

**MINUTES** **REGULAR** **MEETING**

**HELD** **April 28** **2009**

The regular meeting of the Hocking College Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Hocking College Logan Campus, Logan, Ohio.

Board members present were: Mr. Van Cardaras, Dr. Jack Cline, Dr. Alan Geiger, Mr. J. Thomas Hill, Mrs. Patricia Light, Mr. Joe Murtha, Mr. Frank Newlon, Mr. Steve Swart, and Mr. Larry Willard.

Administrators attending were: Sue Chiki, dean school of business and information; Larry Coon, dean school of natural resources; Dr. Larry Dukes,; interim executive administrator; Dr. J. William Hill, senior vice president; George Hinkle, chief technology officer; Neil Hinton, associate dean industry; Jerry Hutton, dean alternative energy institute; Laura Kreider, director human resources; Dr. Judy Maxson, provost and senior vice president; Dr. Roy Palmer, senior vice president; Calvin Price, dean school of public safety services; Dr. Myriah Short, dean new college; Judy Sinnott, public relations director; Ellen Sostarich, dean arts and sciences; Chuck Taylor, dean Perry campus; Dr. Molly Weiland, dean school of health and nursing; and Cindy Baden, board secretary.

Also attending were: Mr. Bill Russell, Ohio Board of Regents; Nelson Cary, Esq., VORYS Legal Counsel; Carter Stewart, Esq., VORYS Legal Counsel; staff: Jane Lyons Jestinah McDonald, Sally Lozada, Linda Deeds, Giles Lee, Steve Roley,; Ben Bohl, Steve Cox, Amelia Calhoun; Marc Wayner and Mark Yancko, faculty/HCEA representatives.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Willard, board chair, called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Geiger moved, seconded by Dr. Cline for approval of the March Board of Trustee meeting minutes as submitted.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Light, Mr. Murtha, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Mr. Murtha reported that prior to the board meeting, members and staff were provided a tour of the new Energy Institute. He noted it is still on schedule to open Fall 2009.

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Geiger reported that the three final candidates for the President's position had been on campus and noted that further discussion will be a matter for executive session.

### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Light noted that a meeting had been held to discuss the establishment of an institute in India. Additional information will be provided to the committee. She noted this is a work in progress and will be reported back to the committee at a later date.

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Mr. Willard noted the primary discussion of the budget committee meeting was to work with Dr. Hill to develop a three year budget. The committee is also reviewing ancillary departments and will report back to the Board at a later date.

### **INTERIM EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Dr. Dukes reported there will be an Employee Learning Day May 6. The steering committee will report on the Higher Learning Commission Conference regarding the reaccreditation process and a SWOT process will be done.

### **INACTIVATION OF PROGRAMS**

#### GIS/GPS

The GIS/GPS program has had very low enrollment for the past several years. Currently there are 21 students enrolled. One student enrolled Spring 2009, and six students will complete their degree in Spring 2009. There are two applicants for Fall Quarter 2009. GIS/GPS introductory courses are taken as core courses in the natural resources programs and would still be offered. No full time faculty will be laid off; however, this will decrease the use of retired and adjunct faculty and overload contracts of natural resources staff. It was recommended

that the GIS/GPS associate degree program be deactivated but the college continue to offer the Title IV GIS/GPS certificate. Students currently enrolled will be able to complete their Associate Degree, possibly with course substitutions. GIS/GPS core courses will still be offered to students in natural resources program.

### Theater Program

Enrollment in the theatre program has been small since the program's inception. There are currently 13 total students enrolled in all three majors (Theater Management, Theater Performance, and Theater Production). There are four graduates for Spring 2009, no new students enrolled Fall 2008, and seven applicants for Fall 2009. This program is operating at a significant loss. The one full time faculty member (Ellen Nichols, program coordinator/ instructor) will be given the option to teach in Arts and Sciences. There will be a reduction of adjunct instructors in New College and Arts and Sciences. For efficiency reasons, the Theater Program should be deactivated. Students currently enrolled will be able to complete their Associate Degree.

Dr Light had previously raised an issue regarding the CrossOver project and its continuation. The theater program has unique features to it and has potential for being a very viable program. The CrossOver project is as much theatre as music. Without theatre, there may be a question regarding the cost of the program. The intent is that this project will continue. Some theater courses will be offered in the arts and sciences area.

Mr. Newlon moved, seconded by Mr. Murtha, that the GIS/GPS program and Theater programs be inactivated.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Light, Mr. Murtha, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

### **RESOLUTION 2009-18**

WHEREAS, the GIS/GPS program and Theater programs currently have low enrollment, and

WHEREAS, the college feels that it is not financially viable to continue to offer the programs, and

WHEREAS, the program advisory committees agree with the inactivation of the programs, and

WHEREAS, the current students would be able to complete their associate degree,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOCKING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, that the GIS/GPS and Theater programs be inactivated effective Summer 2009 and that no new students be admitted to the programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Title IV GIS/GPS certificate continue to be offered;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hocking College staff will work with the current students so that they may complete their associate degree.

#### **AGREEMENT TO CREATE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Dr. Dukes noted that the college had previously approved a resolution to create a regional council of governments consisting of community, state community, and technical colleges. Proposed revisions to the agreement grant the authority over Association personnel to the President of the Association and permit the expansion of the number of Association Officers.

Dr. Geiger moved, seconded by Mr. Hill, that the proposed amendments to the agreement to create a regional council of governments be approved.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Light, Mr. Murtha, and Mr. Newlon.

Voting No: None.

#### **RESOLUTION 2009-19**

Whereas *Hocking College* is a member college of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges and a party to the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' founding document – *Agreement to Create a Regional Council of Governments Consisting of Community, State Community, and Technical Colleges (AGREEMENT)*;

And whereas, the AGREEMENT may be amended upon the written consent of three quarters of the member college boards of trustees;

And, whereas, the Governing Board of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges at its October 24, 2008 meeting reviewed and, based upon its determination that the proposed amendments to the AGREEMENT were in the best interest of the Association, voted to

endorse such proposed amendments and to recommend that the boards of trustees of the member colleges formally approve the proposed amendments to the AGREEMENT by the Association's 2009 annual meeting scheduled for May 14 and 15, 2009;

And whereas, the Board of Trustees of *Hocking College* has reviewed the proposed amendments to the AGREEMENT that were endorsed by the Governing Board of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of *Hocking College* hereby consent to the proposed amendments to the Ohio Association of Community Colleges' *Agreement to Create a Regional Council of Governments* as endorsed by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges Governing Board.

## **POLICY ON FACULTY/STAFF RELATIONSHIPS**

A proposed policy on faculty/staff relationships was distributed. Mr. Willard asked the Personnel Committee to review for possible adoption at the next meeting

## **MONTHLY BUDGET**

Dr. Hill noted nothing unusual in his monthly report for March 2009. Personnel costs have had improvements in efficiency. The residence hall and dining facility have shown strength in income. Student loans are up \$6.5 million over last year, a 43% increase over last year. The motel continued to show a loss. The travel agency shows a little improvement in the bottom line. Lake Snowden is some concern, but the college is now entering into the revenue season, and most of the loss should be made up prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Hill reported that in House Bill 1, part of the legislation that deals with the OCOG (previously the OIG), provides changing the priority of using PELL to pay for tuition. This will make a lot of Hocking College students ineligible for OCOG (this was \$2.1 million as of April 1) which will be very hard on many of Hocking's low income students.

(Mr. Swart arrived)

Dr. Hill noted he will be developing a new monthly budget report, with a more simplified format.

Mr. Cardaras moved, seconded by Mrs. Light, that the monthly budget for March be approved as submitted.

Voting Yes: Mr. Cardaras, Dr. Cline, Dr. Geiger, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Light, Mr. Murtha, Mr. Newlon, and Mr. Swart.

Voting No: None.

### **HOCKING COLLEGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Wayner distributed the results of ranking of the presidential candidates compiled by the Hocking College Education Association and asked that the Board review their ranking. Mr. Willard noted he was disappointed that the bargaining unit had felt that the Board was trying to keep them from speaking at the meeting. Mr. Willard said he had asked Cindy to let the administrative staff know that no administrative reports would be heard due to the long agenda and the anticipation of a long executive session. ;There was no intent to restrict the bargaining unit from speaking if they wished.

### **MEETINGS AND DATES**

Ms. Baden noted the following meetings and dates:

May 14-15	OACC Annual Meeting, Columbus Registration due April 30
May 15-17	Nelsonville Music Festival – Robbins Crossing
May 26	President's List Dinner May Board Meeting
May 30	Celebration for Dr. John Light
June 3	Trustee Videoconference with Board of Regents, 3-5 p.m.
June 14	Commencement

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Geiger moved the Board of Trustees to adjourn into executive session to discuss each of the following matters:

- ✦ to consider the appointment and/or employment of a public official;
- ✦ to consider the discipline of, and the investigation of complaints against, a public employee; and
- ✦ conference with attorneys for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body where litigation is reasonably anticipated.

He further asked that Carter Stewart and Nelson Cary, attorneys for Hocking College, and Larry Dukes adjourn with the board into executive session.

The motion was seconded by Tom Hill

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

The Board adjourned into executive session at 5:33 p.m.

#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

The Hocking College Board of Trustees reconvened at 7:47 pm on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Hocking College Logan Campus, in Logan, Ohio. Cindy Baden called the roll:

Present:

- ✦ Mr. Cardaras
- ✦ Dr. Cline
- ✦ Dr. Geiger
- ✦ Mr. Hill
- ✦ Mrs. Light
- ✦ Mr. Murtha
- ✦ Mr. Newlon
- ✦ Swart
- ✦ Mr. Willard

Dr. Geiger offered a resolution in support of the employment of a new President for Hocking College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill.

#### **Resolution 2009-20**


WHEREAS, the Hocking College Board of Trustees wishes to hire an individual for the position of President of the College.

RESOLVED, the Hocking College Board of Trustees authorizes the chairman of the board to negotiate the terms of an employment contract with Dr. Ron Erickso for the position of President of Hocking College.

The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Light moved the meeting be adjourned.

  
Cynthia Baden  
Board Secretary

  
Larry Willard  
Board Chair