

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, May 28, 2019, in the Solin Center for Business Education, Room B22, on the campus of Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan.

*Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call*

Chairman Lupino called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present: Mrs. Beals, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burchell, Mr. Fitting, Mr. Kolesar, Mr. Lupino, Mr. Malloy

Absent: none

Also present: Interim President Guenard, Vice President of Student Services Jeanne Graham, Kari Klemme, Kelly Marczak, Leah Benson, Joe Urbaniak, Aaron Froelich, Steve Newman

*Report of Secretary*

Moved by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mr. Brown, and carried, to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2019, Regular Board Meeting, the May 2, 2019 Special Board Meeting and the May 14, 2019 Special Board Meeting as presented.

*Conflict of Interest*

No conflict of interest of board members on agenda items.

*Institutional Reports –  
Introduction of New Staff –  
Leah Benson, Bookstore  
Manager  
Aaron Froelich, Manager of  
Campus Suites  
Joe Urbaniak – Networking  
and Technical Specialist*

New staff members, Joe Urbaniak, Leah Benson, and Aaron Froelich introduced themselves to the Board. They were welcomed by the Board members.

*GCC Foundation Update*

Foundation Director, Kelly Marczak reported to the Board that the Foundation is currently in the process of awarding scholarships. Ms. Marczak informed the Board that the Foundation is currently at 201 scholarships awarded, totaling \$96,675. She also let the Board know that the Foundation is seeking new Board Members.

*Public Comment on Agenda*

None

*Unfinished Business – On-going Progress/Reports*

Interim President Guenard explained that Institutional Goals will be revisited when Dr. McNulty comes on board, where the focus will be the fall semester.

Mr. Guenard reminded the Board there will be no volleyball program in the fall.

He also told the Board that assessment information is currently being entered into the Weave system following the HLC visit, which leads to class assessment, followed by program assessment.

Vice President of Student Services, Jeanne Graham, informed the Board that instructors saved students \$24,000 by using Online Education Resources in the 2019 Spring Semester, and \$85,000 over the course of the year. This was a push to take away any

barriers preventing students from attending. Mrs. Beals suggested a resolution to thank instructors who use OERs for students to save money. The Board concurred and Mr. Guenard agreed to have a resolution drafted for the June Regular Board Meeting.

*New Business - Financial Reports*

Mr. Guenard explained to the Board that fall enrollment is down as predicted, but revenue is comparable to last year. The balance sheet is stable, and the College is working to reduce the increase in receivables. The changes in the Fund Balance showed the bookstore and residence hall has performed better than last year, with the residence hall having different groups staying throughout the summer months to help offset the cost of lower enrollment.

Mr. Guenard also informed the Board of the upcoming bid dates for the Skilled Trades Building, which will be an important marketing tool for the College. Mr. Kolesar expressed the importance of also focusing on the exterior of the building.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried to approve the April financial reports as presented and to pay the UP Engineers and Architects invoice.

*New Business - Personnel – Non-Affiliated Staff Re-Appointments for 2019-2020*

Mr. Guenard presented the Board with the list of non-affiliated re-appointments for 2019-2020.

It was moved by Mr. Malloy, supported by Mrs. Beals, and carried, to accept the non-affiliated staff re-appointments as listed.

*New Business – Tuition Rates for 2019-2020*

Mr. Guenard presented a proposed adjustment of tuition rates for the 2019-20 year. He explained that the College will still be competitive with other Michigan community colleges, and well below the rates of universities. He proposed an increase of \$4 per credit hour for in-district tuition, out-of-district tuition would increase \$5 per credit hour, and no increase in tuition for international students.

He also proposed an increase of the dual-enrollment tuition from \$156 to \$160, with no course fees charged for general education classes.

Moved by Mrs. Beals, supported by Mr. Kolesar, and carried, to approve the recommendation of administration to make tuition adjustments.

*Discussion of Strategic Planning*

Mr. Guenard expressed that he is working on the Strategic Plan, but experienced Perkins grant downed software. He also told the Board that he will shortly begin speaking with leaders to start bargaining with various union groups.

*Public Comment on Topics Relating to GCC*

None

*Other Business*

Mr. Lupino explained that 2020 is the 50<sup>th</sup> year that Gogebic Community College has been on the current campus and has received interest from 1970 graduates in coming back to honor the 50<sup>th</sup> year.

Mr. Malloy asked how enrollment in the CDL program was looking for the fall semester. Ms. Graham explained that there are currently 6 students enrolled, which is a good number compared to previous semesters. Mr. Guenard expressed that administration is working with faculty to not define the program on a credit basis, and that the incoming Workforce Development Director would work to bring local businesses to work with the College.

Mrs. Beals inquired about the open positions within the College. Mr. Guenard told the Board that there has been a conditional offer accepted for a Math instructor, which would be brought to the Board at the June Regular meeting. Interviews start the following day for the History instructor, interviews for the Biology instructor for the Houghton campus start the following week, and the Workforce Development Director and Psychology instructor are in the near future.

*Adjournment*

Moved by Mr. Burchell, supported by Mr. Malloy, and carried, that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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*John J. Lupino, Chairman*

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*Susan Beals, Secretary*

*Next GCC Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting*

Tuesday, June 25, 2019  
4:30 pm – Room B22 Jacob Solin Center for Business Education