

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, September 26, 2022, 3:45 p.m.
5 Blake Hall 140
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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 26, 2022.
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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
12 members were in attendance:

13 Patrick Gulick Mary Ruby Travis Steindorf
14 Kelly Stimpson

15 Trustees Lyle Mitchell and Callie Langohr were absent with prior Board approval. Also present
16 were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.
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18 **II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
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20 **III. CONSENT ITEMS - ACTION**

21 **A.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on July 25, 2022.
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23 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A under
24 Section III, Consent Agenda - Action. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion. The
25 motion carried unanimously with five (5) "yes" votes.
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27 **IV. MONTHLY REPORTS**

28 **A. Student Activities Report**

29 The Student Activities Report was presented by Nate Frizzell, Student
30 Government Senator, for the Board to review (see Attachment I).
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32 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

33 The Faculty Activities Report was submitted to the Board and presented by Dr.
34 Christina Relyea, Professor, Natural Resources Director, Honors Program (see Attachment II).
35 Dr. Relyea is the new Faculty Senate Vice-President. The Board requested a copy of Dr. Eliza
36 Thomas' keynote "Be the Teacher You Wish You'd Had" presented to the Helena Flats teachers.
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38 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

39 The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.
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41 Chairperson Akey noted that you could tell that Fall semester has kicked off, all
42 three of the reports were packed full, he thanked everyone for what they are doing.
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44 **V. COLLEGE ISSUES**

45 **A. Student Success: Library Update**

1 Morgan Ray, Library Services Director, provided an update on the Broussard
2 Library and Learning Commons. In addition to our own general collection of printed items and
3 databases, we are part of a consortium across the state of Montana called TRAILS comprised of
4 academic libraries from Montana State University to the University of Montana.

5 In the past year, several new technology programs have been implemented. The
6 programs will help students and faculty research capabilities and provide access to other
7 publications. We launched an Instagram account in January giving followers daily updates on
8 happenings in the Library, Montana history facts, and study tips. We hosted eight sold out
9 Makerspace workshops this summer. The workshops were open to students, faculty, staff, and
10 community patrons. Morgan shared a list of six Makerspace Workshops for this fall.

11 The Library has been open in the evenings again this fall. They are seeing an
12 increase in the number of people coming in to use the library on a daily basis.

13 A new process is being started to organize and gather college archive materials.
14 There are thousands of photos, documents and other memorabilia. The next step will be to
15 purchase a digital preservation software to digitize and catalog the information.

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17 **B. Board Policy, Chapter XII – Facilities Section 10-Design and Planning to**
18 **Section 70-No Camping – First Reading**

19 President Karas summarized minor revisions to Board Policy, Chapter XII –
20 Facilities:

- 21 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 10-Design and Planning
- 22 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 20-Reserved
- 23 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 30-Use of College Facilities
- 24 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 40-Crisis Management Plan
- 25 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 50-Suspended Operations
- 26 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 60 Campus Crime and Security
- 27 • Chapter XII – Facilities-Sec. 70-No Camping

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29 Trustee Kelly Stimpson moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy,
30 Chapter XII – Facilities: Sections 10-70 (first reading as revised). Trustee Patrick Gulick
31 seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with five (5)
32 “yes votes.

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34 **C. Mission Fulfillment Indicators**

35 Brenda Hanson, Dean of Compliance, presented the recommended Mission
36 Fulfillment Indicators for review and Board approval as required by our accrediting body, the
37 Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

38 Recommended Mission Fulfillment Indicators:

- 39 • Students will persist from fall to fall (i.e., retention rates)
- 40 • Percentage of students who complete degrees or certificates (i.e.,
41 graduation rates)
- 42 • Percentage of degree-seeking students who transfer and earn a degree
- 43 • Percentage of (MT resident) students who complete CTE degrees and earn
44 wages in Montana

- Student success rate (C- or better) for online/hybrid courses is similar to face-to-face courses
- Students successfully pass college level courses upon completion of foundational/developmental (i.e., next course in sequence or W 101 for ALPS)
- Licensure/certification pass rates of accredited programs
- Percent of students who earn a 2.0 or higher in individual courses
- Percent of students who meet or exceed expectations of general education learning outcomes

Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve accepting the proposed Mission Fulfillment Indicators. Trustee Kelly Stimpson seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with five (5) “yes” votes.

D. Board of Trustees Event Calendar

President Karas reviewed the Trustees event calendar. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 24th and will be a hybrid in person/virtual meeting as several Board members will already be out of town for the ACCT Leadership Congress in New York. President Karas and Trustees Pete Akey and Callie Langhor will be giving a workshop presentation at the Congress on October 28th.

E. President’s Report

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- Introduced and welcomed Lisa Blank, Executive Director, Workforce Development.
- ACCT Board Retreat – Submitted an application for a complimentary Board Retreat or Workshop from ACCT. They selected 25 colleges at random and we were one of the colleges chosen. We will coordinate with them on a date that works with trustee schedules.
- Board of Regents – The meeting took place in Billings last week. The Regents approved the request to open a new bank account outside of the County for the bookstore credit card processing that the FVCC Board approved at the July meeting. Beckie Christiaens is working on a RFP. In addition, the Regents approved the FY2023 budget.
- Wachholz College Center (WCC) – The WCC will open in November. The first concert, The Wailin’ Jennys, will be held on November 4th.
- Grand Wine Event – The culmination of the Foundation’s Festival of Flavors will be November 5th in the new WCC.
- Chamber Dinner – The Kalispell Chamber is holding their annual dinner at the WCC on November 9th.
- New Mentor Program – The Daybreak Rotary Club is starting a new mentoring program. Our advising team is looking at ways to partner business professionals and students to meet during the semester to help the students stay engaged and move forward with future career plans.

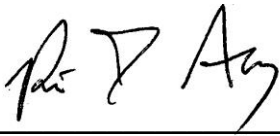
- 1 • Funding Formula – The three community college presidents met with the
2 Governor’s Education Policy Advisor at the end of August to talk about
3 community college issues; including the funding formula challenges. Discussed
4 the rationale behind counting high school dual enrollment students as 1 FTE vs.
5 .75 FTE, the Governor’s Office was open to hearing the rationale.
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7 President Karas remarked that the fall semester was off to a great start and
8 thanked everyone for their efforts.
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10 **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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17 Pete Akey, Chairperson of the Board

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22 Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board
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Student Activities Report**September 2022**

During the summer, Student Engagement and Campus Recreation provided three days of experiential learning activities for the Summer Experience students. The first-year students (44) enjoyed learning about a variety of local non-profits and their volunteer needs. The agencies included: The Kalispell Vet Center, Flathead County Animal Shelter, Heritage Place, Veterans Home, and the Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force. In the morning, students worked on projects to benefit those agencies. Later in the day, they enjoyed playing several rounds of laser tag on campus. Second-year students (6) spent the morning at the Heart Locker cleaning, sorting, and helping with miscellaneous tasks before making the trek to Glacier National Park for a raft trip down the middle fork of the Flathead River.

Week of Welcome (WOW) activities kicked off the semester with numerous opportunities for new and returning students to connect and learn more about resources on and off campus. These activities included a new student orientation, BBQ, and an outdoor movie on move-in day. The following two weeks included events with free food, fun activities, resource information, and great giveaways. All activities were well attended except for Ultimate Frisbee on a windy Wednesday.

The Household Goods Reuse event and the All Campus Picnic were new additions this year and both were a huge hit. Students living on and off campus were very appreciative to have household items available at no cost. The All Campus Picnic provided a free pulled pork lunch to all students and employees and gathered 177 people. Please see the attached flyer for more details on Week of Welcome activities.

Most student organizations participated in WOW activities and have started to meet on a regular basis. The Veterans Association and the AICE (disability support group) have regained interest this semester and have started to plan activities. An interest in starting a Domsday Preppers Club on campus this fall has been expressed.

In an effort to better serve our students, a SwipeOut Hunger grant has been received to provide a small LG refrigerator and \$700 of groceries for the food pantry. Steps will be taken to ensure the food pantry meets all the Flathead County Health Department requirements to host perishable items. The Food Pantry has received 13 visits in the past 2 weeks.

The Student Lounge in LRC 102 is receiving increased interest with the new pool table being the highlight. Requests for additional seating and snacks have been received and will hopefully be addressed later this semester.

Faculty Activities Report**September 2022****Fine Art Faculty - Susan Guthrie**

September 9th - Participated in the Clarence Rundell Challenge that was a benefit for the Kalispell Downtown Association and Kalico Art Center. Final bidding was well attended and celebrated at Marshall Noice's Montana Modern Gallery. This will become an annual event. It was wonderful to see so many folks out and about walking around the downtown of Kalispell to see the ten artists who participated tackle the challenge of starting and finishing a painting in basically ten hours outdoors on the streets. I heard so many comments, "we need more of this going on in Kalispell!"

July 22 - Participated in the Flathead Land and Trust event, the *Flathead River in Paint*, benefitting protection for the Kalispell Audubon Sanctuary through the Land Conservation with a focus area of the Flathead River to Lake Initiative. The Flathead River and Lake Initiative is a collaborative effort to conserve critical lands along the Flathead River and the lakes clean and sustain important bird, fish, and wildlife habitat, rich farmland, outstanding recreation opportunities, and beautiful scenery. The new conservation project is key in this effort - a remarkable 400+ acre parcel with critical bird, fish and wildlife habitat bordering over three miles of two rivers and other channels. There are fifteen artists painting. I was assigned The Owen Sowerwine Natural Area where the bird sanctuary is hosting over four hundred bird species. What a treasure trove! The auction will be in November.

Fine Art Adjunct Dr. Marshall Jones - Earlier this year I was commissioned to write a work for solo viola for the Impulse New Music Festival. Obscured Range was premiered by Diana Wade, violist with the LA Phil New Music Group in August. Here is my program note about the work and a link to a video of the premiere:

The image of the clouds obscuring the Swan Range on a cloudy day in the Flathead Valley of Montana. Beneath the clouds the wall of the mountains rising up with no end in sight gives a sense of being weighed down, almost trapped. From within the clouds, I imagine a sense of a loss of direction much like the loss of pitch as the guidepost giving a sense of direction in music. On top of the mountain, above the cloud, it is a sunny day, without the weight and entrapment below, walled in by the mountains and the clouds.

<https://youtu.be/pZcOrEUmpzc>

Social Science Adjunct - Leigh Ann Downie-Economy recently took on the directorship at Immanuel Lutheran Community's new early childhood center, Growing Roots Early Learning Center. Having her business plan, logo, and strategic plan ready to go, she and the Immanuel team were able to secure a sizeable grant through ARPA. This grant will help them to open a state of the art learning center in Kalispell that will serve up to 75 children. She teaches multiple

1 courses for the EDEC AAS program, including positive child guidance and its lab and
2 administration for early childhood educators. She will be able to use her role as director, to
3 support FVCC's students and enhance their hands-on experiences with children and child
4 centers.

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6 **Social Science Adjunct - Lisa Hales**, EDEC 249, traveled to Italy this summer to observe and
7 learn about early childhood education in the Reggio Emilia area (a very important region that has
8 influenced early childhood education for many years). She interacted with other early childhood
9 educators and captured ideas, through photos, she will share with her courses at FVCC.

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11 **Social Science Faculty - Eliza Thomas** presented this summer at the European Literacy
12 Conference in Dublin, Ireland in July. She presented her research on the impact of Info-doodling
13 on students' comprehension. She had over twelve nationalities in her session and made some
14 great connections to support her work at FVCC. Eliza is very grateful for the support of the
15 professional development committee.

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17 At the 47th Annual Back to School Reading Conference hosted by the Northwest Montana
18 Reading Council August 17th, **Eliza Thomas** was awarded the Lifetime Achievement in Literacy
19 Education Award. It was an incredible honor because it's given by peers in the field and is often
20 not awarded until someone has retired. Eliza's mom and husband surprised her by attending
21 during the award. Eliza also presented at the conference which she does annually.

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23 To support Helena Flats teachers (where three of FVCC/UM 2+2 graduates teach), **Eliza**
24 **Thomas** presented a keynote to kick off their school year. The presentation was "Be the Teacher
25 You Wish You'd Had."

26 27 **Faculty Classroom Happenings -**

28 29 **Business Adjunct Tami Syverson - Business Fundamentals BGEN 204-01**

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31 During a walk and talk, the class discussed their business footprint, and companies of interest
32 with a local presence for company profile projects. They heard from their first guest speaker in
33 the series: "**Then, Now & Next**, with experts among us. **Then**, a former Flathead High School
34 graduate, **Sierra Harris**, who is **now** the climate change coordinator for the **Greater Yellowstone**
35 **Coalition**, America's Voice for a Greater Yellowstone, joined students before her **next** stop in
36 Glacier National Park for a climate change tour with Tribal leaders. If you see a Business student
37 on campus, they can share with you one of the five steps we can all take to offset our
38 environmental impact on Montana's beautiful spaces and how many non-profit organizations
39 exist in Montana, many with a similar mission



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(Drone photo by **Natural Resource Faculty - Tim Eichner**)