

**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - PONTIAC
1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761 CCB 1406/07
(Gregg Chadwick Community Board Room)**

August 20, 2024

6:00 PM

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Nora Dukowitz, Barb Leathers, Noah Lamb, Scott Bross, Laura Hughs, Sarah Diel-Hunt, Rick Pearce, Amy Pawlik, Steve Fast, Terrance Bond, Janik Mateusz (Pantagraph), Jean-Marie Taylor, Sarah Tipton, Chris Downing, Josh Woods, Andy Litwiller, Scott Swanson, Jason Nelson, News25 Reporter, Members of the public

Chair Becky Ropp called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rick Pearce gave the President's Report in President Keith Cornille's absence. He mentioned items under the President's report on the agenda, including a revision to the academic calendar and the first readings of revisions to two items in Board policy.

CABINET REPORTS

Dr. Sarah Diel-Hunt gave an update on fall enrollment. In brief, the Fall 2024 unofficial 1st Day numbers reveal a decrease in overall undergraduate headcount (-2.1%) and credit hours (-1.6%) as compared to a year ago.

Within that overall total, the decline was smaller for regular undergraduate headcount enrollment (-1.2%) compared to a 4.7% decline in College NOW dual credit headcount. While we are still finalizing dual credit enrollments, that program, which has seen exponential growth over the last

10 years, is likely stabilizing with this year's decline resulting from high school staffing shortages and some changes we made to program course offerings.

In terms of trends, we continue to see growth of our minority student population, with this year's class being again the most diverse in history (36%), with a 14% increase in black student enrollment and a 41% increase in international student enrollment (69 students is our highest number of international students in history).

The College is also seeing growth in other areas of focus in the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan including students 25 years and older (+2%) and an 8% increase in students enrolled in applied/work ready programs.

Amy Pawlik gave an update on the Halo program, which serves intellectually disabled adults in our community, and answered questions from the Board. Funding from the Illinois Bridge and Transition (IBT) grant has increased by approximately \$50,000 in 2024 vs. 2023. The number of students served has also increased year over year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Trustee Janet Hood gave a recap of the Finance Committee's meeting earlier in the day, which included the review of finance reports for June and July 2024. Noah Lamb, VP of Finance and Administration, gave various updates during the committee meeting, including a year-end update for Fiscal Year 2024 and a Fiscal Year 2025 update. The committee also received info about the resolution to be brought before the Board to issue up to \$35M in tax-exempt and taxable bonds.

Noah Lamb gave a strategic budget update presentation for year-end FY2024 and an update on FY2025 to the entire Board. He reviewed the financial planning timeline, what had already occurred and what the Board could anticipate to come. Questions from the Board and discussion ensued.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

ICCTA

Trustee Tom Whitt reported that the ICCTA recently held its Executive Committee retreat, which focused on strategic planning and member engagement. They also heard legislative updates at the retreat. There is ICCTA meeting upcoming in September in Springfield.

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Auston Koch reported on start of the semester activities, including the Week of Welcome and the textbook swap.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Becky noted Heartland Night Out and the upcoming Labor Day parades.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of Bills: June and July 2024
- Approval of Minutes: June 11 and July 16, 2024 (excluding Closed Session)
- Travel Expenditures: June and July
- Naming of Spaces
 - Testing Center – Dr. Sandra Hupp Testing Center
 - WDC/Student Center First Floor North Lounge – Messinger Lounge
 - Project Rise Office Suite – Walter-Chadwick TRiO Project Rise Center
- Second Reading – Board Policy: Finance Committee Organization Membership
- Second Reading – Board Policy: Freedom of Expression
- Second Reading – Board Policy: Minors on Campus
- Board End Statements
- Revised Academic Calendar: Final AY2024-2025

The motion passed unanimously.

NON-PERSONNEL

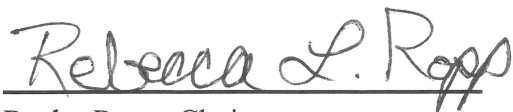
Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to pass the Bond Resolution item. Trustee Jeff Flessner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

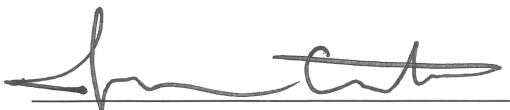
Trustee Cecelia Long made a motion to pass the Monthly Personnel Actions item. Trustee Mary Campbell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Austin Koch. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:01 pm.



Becky Ropp, Chair



Josh Crockett, Secretary