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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)
June 11, 2024
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Jeff Flessner

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Barb Leathers, Noah Lamb, Scott Bross, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Rick Pearce, Amy Pawlik, Steve Fast, Bre Evans, Terrance Bond, Janik Mateusz (Pantagraph), Chris Downing, Josh Woods, Jason Nelson, Jen O'Connor, Jean Marie Taylor, Sarah Tipton, Angie Coughlin, others

Chair Becky Ropp called the regular meeting to order at approximately 6:02 pm.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Keith Cornille thanked everyone for being flexible with the schedule of the Board meeting being a week early. President Cornille spoke on the recent Elevate Heartland event and how Heartland Community College is a great place for members of the community. President Cornille also thanked Terrance Bond for guiding the conversation at the Board workshop where the Board discussed the college's strategic plan. President Cornille expressed having the goal of wrapping up the College's strategic plan by 2027.

President Cornille introduced several documents in front of the trustees, including employee headcount and the tentative budget. President Cornille explained to the Board that the final budget will come out in September and touched on the purpose of the RAMP documents, as well as why it is important to have these prepared in case there is funding made available by the state. President Cornille reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.

CABINET REPORTS

Rick Pearce introduced Angie Coughlin who spoke on kids classes at Heartland over the summer. Enrollment is up 10% as compared to this time last year. There are 141 classes offered, 58 instructors, and 4 community partnerships with groups that are able to offer classes in areas that Heartland does not have instructors for. Through the Challenger Learning Center, there are 14 stem classes for grades K-8. Heartland has also partnered with District 87, the Boys and Girls Club, Lincoln YMCA, and the YWCA. Every year, there is a goal to have 15-20% new summer programs, and Heartland has exceeded that.

Rick Pearce then introduced Bre Evans to speak on Heartland's chapter of Skills USA. This is the second year in a row that students are going to nationals, as they were able to demonstrate what they learned with other students in Illinois while partnering closely with companies like Rivian. There were several first and second placings in this program.

Sarah Diel-Hunt then shared current enrollment numbers as of summer census day. There is a very slight decrease in overall enrollment, and a slight increase in credit hours along with growth in new student enrollment. There were less students enrolled in WEI courses due to budget changes in that program, but we still continue to see growth in our CTE programs. Trustee Tom Whitt asked about the WEI enrollment being down, and if we had funding on par with last year, would enrollment numbers be the same? Sarah Diel-Hunt explained that there is a difference because funding was spent quickly in the summer last year, so they are spending conservatively this year. Chair Becky Ropp asked if there was any way for the Board to work with the state to increase funding for this program as at some other colleges, they have sent funding back because they were not as successful with this type of program. Chair Ropp did not know if that money could be directed to Heartland because this program is successful. Terrance Bond spoke to this, and mentioned that we have submitted a request for more funding, but we have not heard back on this yet. We have asked for \$ 1.2 million, which is the maximum funding available. Trustee Tom Whitt thanked Terrance Bond, and spoke on how similar instances have happened because schools were not successful, but that Heartland has a case because our program is so successful. Chair Becky Ropp thanked Sarah Diel-Hunt and Terrance Bond for their efforts in pushing to keep students in this program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Janet Hood gave an overview of topics discussed earlier at the Finance Committee meeting.

Noah Lamb spoke on the tentative budget for FY25. Chair Becky Ropp spoke on how well Noah Lamb and Laura Hughes have done in the process of preparing the budget, and she is happy that our budget is officially positive for FY25. Noah Lamb thanked the HR department and Barb Leathers for their help in this whole process. Trustee Tom Whitt also thanked Noah Lamb for the hard work that has gone into this process.

Noah Lamb then spoke on the RAMP documents that Heartland will be submitting to the state. Noah Lamb explained that our goal is to submit some projects every year in case there is money

that is granted to Heartland. The first is for Health Sciences which would bring forward new programs, and is the first priority for all of these projects. The second is for the Science Labs and is a continuation of the projects that have already been started. The third is the CTE building, and would support several CTE programs. Trustee Tom Whitt spoke on how submitting these RAMP documents does not mean that we will guarantee that these will happen. We will review these documents annually and adjust them as needed.

Noah Lamb then spoke on the annual renewal of the Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal. This amount has gone up from last year, but this is due to the additional facilities that have been added to campus.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Trustee Tom Whitt spoke on the most recent meeting in Lombard. The seminar centered on in college transfers, and the Illinois articulation agreements. The Lumina Foundation is working on direct admission, where one student could bypass needing to apply to another university and be directly admitted as well. There was discussion on reverse transfer, where students at four-year schools who need to leave are able to go to their community college and continue their education. Also, there was discussion about baccalaureate programs through community colleges for students that might struggle with working towards a four-year degree. ICCTA is going to be pushing for this. President Cornille noted that the president's council is going to be more proactive in looking at legislation. The state announced that the budget for community colleges is increasing by 2%. Trustee Tom Whitt passed things over to President Keith Cornille, who spoke on two students who won ICCTA awards. Annastaja Buffington was awarded the Gandhi-King Peace Essay Scholarship, and Parker Newton was awarded the Gregg Chadwick Student Service Scholarship. There was an award ceremony recognizing these students at this event.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Auston Koch spoke on what is currently happening in the Student Engagement Office. Student Engagement has moved to the Workforce Development Center for the summer, and all clubs are preparing for the Fall Involvement Fair.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Trustee Whitt and seconded by Trustee Koch to approve the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of bills
- Minutes: Board workshop and regular meeting – May 21, 2024
- Travel expenses
- Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal
- Prevailing Wage
- Transfer Resolutions FY24
- Naming of Spaces – Dobski Family Plaza

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The motion passed unanimously.

NON-PERSONNEL

Trustee Hood made a motion to pass the Tentative FY25 Budget item. Trustee Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Crockett made a motion to pass the RAMP Capital Request FY25 – Health Sciences Center item. Trustee Long seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hood made a motion to pass the RAMP Capital Request FY25 – Science Labs item. Trustee Koch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Whitt made a motion to pass the RAMP Capital Request FY25 – Career and Technical Education (CTE) item. Trustee Hood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Long made a motion to pass the Monthly Personnel Actions item. Trustee Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Campbell made a motion to pass the Adjunct Faculty Promotions item. Trustee Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Hood made a motion to pass the Employee Compensation FY25 Action. Trustee Crockett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Whitt made a motion to pass the Employment Contracts, Richard R. Pearce, Provost/VP Academic Affairs item. Trustee Hood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Crockett made a motion to pass the Employment Contracts, Sarah Diel-Hunt, VP, Enrollment & Student Services item. Trustee Hood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Trustee Koch made a motion to pass the Employment Contracts, Noah Lamb, VP, Finance & Administration item. Trustee Whitt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Trustee Long made a motion to pass the President Keith Cornille Employment Contract item. Trustee Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Crockett. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 pm.

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Becky Ropp, Chair


Josh Crockett, Secretary

