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**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761
CCB 1406/07 (Gregg Chadwick Community Board Room)
April 16, 2024
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Ropp, Janet Hood, Mary Campbell, Josh Crockett, Cecelia Long, Tom Whitt, Jeff Flessner, Andria Merkle, Auston Koch

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, Barb Leathers, Noah Lamb, Scott Bross, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Rick Pearce, Amy Pawlik, Steve Fast, Terrance Bond, Janik Mateusz (Pantagraph), Jean-Marie Taylor, Billy Lee, Camille Springer, Chris Downing, Josh Woods, Jason Nelson, others

Chair Becky Ropp called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:01 pm.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SEATING OF INCOMING STUDENT TRUSTEE

Auston Koch took the oath of office and was seated as the 2024-2025 student trustee. Andria Merkle was thanked for her service as 2023-2024 student trustee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Keith Cornille thanked those that attended the ribbon cutting for the Gregg Chadwick Community Board Room. He then welcomed the new student trustee, Auston Koch. Trustee Josh Crockett will help to mentor Trustee Koch.

President Cornille acknowledged the recent passing of Victoria Nguyen and Danny Mathews.

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Trustee Auston Koch introduced the new SGA officers.

Dr. Rick Pearce introduced the faculty award winners, Laura Coughlin and Phil Vandiver. He also introduced the All Illinois Academic Team, Shelby Hibbens and Claire Kuhlman. Miranda Buss introduced the National Professional Agriculture Student Organization National winners.

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt introduced the HCC Paul Simon Essay Contest, Gandhi King Essay Contest, Gregg Chadwick Scholarship, Gigi Campbell Student Trustee Excellence Award winners (Daniel Joshua Golladay, Annastaja Buffington, Parker Newton, and Andria Merkle, respectively).

President Cornille reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt introduced Camille Springer to give a presentation on Heartland's student counseling services. She talked about the staffing composition of the department; the vision, mission, and core functions of counseling services; trends over the last few years; and other related items and initiatives. Ms. Springer answered questions from the Board.

CABINET REPORTS

There were no further Cabinet reports.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Janet Hood gave a report from the Finance Committee, noting that the group discussed the items on the regular meeting agenda, including the Brandt tax abatement, the revenue recapture resolution, the FY25 budget update, the water main loop extension project, and the welding lab remodel project. They also received updates on the FY25 employee insurance renewal and the wage study.

Mr. Noah Lamb introduced the College's new Controller, Laura Hughs. He then gave a presentation regarding the FY25 strategic budget update. He went over the financial planning timeline and recapped recent past milestones in the budget planning process and ones to come in future months. He explained how revenue was distributed in the budget. He reviewed budget assumptions, both for revenue and expenses. The budget currently shows a deficit, but Mr. Lamb indicated that this is not unusual at this point in the budget process and he anticipates bringing a balanced budget to the Board in June. Mr. Lamb entertained questions from the Board.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Lobby Day is upcoming on May 1st and 2nd. Trustee Tom Whitt reviewed topics that attendees might want to lobby for such as mental health and dual credit. ICCTA's annual convention is upcoming in June in Lombard. Mandatory Trustee training and an awards banquet will both be part of the event again this year. Also, April is community college month.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Auston Koch reported about the students' Advocacy Day letter writing campaign. This Thursday is the Student-Athlete Academic Achievement Night. May 1st Phi Theta Kappa is hosting an event to kick off mental health awareness month.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Whitt and seconded by Trustee Jeff Flessner to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of bills
- Minutes: Board workshop and regular meeting – March 19, 2024 and special meeting – March 28, 2024
- Travel expenses
- Revenue recapture resolution FY25

The motion passed unanimously.

NON-PERSONNEL

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to pass the Tax Abatement Brandt Industries USA Ltd. and Brandt Properties USA Ltd. item. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to pass the Approval of the Water Main Loop Extension Project item. Trustee Tom Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to pass the Approval of the Water Main Loop Extension Project Bids item. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cecelia Long made a motion to pass the Approval of the Welding Lab Remodel Project item. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to go into closed session, citing section 2(c)(1) of 5 ILCS 120. Trustee Josh Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously at approximately 7:51 pm.

The Board of Trustees returned to regular session at approximately 9:00 pm.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to pass the Monthly Personnel Actions item. Trustee Auston Koch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:03 pm.

Becky Ropp, Chair

Josh Crockett, Secretary