



HEARTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 15, 2022**

Members present: Mary Campbell, Joshua Crockett, Jeff Flessner, Janet Hood, Cecelia Long, Becky Ropp, Tom Whitt, Rodney Billerbeck

Members absent:

Others present: Keith Cornille, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Kelli Hill, Letisha Trepac, Terrance Bond, Steve Fast, Barb Leathers, Jason Nelson, Amy Pawlik, Justin Knorr, Chris Downing, Josh Woods, Andy Litwiller, Dominick Demonica, Ann Kafer, Kirk McCullick, Dana Tuttle, Scott Bross, Connor Wood-Pantagraph, Adam Reeves, Sara McKenna

Chair Jeff Flessner called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Heartland Community College to order at 6:05pm at Heartland Community College in Normal. The roll call was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Josh Crockett seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Keith Cornille thanked board members for taking time before this meeting to attend the Dine and Tour of the new Testing Center. Special thanks to Hannah, Kelsie, and the entire Testing Center team for sharing the excellent work they do and the exciting new programs they have on the horizon to help students succeed.

Dr. Cornille also thanked those that attended the Celebration of Excellence dinner last week. There were more than 350 individuals present to recognize scholarship recipients and honor donors. Kudos to the Development Office Team on a job very well done.

Dr. Cornille shared that construction of the Ag Complex is moving along nicely. The project has been a model for working with industry partners in a public/private partnership, which has been made possible through the financial support of around \$6M that our Foundation has secured from industry leaders. GROWMARK, the agriculture cooperative based in Bloomington which serves almost 400 thousand customers across the country, has made a very impactful gift to the Ag Complex. Dr. Cornille invited Ann Kafer, Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Services and Kirk McCullick, Executive Director of Marketing and Business Development from GROWMARK/FS to the podium.

Ms. Kafer and Mr. McCullick spoke about the donation and the investment that GROWMARK has made to Heartland. Dr. Cornille expressed thanks to GROWMARK for this commitment to both the present and future of ag education.

Dr. Cornille invited Mr. Dominick Demonica from Demonica-Kemper Architects to provide the Board with an overview of the new food service facility. Mr. Demonica shared information about food service moving to the Workforce Development Center (WDC). The presentation included the space for Subway, a coffee bar, vending space, seating, lounge space, cost, and timeline.

Cabinet Reports

Sarah Diel-Hunt, VP, Enrollment and Student Services reported that student registration for spring has begun. Priority registration started October 24, 2022, thru October 31, 2022, Students eligible for priority registration were encouraged to register during that week. Last year 36 % enrolled in the week of spring priority registration and this year 38% enrolled during priority registration week. Currently 45% of current students have reenrolled for spring. Open enrollment for all students opened on November 1.

Dr. Diel-Hunt provided an update on Athletics. Men's Cross Country took second place in the nation and women took third place. Coach Ty Wolf won national Cross Country coach of the year. Each team had five All-Americans which recognizes their work in the classroom as well as on the course. Both the men's and women's soccer teams are at the national tournament this week.

Kelli Hill, VP, External Relations, thanked Nussbaum Transportation for being a wonderful partner and for taking the initiative to repave the Midwest Food Bank parking lot.

Terrance Bond, Assistant to the President, Institutional Effectiveness and Equity Diversity and Inclusion, shared information from the Higher Education Insight Survey (HEIS). Heartland uses multiple items from HEIS to work with Strategic Plan key performance indicators. There was a spike in 2020 over several categories. Highest performances include faculty and staff well-being and being proud of the institution. The Institutional Research team did a great job including the results of the survey in the Power BI application. Heartland staff are identifying what questions need the most attention or had the greatest decline. Specific work groups are being created to get a sense of where Heartland need to go to move all areas of the survey along.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Committee

Committee Chair Janet Hood reported that the Committee discussed several financial-related items on tonight's agenda, including the estimated 2022 tax levy and food service construction project. The committee supports the proposed recommendations and is pleased that the estimated tax levy projects no change in Heartland's current tax rate. With regard to the food service facility project, the Committee was pleased to see that the lowest bid came in under budget and that the College has identified a funding source to support the renovation. Next month, the Board can expect to see the parameters resolution for the sale of the College's biennial funding bonds, which is the next

step in the borrowing process. In addition, the final tax levy resolution will be presented following a hearing next month pertaining to tonight's estimated levy.

Finance and Administration

FY22 Budget Year End Update

Letisha Trepac, VP, Finance and Administration, stated there was a slight adjustment to the Tax Levy information since presenting to the Board last month. Regarding Protection, Health and Safety, funds are being levied to support elevator modernization. Even with this change, there is no expected change in the overall tax rate.

Ms. Trepac introduced Sara McKenna, Senior Manager at Wipfli, LLC, who reported on the FY22 Preliminary ACFR Single Audit. All audit reports contain unmodified (clean) opinions. The FY22 ACFR has not been finalized as the College has not received the FY21 Certificate of Financial Reporting Excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and comments from the FY21 report submitted in February 2022. Ms. McKenna reviewed the management letter with the Committee and the recommendations being made by Wipfli, LLC. Other than what is communicated, the College remains in compliance with all reporting requirements for our FY22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Single Audit.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Mr. Tom Whitt reported that ICCTA held a meeting November 11 and 12 where the speaker presented on current issues in higher education. ICCB reported that a recommendation will be made for a 7.5% increase in the operating grant from the state. Maintaining local control and strengthening MAP grants were also discussed as legislative priorities for ICCTA. The East Central Region meeting and workshop will be held at Heartland on December 9 with presenter Dr. Barbara Endel.

Student Trustee

Mr. Rodney Billerbeck reported on Student Civic Engagement Efforts. Student groups such as SLiCE, Political Science Club, and Student Government Association (SGA) have been partnering the past several weeks to host events that provide students an opportunity to be civically engaged. In October, groups partnered with the League of Women Voters to bring Bagels and Ballots which aimed to inform students about the candidates on the ballot from this past election. On November 8, the Political Science Club and SGA hosted an Election Night Watch Party where students were encouraged to bring family and friends and enjoy an evening of food, guest speakers, and peer discussion after the polls closed.

SGA has been working on different strategies to achieve the goals set, including SGA suggestion boxes placed around campus as well as the monthly Student Trustee survey. SGA has been busy coordinating Student Senate guest speakers for the Spring Senate meetings and has been working

to bring back the student voice on campus through various committees.

On November 9, ICCB Student Advisory Committee met for their second meeting at Joliet Junior College and Student Trustee Rodney Billerbeck and SGA Advisor Sarah Tipton were in attendance. Illinois community college student leaders heard from Lily Rocha, Midwest Regional Director for Young Invincible, and Rachel Bhagwat, Director for Policy at NAMI Chicago, who shared information about their work with colleges and the communities about supporting access to mental health care. Dr. Julia E. Willis, Dean of Students at Triton College, highlighted the Triumph Program, a student success initiative.

Student Engagement November Events include the November 2 Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead Celebration) with an impressive authentic Day of the Dead altar, live music from the ISU student group Los Muros del Barrio, and crafts for kids and adults alike. On November 11, Student Veterans of America hosted a Veterans Day event where the HCC Community recognized the service of Heartland student, staff, and faculty Veterans and currently serving members.

International Education week kicked off on November 14 with Global Student Union's Global Cafe, and on November 15, GSU hosted an International Guest Speaking Panel for all students on the importance and meaning of colonization. GSU plans to finish out this week with their very popular Taste of the World event on November 16 and will end with a movie night on November 17.

After two very successful October "Heartland Night at" events, the Heartland Activities Committee is bringing back Heartland Night at Pheasant Lanes, with free shoe rentals and free food for all HCC students.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Flessner noted the Calendar of Upcoming Events is available to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to approve:

- The ratification of bills paid during October 2022.
- The minutes of the regular Board meeting October 2022.
- 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.
- The naming of College spaces at the new Agriculture Complex Facility.
- Awarding of the purchase of a new dump truck for the Facilities Department.

Mr. Tom Whitt seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

NON-PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Estimated 2022 Tax Levy Resolution

Ms. Janet Hood moved to approve the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary To Be Levied For The Year 2022 and approve the publication of the “Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase” as presented. Mr. Josh Crockett seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Food Service Facility Project Approval

Mr. Tom Whitt moved to authorize staff to proceed with efforts of the renovation of space in the southeast portion on the first floor of the Workforce Development Center to accommodate the relocation of the College’s café, formerly housed in the Student Commons Building, at a cost not to exceed \$1.5 million. Ms. Becky Ropp seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Food Service Facility Construction Bids

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to approve awarding the Food Service Facility Project to Johnco Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,322,000. Ms. Janet Hood seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS

Monthly Personnel Actions

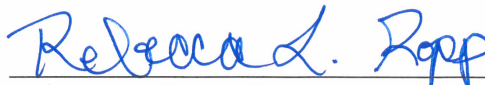
Ms. Cecelia Long moved to approve the recommendation as presented in Board Agenda Item 9.1. Mr. Tom Whitt seconded. A roll call vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Becky Ropp moved to adjourn. Mr. Josh Crockett seconded. The voice vote carried, motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Jeff Flessner, Chair


Rebecca L. Ropp, Secretary

*Note: The student vote is advisory only

