

Dawson Community College Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 27, 5:30 pm
Recorded by Ashton Copp

The meeting was called to order by Chad Knudson at 5:38 p.m. The Chair called for introductions.

Board Chair Chad introduced Interim President Kathleen O'Leary to the board. This is the first board meeting with Kathleen as interim president.

Correspondence

No correspondence

Minutes

- Trustee Thorson/Trustee Johnson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

President Report

- As of today September 27, 2021 there was no employees or students that has tested positive for Covid 19. There was a student in the MLEA Academy training that was held on the campus DCC that has tested positive for Covid 19. The other students in the training are being notified.
- Interim president Kathleen O'Leary presented a handout with enrollment numbers that compared numbers from Fall 2016, 2018, and 2020.
- OCHE is partnering with OPI on the purple star initiative to recommend anyone from the community or involved on campus that is a veteran.
- Student fee increase request need to be to the board of regents by March 2022 and Board of regents will vote on request in May.
- Interim President O'Leary has been invited to participate in weekly calls with other leaders from two year colleges from the state.
- MT Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) reached out and is interested in our early childhood education program. There is a funding available throughout the state related to child

care. Hoping to partner with DCC to use the funding providing training to child care providers around the area and have that align with our early childhood program.

- MT Department of Corrections interested in expanding training opportunities for any of the offenders. MT Department of Corrections are hoping that DC will be interested in different avenues of instruction.
- Audit 2021 will be presented to the legislative audit committee on October 20. Legislative committee changed the process for the community colleges.
- FY 2022 Legislative committee has left it up to the Two year colleges to contract and line up their own auditors. The new process will be important to get that going quickly. There Federal deadline of March 31.
- TAC doing an analysis on the agreement with TAC and the number of maurita students we are serving. Analyzing how much time we are putting in and what we are getting out. Interim President O'Leary will have a recommendation to the board next meeting to see if we want to continue DCC partnership with TAC or letting it go.
- Financial aid contract with the third party vendor will be routed for signature this week. Justin mentioned that need to figure a timeline for implementation.
- Food service contract ended on September 20. Spoke with vendors and extended short term to the end of the month. The vendors also agreed to go until the end of the semester. Justin, Leslie, Doug and Kathleen will meet after board meeting to work out details.
- Interim President O'Leary has reached out to accounting firm Anderson ZurMuehlen to help get finances in order. Contract being worked on now and have begun requesting information from Doug and his team.
- Doug shared that some of the grants are complete and some are coming down to the wire to finish.
- Trustee Wilondek asked how the housing situation was. Twenty extra beds and students are adjusting well.
- Chairman Knudson mentioned that in the past the board has approved tuition and fees in November he would like to continue that.

Finance Committee Meeting

- No Meeting held.

HR Committee Meeting

- **No meeting held.**

Policy Committee Report

- No meeting held

Chairman Knudson called for public comment. There was none.

Chair Knudson asked Leslie Weldon to walk the board through the HR Report. Leslie mentioned that with the financial aid contract in place that will lessen the demand on Justin. A contract for Alex Chase Wolff has been written for Part-time Assistant to the Athletic Director this position is being paid by athletics.

Chairman Knudson asked about the tutoring position. Have not been able to find anyone for that position.

Consent Items

Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Johnson/Trustee Thorson moved/seconded the motion for the approval of the voucher list and HR Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Dennis Harp spoke about the Buccaneer Bash that is being held on October 9

Trustee Thorson/Trustee Johnson moved/seconded to allow alcohol to be served at the Buccaneer Bash.

Chairman Knudson called for public comment.

Joe Peterson shared that it would be nie

the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.