed and final numbers are calculated.  
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### 27 **C. Board of Trustees Events Calendar**

28 President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar and noted that she will join  
29 Trustees Wallace and Akey, to attend the ACCT National Leadership Conference September 24-  
30 28. The Board of Regents' November meeting will be held in Bozeman, November 16-17.  
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### 32 **D. President's Update**

33 President Karas updated the Board on several items:  
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- 35 • President Karas reported that the Governors' Cup Sandbagger Dinner that  
36 was held on the FVCC Campus on July 28, was a great success. The  
37 college received positive feedback on its participation in the event.
- 38 • The college honored its recent LPN and RN nursing students during a  
39 pinning ceremony on August 3. A reception BBQ was held following the  
40 ceremony. This was the first time the combined LPN and RN programs  
41 held a combined graduation and pinning ceremony.
- 42 • An All Employee In-Service was held on August 23, prior to the start of  
43 fall semester. All employees were able to receive a campus wide update  
44 provided by President Karas and an opportunity to receive tours of the new  
45 student housing. It was the first time many of the faculty and staff had  
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1                   been in the new housing building.

- 2                   • The college held a grand opening ceremony on August 23 for the campus’
- 3                   new on-campus student housing building, Founders Hall. The event was
- 4                   free and open to the public and featured a ribbon cutting ceremony, guided
- 5                   tours of the building, refreshments and live music.
- 6                   • Founders Hall residents were able to move into student housing on Friday,
- 7                   August 25 with the help of many employee volunteers. President Karas
- 8                   thanked all the volunteers who helped make the transition for our students
- 9                   a pleasant and exciting experience.
- 10                  • The Board of Regents held their September meeting in Butte on
- 11                  September 13 and 14. The Regents reviewed the FVCC budget the
- 12                  Trustees approved in July.
- 13                  • President Karas updated the Board on recent budget reduction requests. It
- 14                  was noted that all state agencies or offices with general fund budgets
- 15                  needed to submit plans for how to cut spending by up to 10 percent in an
- 16                  effort to reduce state spending by \$226 million due to less than projected
- 17                  state revenue and an unprecedented fire season. The college has made its
- 18                  recommendations and forwarded them on. A final recommendation of the
- 19                  extent of state budget cuts will be made by the Governor’s Office in a few
- 20                  weeks. Students and local businesses have been sending in letters and
- 21                  messages to legislators and how the cuts will affect them and the local
- 22                  community.

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24 **VI.    ADJOURNMENT**

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

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29 Shannon Lund, Chairperson of the Board

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32 Mark Holston, Secretary to the Board

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