

1 FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
3 Regular Board Meeting
4 Monday, March 20, 2023, 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
8 convened at 3:45 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2023.
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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 Callie Langohr Lyle Mitchell
14 Mary Ruby Travis Steindorf

15 Trustee Lyle Mitchell arrived at 3:46, Trustee Kelly Stimpson was absent with prior Board
16 approval. Also present 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**
22 **February 27, 2023.**

23 Trustee Callie Langohr moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A
24 under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion. The motion
25 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 Robert Corbett, Freshman
30 Legislative Senator, for the Board to review (see Attachment I). In addition to the written report,
31 Robert stated that the student government has been working on their constitution and bylaws.
32 They will be using a different style of online voting that will use student emails. They are also
33 mandating service projects for all of the clubs.
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35 **B. Faculty Activities Report**

36 The Faculty Activities Report was submitted to the Board and presented by Dr.
37 Christina Relyea, Professor, Natural Resources Director, Honors Program (see Attachment II).
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39 **C. Executive Staff Activities Report**

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

43 **A. Student Success: Natural Resources Project**

44 Five of Professors Christina Relyea and Tim Eichner's natural resources and forestry
45 undergraduate research students presented their project "Monitoring Hail Damage and Ponderosa
46 Pine Tree Disease Through Citizen Science and Geospatial Technology."

1 **B. Board Policy:**

- 2 • **Chapter I, Doctrine, Sections 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 80, 85, 90, 92, 95, and**
3 **100 – First Reading - ACTION**
4 • **Chapter II, Organization, Sections 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 – First Reading -**
5 **ACTION**

6 President Karas reviewed the minor revisions to Board Policy, Chapter I,
7 Doctrine, and Chapter II, Organization:

- 8 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 10 – Legal Base and Authority
9 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 20 – Educational Philosophy
10 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 30 – Statement of Purpose and Goals
11 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 40 – Code of Ethics
12 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 50 – Equal Opportunity
13 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 70 – Drug Free Workplace
14 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 80 – Alcohol Free Workplace
15 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 85 – Smoking and Tobacco Free
16 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 90 – Disability Accessibility
17 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 92 – Animals on Campus
18 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 95 – Weapons
19 • Chapter I – Doctrine-Sec. 100 – Trespassing on College Property
20 • Chapter II – Organization-Sec. 20 – Administrative Structure
21 • Chapter II – Organization-Sec. 30 – Administrative
22 • Chapter II – Organization-Sec. 40 – Employee Responsibility
23 • Chapter II – Organization-Sec. 50 – College Committees
24 • Chapter II – Organization-Sec. 60 – Policy and Procedure Development,
25 Change and Implementation

26 Trustee Patrick Gulick inquired about the wording in Chapter I – Doctrine, Section 92.
27 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the words “therapy” and “companion” be removed from the
28 first line of the second paragraph in Chapter I – Doctrine, Section 92 Animals on Campus,
29 pending final legal review. Trustee Lyle Mitchell seconded the motion. With no further
30 discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

31 Trustee Travis Steindorf moved that the Board of Trustees approve Board Policy,
32 Chapter I – Doctrine: Sections 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 80, 85, 90, 92, 95, and 100 and Chapter II -
33 Organization: Sections 20-60 (second reading as revised). Trustee Mary Ruby seconded the
34 motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.
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36 **C. Academic Program Proposals**

37 Chris Clouse, Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs presented the Board
38 with two Academic Program Proposals for 2023-2024. During its February 17th and 23rd
39 meetings, the Curriculum Committee voted to recommend the following changes:

- 40 1. Machinist Technician, CTS Program – Deletion
41 2. Industrial Maintenance, CAS and AAS Programs – Deletion

42 Trustee Patrick Gulick moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Academic
43 Program proposal recommendations as submitted. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the
44 motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.
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1 **D. City of Kalispell Easement**

2 President Karas presented an easement request from the City of Kalispell. The
3 City has a lift station located on FVCC property on the corner of Four Mile and Grandview
4 Drive. They need to access the station for utility upgrades. Trustee Travis Steindorf moved that
5 the Board of Trustees approve the City of Kalispell Easement as presented. Trustee Mary Ruby
6 seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously with six (6)
7 “yes” votes.

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9 **E. Board of Trustees’ Event Calendar**

10 President Karas reviewed the Trustees’ event calendar. The Foundation’s
11 Roaring 20s themed Festival of Flavors event on April 6th is sold out. A new art exhibit in the
12 Wanda Hollensteiner Art Gallery is opening on April 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Board of
13 Trustees’ Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in the Arts and Technology building,
14 room 208, the facilitator from the ACCT will be there. The next Board meeting is scheduled for
15 April 24, 2023.

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17 **F. President’s Report**

18 President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- 19 • Legislative Update – The appropriations committee passed House Bill 2, Section
20 E. The bill was approved with the amendments that were put in in the joint
21 appropriations sub-committee executive action including increasing the weights
22 and the values from the Governor’s budget for FTE. They did not put any money
23 back into FVCC’s base budget. There is a draft bill that would provide one-time
24 only funds for all three community colleges for the biennium to expand existing
25 and develop new career and technical education programs. Our budget committee
26 met once and will meet again next week, tuition and fee recommendations will be
27 made at the next Board meeting.
- 28 • Wachholz College Center (WCC) – Continues to be successful, public and private
29 entities have been renting spaces.

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31 **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

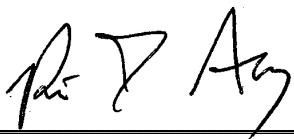
32 Chairperson Akey announced that the Board would go into Executive Session to
33 discuss the Emeritus Recommendation. It was determined that the demand of individual privacy
34 clearly exceeded the merits of public disclosure and therefore he would close the meeting. The
35 meeting was closed at 4:26 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 4:33 p.m. Following the
36 reconvening of the meeting, Trustee Callie Langohr moved that the Board of Trustees approve
37 the Emeritus recommendation submitted and honor Don Hicketier with Emeritus distinction.
38 Trustee Lyle Mitchell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried
39 unanimously with six (6) “yes” votes.

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41 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

42 With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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Peter J. Akey, Chairperson of the Board



Patrick Gulick, Secretary to the Board

Student Activity Report

March 2023

Student Organizations

Chess Club-The club is hosting regular meetings and held 3 game nights this semester. They have completed 2 service projects. They volunteered at a local church by helping serve dinner and playing games with elderly citizens. Volunteering on Fridays at Senior Institute has also been a highlight. They are planning on changing their name to Chess N' Games.

AICE- They have had regular meetings with food and they have gotten their service project done, they served lunch to the Senior Institute.

Music Club- They are having meetings around their rehearsals in the flex room at the Wachholz College Center. They had a pizza party and had 7 people show up.

GSA- They have started having meetings on Wednesdays at 10 am in LRC 102. They are still trying to recruit more students for the club.

The Firearm Enthusiasts club is holding meetings on the 1st and 3rd of every month at 4:15pm. They are planning a range day twice a month on Mondays for members only.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship hosts regular meetings and bible studies. They have volunteered with Feeding the Flathead twice and hosted a Game Night.

Mask and Hammer meets on Thursdays at 1pm. They went to the KCACTF in Spokane and had a play called "Lucky Me". They are getting ready for their musical coming up in April.

Simiinekem (Native American Student Association) -Meets on Thursdays at 4pm in LRC 102D. They have been volunteering at Senior Institute.

Student Government continues to work on a variety of campus projects and revising their constitution and bylaws. They are currently hosting a survey in regards to cafeteria services.

Club Sports

Logger Sports- are practicing for their upcoming event on April 11th in Oregon.

Intramurals –Intramurals are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7pm in the Wachholz College Center. Basketball takes place on Tuesdays and averages 10 players. Volleyball is hosted on Thursdays and averages 20 players. So far this semester, 54 students have participated in intramural sports.

Student Wellness- They have been having regular meetings on Fridays at 10am in LRC 102.

1 They did their Tobacco Prevention and Awareness on February 27th, did not have much of a turn
2 out but did get the information out there to some students. They are planning on having a Come
3 Eat with Us event on March 14th in the Wachholz College Center, and The Hook Up in AT 139.
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5 **Food Pantry**

6 The pantry hosted a PB & J Pop Up station in the student lounge in February and received 22
7 visitors. This semester the pantry has received 36 visits and distributed 389 pounds of food. The
8 pantry continues to stock free snack baskets in the math labs, feminine hygiene products in LRC,
9 and a school supply rack.

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11 **DREAMville University** –DREAMville was hosted on campus March 7th. Wendy Jeschke and
12 Eliza Thomas, Early Childhood and Elementary Education faculty member, partnered to provide
13 204 local second grade students a fun celebration of DREAMville University. Activities
14 included diversity, reading engineering, art and math, all of which revolved around the
15 importance of literacy and Indian Education for All. The event was made possible with 6 pre-
16 service elementary education students leading the 5 stations and 19 volunteers consisting of
17 students and staff.

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19 At the end of the day of both sessions (morning and afternoon), students received a snack, a free
20 book, a Timber tattoo, and an FVCC water bottle. The comments from several students were fun
21 and rewarding to hear like “This is my first day of college and I got to skip 10 years!”

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Faculty Activity Report

March 2023

Health Sciences

- **Julie Robertson** and **Janice Heil** went to San Diego for a national conference for the American Physical Therapy Association February 24-29. This conference brought over 17,000 PTAs from across the country together for continuing education.
- Three prior PTA graduates completed an orthopedic certification through the North American Institute on manual therapy. They attended four different continuing education classes and completed a final assessment to earn their certification.
- **Robyn Hoggatt** partnered with Logan Health employees to visit Glacier High A&P classes on February 6 to promote the surgical technology program and talk about career options.
- **Robyn Hoggatt** attended the Association of Surgical Technologists Educators Conference February 10-11 in Savannah, GA. Topics included:
 - Encouraging Resilience Through Peer and Instructor Support
 - Finding Balance Through Creativity in the Classroom
 - Grey Areas of Lab Skills
 - One is the Loneliest Number – The Solo PD
 - Advocacy: A Safety Priority
 - Beyond Our Tech Skills: The Foundation of Quality Patient Care

Humanities and Fine Art Faculty

- Music faculty members **Eunhwa Park** and **Nicole Sanford** performed in a faculty and guest artist recital on February 28. The recital featured WCC employee Natilee Radosevich who is an FVCC Music graduate along with Eunhwa. Rising student musician D'Andre Conant performed a two-piano duet with Eunhwa, also called a piano duo.
- Thursday, March 2 was the **music program's** first concert in McClaren Performance Hall. Six ensembles took the stage (Chamber Orchestra, Saxophone Ensemble, Clarinet Trio, Choral Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and the Jazz Combo) and it was a huge success. Special thanks to the WCC staff and crew for making the concert an amazing experience.
- **Rich Haptonstall** and **Rebecca Spear** accompanied twelve FVCC theatre students to the Region 7 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival this February in Spokane, WA. KCACTF is a national theatre program involving 18,000 students from over 600 academic institutions nationwide which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theatre in the United States. Student and teaching artists enjoyed a week of attending productions, workshops and symposia, showcasing their recent work, and participating in regional-level award programs. FVCC Mask and Hammer Theatre Club is incredibly grateful for this opportunity to participate in this excellent program which strives to encourage, recognize and celebrate theatrical opportunities for students.

1 **Math Faculty**

- 2 ● **Charlie Katerba, Laura VanDeKop, and Eliza Thomas (social sciences**
3 **division)** attended the Achieving the Dream - DREAM 2023 conference in
4 Chicago February 14-17. They attended a variety of sessions and brought back
5 ideas for data governance, the Teaching and Learning Center, and scheduling.
6 ● The **math division** hosted its annual Pi Day celebration and fundraiser on
7 Tuesday, March 14 from 11am-12:30pm in the library. They served a collection
8 of homemade and store-bought pie donated by current and former FVCC faculty
9 and staff, and also collected donations to go toward the Math Excellence Fund.
10 This fund gives monetary awards for math excellence at FVCC and local middle
11 and high schools.

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13 **Science & Engineering Faculty**

- 14 ● **Tim Price** met with an aerospace engineering class at Glacier High School and
15 lectured on propulsion systems, particularly those used on commercial aircraft.
16 ● **Christina Relyea, Tim Eichner, Rick Trembath, and John Fraley** are teaching
17 a Senior Institute class that surveys current and historical topics in natural
18 resource management. The course includes discussions of invasive species both
19 terrestrial and aquatic, common diseases and pests of trees, historical and future
20 fire in NW Montana, wildlife species and a history of wildlife conservation, and
21 an investigation of our natural world through the lens of technology including
22 Earth observation satellites and drone technology.

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24 **Social Sciences Faculty**

- 25 ● **Wendy Jeschke**, student engagement coordinator, and **Eliza Thomas**, faculty in
26 early childhood and elementary education, coordinated DREAMville on March 7
27 on campus for area second graders to explore diversity, reading, engineering, art
28 and math. FVCC staff and student volunteers from across campus made the day
29 possible. Six FVCC graduates now in their teacher education program through the
30 University of Montana Teacher Education Program presented the lessons each
31 tied to state content standards and the essential understandings for Indian
32 Education for All. The second graders learned a traditional American Indian game
33 called "Rock in the Fist" for diversity. In reading, students learned about
34 storytelling and the essential components of a good story. During engineering,
35 students learned how to design and redesign paper airplanes. In art, students
36 mixed primary colors with black and white paint to create mini landscapes. For
37 math, students learned about the history of dice and made their own dice to graph
38 their rolling results. After both the morning and afternoon session, students
39 received a snack, a free book, and a FVCC water bottle. Students were overheard
40 saying, "I want to attend FVCC someday" and "I wish I lived here!" Area schools
41 participating this year were Bigfork, Kalispell Public Schools (Edgerton and
42 Elrod), and Helena Flats.
43 ● In partnership with **Morgan Ray**, director of library services, **Eliza Thomas**
44 presented note taking strategies to students, staff and faculty during two library
45 offerings of Infodoodling (Information + Doodling = Understanding). The
46 offerings were colorful, fast-paced and full of doodles as a way to increase

1 comprehension of content. In early April, Eliza and TRIO Director **Leslie Greene**
2 will provide the same information to students involved in the TRIO program.

- 3 ● Salish Kootenai College Director of Early Childhood Amy Burland presented to
4 FVCC's early childhood students and recent graduates. She shared an opportunity
5 for students to work on their Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood through a
6 grant. Students can receive tuition, fees and books. Several FVCC graduates have
7 enrolled and are beginning their four-year degree.
- 8 ● Early childhood program students, Director Eliza Thomas and a Birds' Nest
9 educator and current FVCC early childhood student participated in a video about
10 early childhood education. The video is available on YouTube
11 (<https://youtu.be/2aKZIOiXlml>) and/or on the Social Sciences page.

12 13 **Faculty Classroom Happenings**

- 14 ● On March 14, the **music program** hosted the Middle School Orchestra Festival which
15 included 122 middle school students on the McClaren stage. The guest clinician was
16 FVCC's string instructor **Kyara Nelson**.
- 17 ● On March 3, the **STEM Colloquium** was pleased to welcome FVCC alumnus **Nick**
18 **Glynos** to speak on his PhD work at the University of Michigan. Nick presented, "A
19 Historical Perspective and Some Recent Findings on DMT — A Naturally Occurring
20 Psychedelics," to a packed house of faculty, students and community members. Many
21 thought it was one of the best STEM Colloquiums they had seen.
- 22 ● Science and engineering faculty **Tim Eichner** and FVCC's remote sensing class hosted
23 an urgent map-a-thon for the FVCC community to aid humanitarian relief efforts in
24 response to the February 6 earthquake in southern Turkey.

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Map the Quake
a FVCC humanitarian relief effort

Help update critical maps for the crisis response to the February 6th earthquake in Turkey. **YOU** can make a difference. Join us for a map-a-thon event to update building and road map data in heavily impacted areas.

- **When:** Anytime between 1:00-3:50 on Thursday, February 9th
- **Where:** Broussard Center 120
- **How:** Scan QR code to learn more and create an account, or navigate to <https://tasks.hotosm.org>

For more info contact Tim Eichner

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- Photos of **Robyn Hoggatt**, Logan Health employees and Glacier High A&P classes to promote the surgical technology program.

