MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 19, 2015

Members present: Gregg Chadwick, Jac Copes, Jim Drew, Jeff Flessner, Don Gibb, Pat Hardesty, Becky Ropp, Chad Rosenbaum

Members absent: none

Others present: Rob Widmer, Mary Beth Trakinat, Rick Pearce, Doug Minter, Scott Bross, Jd Davis, Sue Gilpin, Becky Gropp, Barb Leathers, Chris Miller, Marvin Rasch, Bob Shaw, Blair Lord, Lenore Sobota of The Pantagraph, Laura Mai

Chair Gregg Chadwick called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Heartland Community College to order at 7:00pm at Heartland Community College in Normal. The roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Jim Drew moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Becky Ropp seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Jeff Flessner moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Pat Hardesty seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Items approved on the consent agenda were ratification of bills paid during April 2015, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Rob Widmer noted that a Reverse Transfer Credit Articulation Agreement with Eastern Illinois University (EIU) was executed prior to the Board Meeting. He introduced Provost and Interim President Blair Lord. Dr. Lord noted that EIU has executed a similar agreement with Lake Land College. President Widmer thanked Dr. Rick Pearce, VP Learning and Student Success, for taking the lead on this project.

STAFF REPORTS

Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Omega Xi Chapter

Dr. Rick Pearce introduced Alanah Ruffin, President, and Maria Maxfield, Public Relations Officer, who gave a background on PTK, the international honor society for community college students. They also reviewed the benefits of PTK membership and described the 2014/2015 PTK College Project “Supply it Forward” which solicits donations of gently-used school supplies for student use. Ms. Ruffin and Ms. Maxfield plan to transfer to 4-year universities.
Academic Program Development: Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning-Refrigeration Program

Chris Miller, Faculty-Industrial Technology, indicated the College was approached approximately 3 years ago about a TAACCT Grant (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training). The State of Illinois received $53 million to share with community colleges. Approximately $380,000 has been spent to date on the development of a new degree program and accompanying certificates. The grant ends in September.

Board Policy Manual Revision 1st Reading

Doug Minter, VP Business Services, summarized the proposed revisions. A few issues were noted. The item will return for a 2nd reading next month.

FY2016 Budget Development

Mr. Doug Minter reported on the budget development process going into FY2016. He noted that Scott Bross, Chief Information Officer, streamlined the existing budget tool used by the budget managers.

Financial

Mr. Doug Minter indicated there was nothing unusual to report with the bills; the investment rates of return are still low; staff continue to closely monitor the revenues and expenditures for State payments which are matching last year’s payment patterns.

Recognition and Correspondence

President Widmer noted Ms. Clarissa Hinshaw and Ms. Emily Jacob, Heartland students, were recognized at the annual banquet in Springfield for their membership on the Phi Theta Kappa All-Academic Team. Both graduated from Heartland this spring.

Ms. Elizabeth Robinson was asked to be the class speaker class for the Multi Cultural Leadership Program Class of 2015. Ms. Robinson did an outstanding job. Ms. Robinson also works as a Program Assistant for Career Services/COMPACT.

Ms. Amanda Jones, Facilities Clerk, was nominated for an Administrative Professional award through a McLean County Chamber of Commerce program. Ms. Jones was named 2015 Top Administrative Professional.

Chair Gregg Chadwick recognized Ms. Mary Beth Trakinat, Vice President Continuing Education and Advancement, who is retiring at the end of the month. Chair Chadwick read a resolution in her honor. “In special recognition of distinguished service to Heartland Community College, the Heartland Community College Board of Trustees wishes to confer upon Mary Beth Trakinat the title of Vice President Emeritus of Heartland Community College with all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining.” Many well wishes were directed to Ms. Trakinat along with a hearty round of applause.
President Widmer thanked those able to be at the College commencement ceremony, which was moved inside due to wet weather. Marvin Rasch, Director of Student Engagement, Dr. Amy Munson, Dean of Student Success, as well as many others were instrumental in making it a successful and memorable event for the students.

President Widmer noted tonight is opening night for the CornBelters baseball team.

Mr. Doug Minter reported the closing was completed on the purchase of the Parkside property.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

**ICCTA**

Mr. Don Gibb reported on the ICCTA Board of Representatives meeting, specifically the election of officers and approval of the budget. He discussed Lobby Day and 3 related issues. He provided an update on 5 specific bills still being considered. Mr. Gibb, President Widmer, Janet Hill-Getz, Executive Director of Governmental Relations, and Becky Gropp, Associate Director of Public Information, were able to speak briefly with several legislators at the event.

**Student Trustee**

Mr. Chad Rosenbaum reported 19 Heartland students and faculty attended Student Advocacy Day in Springfield. Mr. Kyle Walsh, Past HCC Student Trustee, was the student speaker and his House Joint Resolution (pointing out the importance of funding community colleges) passed unanimously. Mr. Rosenbaum, reporting on events at Heartland, noted SpringFest was held earlier in May, approximately 1200 people attended HCC’s Commencement, the Student Government Association’s summer term book swap is in June, and the tobacco free campus kick off is June 1.

**Other**

Mr. Jac Copes asked about news on MAP Grants.

Mr. Don Gibb complimented Ms. Trakinat and Marketing for the Heartland television ad.

**NON-PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

**FY2016 Employee Insurance**

Mr. Jim Drew moved to approve the monthly rates and insurance providers for the Heartland Community College employee insurance program for FY2016, including medical, dental, vision, term life/accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D), and long-term disability insurance. Mr. Don Gibb seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.
CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to enter into closed session at 8:32pm to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of specific employees; collective negotiating; pending or probable litigation; closed session minutes. Mr. Don Gibb seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Chair Gregg Chadwick reconvened the regular meeting at 8:57pm.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Actions

Mr. Jac Copes moved to approve the monthly personnel actions included in Agenda Item 12.1. Mr. Pat Hardesty seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Faculty Promotions

Mr. Don Gibb moved to approve the promotion of the following faculty members into the identified rank:

- Randall Jacobs, Associate Professor, STEM-Business
- Francine Armenth-Brothers, Professor I, Health and Human Services
- Bradley Thomas, Professor II, STEM-Business
- Deborah Wentzel, Professor II, STEM-Business
- Stephanie Kratz, Professor II, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Douglas Salokar, Professor II, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Bodo Fritzen, Distinguished Professor, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- Nicolaas tenBroek, Distinguished Professor, STEM-Business
- Edward Carroll, Distinguished Professor, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Mr. Chad Rosenbaum seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pat Hardesty moved to adjourn. Mr. Jim Drew seconded. Motion approved with a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

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Gregg Chadwick, Chair                      J.A. Copes, Secretary

*Note: The student vote is advisory only.