

GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Ironwood, Michigan

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District of Gogebic County was held on Tuesday evening, November 17, 2020 at 4:30pm via Zoom.

- Call to Order, Roll Call* Chairman Lupino called the Regular meeting to order at 4:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Those present: Mrs. Beals, Ironwood Township, MI; Mr. Brown, Bessemer, MI; Mr. Burchell, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Fitting, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Kolesar, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Lupino, Ironwood, MI; Mr. Malloy, Ironwood, MI  
Also present: President Dr. George McNulty, Vice President of Business Services Erik Guenard, Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow, Kelly Marczak, Stacy Brey, and Kari Klemme.
- Report of Secretary* Moved by Mr. Malloy and supported by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No.
- Conflict of Interest* No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items was brought forward.
- Institutional Reports –  
Foundation Update –  
Kelly Marczak* Kelly Marczak reported the Annual Fund for the Foundation is currently underway. She is hoping for 100% participation from both the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board. She is also working to increase faculty and staff participation in the program, as this year is critical due to hampered fundraising efforts resulting from COVID-19.
- Houghton Update –  
Stacy Brey* Stacy Brey informed the Board that spring semester registration is currently in full swing. Her goal is to keep the momentum going through phone calls and zoom. A previously unused office space at the Copper Country Center has been updated and is being regularly used by visiting administration from the Ironwood campus.
- President's Update – Dr.  
George McNulty* Dr. McNulty reported that changes at the College are continuing to occur at a rapid pace in response to COVID-19, and he intends to continue keeping the Board informed of all changes as they occur. The College is researching the feasibility of holding outdoor labs, as part of the Governor's most recent executive order.
- GCC received information in the summer of 2020 on the prospect of being part of a program called Project Vision. Between then and now, we learned more about this program by attending targeted meetings, conference sessions, and individual calls. Dr. McNulty reported that Gogebic Community College has been accepted into Project Vision's 2nd cohort. Project Vision is a National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program initiative designed to help rural two-year colleges discover and match innovative ideas with NSF grant funding opportunities. Academic Services and faculty applied for and were selected to represent the second of three national cohorts, consisting of ten colleges. Over the next year, GCC will collaborate with a team comprised of executive leadership, project management, evaluation and subject matter experts to write and submit for a competitive NSF grant proposal. Building capacity in STEM programming and workforce endeavors is the overall goal of the program.
- This is an example of advancing grant programming at GCC. Dr. McNulty thanked Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow for seeing this through over many months and Emily Geiger-Dedo, Serena Mershon-Lohkamp, and Angela Kortemeier for their work, input and interest in being part of this process. This should be a great experience and we look forward to working with Project Vision to submit a competitive grant proposal.

<i>Public Comment on Agenda</i>	None
<i>New Business - Financial Reports</i>	<p>Vice President of Business Services Mr. Erik Guenard presented the October 2020 financial statements. The General Fund Revenue and Expense Summary shows that tuition and fees are lower than the previous year, as the winter intercession was not built into the budget last year. He reiterated this is a good program for the College. State aid increased from the prior year and expenditures have been reduced.</p>
	<p>The Balance Sheet shows more cash this year compared to the prior year due to a combination of accounts receivable and lower tuition, the Skilled Trades building grant, and payment from the State of Michigan through the CARES funding.</p> <p>The Statement of Changes in Fund Balance shows the College is taking in less unrestricted revenue this year due to the decline in enrollment. The auxiliary funds are projected to have a decline this year due to COVID and a decrease of student presence on campus. The Courtside Café is currently closed. The Foundation investments are currently doing well due to the stock market.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Beals inquired about the number of students in residence hall. Mr. Guenard projects the spring semester will mimic the fall semester. Mr. Kolesar inquired about the Porkies, to which Mr. Guenard informed him that bidding has reopened.</p>
	<p>Motion made by Mr. Brown and supported by Mr. Malloy to accept the October 2020 financial statements as presented. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. <i>Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.</i></p>
<i>New Business – Candidates for Graduation December 2020</i>	<p>Vice President of Academic Services David Darrow presented the list of December 2020 graduates. He explained this list will be extended, as faculty are reaching out to students who are eligible to apply for graduation. He highlighted the list of CDL graduates.</p>
	<p>Motion made by Mr. Kolesar and supported by Mrs. Beals to accept the 2020 December list of graduates, as presented. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. <i>Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.</i></p>
<i>Discussion of Strategic Planning</i>	<p>Dr. McNulty reported Miranda Heglund and Beth Steiger have completed the Strategic Implementation Team Lead training, with assistance of Steve Spets in the IT department. He assisted with navigating SharePoint for all participants used for the gathering of information and ease of access. Dr. McNulty reported that staff and faculty participation remains stellar.</p>
	<p>Mr. Kolesar questioned if there have been issues with continuing with the plan since meetings have been moved to Zoom. Mrs. Beals informed the group that the group has been meeting via Zoom since the summer and didn't feel it caused any road blocks.</p>
<i>Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC</i>	None
<i>Other Business</i>	<p>Dr. McNulty asked the Board to consider dates for the next Board Workshop to be held in the beginning of December. Kari Klemme agreed to poll Board members for availability via email following the meeting.</p>
<i>Executive Session – Negotiation Discussion</i>	<p>At 4:57pm, it was moved by Mr. Malloy and supported by Mr. Brown that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss matters exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. <i>Motion carried – 7 Yes, 0 No.</i></p>

*Return to Regular Session*

At 5:31pm, it was moved by Mr. Burchell and supported by Mr. Kolesar to return to Regular Session. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Absent. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent.

*MESPA Tentative Agreement*

Moved by Mrs. Beals and supported by Mr. Brown to accept the tentative agreement with MESPA, as presented. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Present. *Motion carried* – 6 Yes, 0 No. Mr. Malloy abstained from voting due to technical difficulties during Executive Session.

*Adjournment*

Moved by Mr. Burchell and supported by Mr. Fitting that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Beals – Yes; Brown – Yes; Burchell – Yes; Fitting – Yes; Kolesar – Yes; Lupino – Yes; Malloy – Yes. *Motion carried* – 7 Yes, 0 No. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

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*John J. Lupino, Chairman*

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*Susan Beals, Secretary*

*Next GCC Board of Trustees Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 4:30 pm  
Zoom