MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 17, 2018

Members present: Mary Campbell, Gregg Chadwick, Jeff Flessner, Don Gibb, Pat Hardesty, Janet Hood, Becky Ropp, Josh Crockett

Members absent: none

Others present: Rob Widmer, Rick Pearce, Doug Minter, Kelli Hill, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Scott Bross, Todd Brereton, Doug Dowell, Steve Fast, Carol Hahn, Lee Anne Hale, Jim Hubbard, Barb Leathers, Tom McCulley, Sharon McDonald, Bob Shaw; students: Olivia Bachtold, Maci Pfeffer, Tyler Freed, Brandon Green, Josh Plank, Renee Vaessen; 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 6:00pm at Heartland Community College in Normal. The roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

SEAT NEW STUDENT TRUSTEE AND OATH OF OFFICE

Renee Vaessen, the retiring student trustee, introduced Josh Crockett who served as the Student Government Association President this year. Chair Chadwick administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Crockett. Mr. Crockett commented that he is beginning his third year at Heartland studying political science, that he enjoyed serving on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and that he is looking forward to his new student trustee role.

ADOPT AGENDA

Mr. Jeff Flessner moved to adopt the agenda. Ms. Janet Hood seconded. A voice vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF REPORTS

College Spotlight: Heartland Honors Program

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt, Associate VP of Academic Affairs, serves as the Heartland Honors Program Director. Dr. Diel-Hunt drew attention to three easels with samples of student posters taken to a research conference at Eastern Illinois University. She provided an overview of the program, which is based on the Phi Theta Kappa’s four pillars of scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service. She described how the program has been recently redesigned to create more measurable academic outcomes aligned with those pillars.
Doug Dowell, Faculty-Sociology and Social Work, has served as an honors faculty for three years. Cristina Prestin-Latham, Adjunct Faculty, will step into Mr. Dowell’s role next year. Sean Colcleasure, Faculty-English, is another current honors faculty. Mr. Dowell introduced students in the program. Mr. Josh Plank, who will graduate in May, explained how he would describe the honors program to a student who was unfamiliar with it. Ms. Maci Pfeffer commented on the unique relationship students form while in the program. Mr. Brandon Green commented on the unique opportunities the program provided him. Mr. Tyler Freed and Ms. Olivia Bachtold described their experiences at the Honors Council Conference where they presented their posters.

**Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team**

President Widmer noted that Heartland student Ms. Kaylee Burton, who was named to the All-Illinois Academic Team, is also a member of the Heartland softball team. She could not be present for the board meeting because she is with the team at a game. Ryan Knox, Director of Fitness and Recreation Center and Athletics, shared how people who know Ms. Burton describe her: teammates call her their leader and coaches say she is the reason they coach. Mr. Knox described her as the model student athlete from a model program. Ms. Burton plans to attend Maryville College.

**Outstanding Faculty Awards**

Tom McCulley, Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, introduced the recipients of the Outstanding Faculty Awards: Professor Doug Dowell, Faculty-Sociology and Social Work, and Professor Lee Anne Hale, Adjunct Instructor II LASS. Mr. McCulley also introduced Ms. Carol Hahn, Instructional Chair-Humanities, and Dr. Todd Brereton, Instructional Chair-Social Sciences. Mr. Dowell was recently promoted to the senior rank of Distinguished Professor, has performed sustained work in service learning, and has been at Heartland for 20 years. Ms. Hale practices a form of teaching called the “flipped classroom” empowering her students to take control of their own learning once they establish a core of knowledge. She has been at Heartland 5 years. Chair Chadwick presented plaques and thanked them for their work at Heartland.

**Financial**

Doug Minter, VP of Business Services, reported budget managers are completing their annual spending as the fiscal year winds down. Revenues and expenditures (including state funding) are tracking appropriately at 75% of the way through the fiscal year. Again this year, Adult Education was unable to spend approximately $70,000 of the funding within the grant guidelines due to the legislature’s late appropriation. The multi-year plan update will be presented in May.

**Recognition & Correspondence**

President Widmer noted the following:

Padriac Shinville, Dean of Enrollment Services, was elected chairman of the Great Plains LIFE Foundation’s Board of Directors, a non-profit organization in the area.

Kim Klingbeil, Continuing Education Program Coordinator, received complimentary comments about her department from a Heartland instructor, who also teaches at multiple schools.
Patty Omahana, Nursing Faculty, received acknowledgement of the C.N.A. program certification and a first-time pass rate of 98% on the exam, reflecting well on Ms. Omahana and her team.

A Pantagraph column by Bill Flick featured a story about a student in Mac McAvoy’s drawing class who quit the medical profession to become an artist.

For the 20th year in a row, the College received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Accolades to Sharon McDonald, Controller, and her staff who were involved with the CAFR, and for Doug Minter’s leadership over that area.

Cabinet/Other

President Widmer distributed a list of spring ceremonies and welcomed Board participation. Those not participating in Commencement were asked to notify the Executive Office.

President Widmer received a request from the CornBelters for a sign on Raab Road for the purpose of drawing attention to CornBelter, Miracle League, and Heartland events. President Widmer displayed a mock-up graphic of the sign, and described the size and placement. The intent is to give the CornBelters authorization to move forward with the sign, subject to Town of Normal approval.

Kelli Hill, VP for Continuing Education and Advancement, reported 35 Adult Education students and staff members were in Springfield on April 11 to attend Adult Education Legislative Awareness Day. They met Governor Rauner and Senator Barickman. One HCC student spoke to the crowd about her experiences in the Adult English Language Program. Kerry Urquizo, Director of Adult Education, and her staff lead this event and a civics grant supports it. Ms. Hill also noted there will be an Adult Education student speaker at Commencement this year.

Dr. Rick Pearce, VP for Learning and Student Success, distributed information on upcoming campus events involving the art and music programs: the Juried Student Art Exhibition in the library now; Lucious Spiller, the famous Delta blues musician; the Heartland Trombone Choir; and faculty and student recitals.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Mr. Don Gibb reported on the General Assembly’s return to Springfield, the lack of significant action on bills mentioned last month, and the most critical agenda item for lawmakers being passage of a 2018-19 budget. Mr. Gibb will not attend Lobby Day this month because it is difficult to get time with legislators; individual meetings or letters might be a better use of time. Mr. Gibb distributed a list from the ICCTA of issues to be stressed to legislators along with information about making community colleges a priority. The three main priorities for community colleges are to secure full and stable FY19 funding, protect their ability to be first choice of for dual credit courses in local high schools, and allow them to fill the current nursing shortage by authorizing them to grant Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees.
Student Trustee

Josh Crockett, Student Trustee, reported on the International Student Association Conference that he and Chair Chadwick attended where he heard professors speak on the importance of learning a foreign language. April 25-26 is HCC’s annual Hawkapalooza where 26 student-led organizations will celebrate a year of success, and the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Heartland Activities Committee (HAC) will hold fundraisers for the St. Jude’s WalkRunAthon to End Childhood Cancer. April 18 is the HAC basketball tournament. On April 12, the SGA took a group of students to Springfield to lobby with ICCB. The SGA will hold new officer elections over the next couple of weeks.

Other:
None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to approve the ratification of bills paid during March 2018; travel expenditures by members of the Board of Trustees and travel expenditures that exceed maximum reimbursable rates by Heartland Community College employees submitted since the last meeting of the Board of Trustees; and minutes of the regular Board meeting and special Board meeting of March 20, 2018. Mr. Jeff Flessner seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

NON-PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Revised Improve Photo Lab Accessibility Protection, Health and Safety Project

Ms. Janet Hood moved to approve the revised Protection, Health and Safety Improve Photo Lab Accessibility Project for an amount not to exceed $95,025. Ms. Becky Ropp seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Improve Photo Lab Accessibility Protection, Health and Safety Project Bid

Mr. Jeff Flessner moved to approve the award of the Protection, Health and Safety Improve Photo Lab Accessibility Project to Tarter Construction as the low bidder for an amount not to exceed $82,500. Mr. Don Gibb seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Janet Hood moved to enter into closed session at 6:52pm to enter into closed session to consider personnel, collective negotiating, and pending litigation. Mr. Jeff Flessner seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Chair Gregg Chadwick reconvened the regular meeting at 7:29pm.
PERSONNEL ITEMS

Personnel Actions

Mr. Don Gibb moved to approve the monthly personnel actions. Ms. Becky Ropp seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

President of Heartland Community College Contract

Mr. Josh Crockett moved to approve the attached contract for Dr. Keith Cornille as President of Heartland Community College with an annual base compensation of $220,000 effective July 1, 2018 and continuing through the first to occur of separation of service or June 30, 2021. Mr. Jeff Flessner seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Collective Bargaining Agreement with Heartland Faculty Association

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to approve a FY2019 - FY2021 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021) Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Heartland Faculty Association (HFA) that is in substantial compliance with the document provided to the Board for review in advance of this April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting and contingent upon ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by the HFA. Mr. Pat Hardesty seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved. President Widmer read the full motion out loud.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pat Hardesty moved to adjourn. Ms. Becky Ropp seconded. Motion was approved with a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32.

Gregg Chadwick, Chair

Rebecca L. Ropp, Secretary

*Note: The student vote is advisory only