

# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Room 2112, David C. Briegel Building

## **General Business**

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on December 13, 2023 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 8, 2023 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Four individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Ms. Megan Kupres was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Skip Dyes presented her with a 5year pin.

Ms. Ranee Conley was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Beth Cripe presented her with a 5-year pin.

Ms. Stacey Dwyer was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Tracy Hertsel presented her with a 5-year pin.

Ms. Danielle Lucas was recognized for her years of service and Trustee Todd Obren presented her with a 20-year pin.

Kyra DeLoach was recognized for her Outstanding Entry-Level Professional Award.

## **Public Input**

No individual requested to speak.

### Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2023 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald reported that enrollment remains strong for fall. Both headcount and contact hours are up 10% and 12.9% respectively. Student housing looks to be at capacity for spring 2024. The Holiday Concert and wrestling events which took place this last week were both excellent and attendance was at capacity.

#### **Discussion Items**

Trustees reviewed the listing of gifts given to the Foundation, with eight individual donations for a grand total of \$5,125.

Brent Brewer introduced representatives from Carmi Design Group, Pearson Construction and Millie's Engineering to report on options to add additional beds to student housing.

Dr. Odenwald presented updates to the College Goals and Strategies.

#### **Action Items**

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Beth Cripe, to accept the Board of Trustees meeting dates for the calendar year 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the updated College Goals and Strategies. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Todd Obren, to accept with gratitude the gifts to the College shown in attachment 5C, with five individual donations to the College in the amount of \$3,036. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Review of Follow-up Requests**

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

### Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Jerdon, Chairman