

Report on the Board of Trustees Meeting – November 17, 2008 – Venice

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harner.

Opening scripture/prayer was read by Chaplain.

1. President's Report: Dr. Lars Hafner

- Announced that the Florida Association of Community Colleges (FACC) will present a sustainability award to MCC at the annual statewide conference this month.
- Announced that the November board meeting will be the last with printed board packet. Board is going green. December meeting will be a hybrid, providing both printed and electronic packets on laptops for each board member. January meeting will be all paperless using only electronic board packets. Dr. Hafner will meet with each board member to assist them with the transition. If any board member would like specific material printed they can request that.
- Interviews for Vice president of academic quality and success position are complete and a decision is expected by the end of the week.
- Dr. Hafner will be setting up legislative meetings prior to the Spring session to discuss PECO dollars. Would like to align state agenda with MCC goals. Invited board members to accompany him if they can.
- Dr. Hafner shared with the board that MCC's wellness initiatives earned a gold-level award in the American Heart Association's (AHA) Fit-Friendly Companies Recognition Program. MCC is one of just five local businesses included in a list of award-winners in the October issue of Forbes magazine in a special section, "The Healthy Workplace. This came about due to the strong student and employee wellness programs which are already in place and will soon be combined.
- Requested a correction in last month's minutes to show that MCC does NOT cover any portion of partner benefits.

2. Approval of Grant Proposals

- Small Business Development Center and a National Science Foundation grant that will create pipeline of technicians for current and emerging technologies. This will make MCC more responsive to the needs of local businesses. Will eventually lead to an A.S. program that could then be eligible to Perkins funds.

3. Facilities Update

- MCC Facilities Director David Wildes discussed the Accelerate Florida initiative designed to advance approved construction projects in an effort to spur the state's economy.
- Site work to begin at Lakewood Ranch by the end of the year.
- Review of work done on Venice over the summer: Re-roof 100 building; re-roof student center; replace library air conditioner.
- Land swap in Venice still under discussion.

4. Comments

- Board member Christine Robinson thanked Dr. Hafner for his thorough communication on Proposition 8.

Meeting adjourned.