

Report on the Board of Trustees Meeting - October 22, 2008 – Bradenton

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harner.

Opening scripture/prayer was read by Chaplain.

1. President's Report: Dr. Lars Hafner

- Reported on partnership with USF:
 - USF/MCC agreement on Venice Campus is in completion stage to rent space for the next two years. Is seen to strengthen partnership with USF.
 - MCC December Graduation speaker will be Dr. Arthur Guilford, CEO of USF Sarasota-Manatee
 - Current 2+2 agreement with USF is in the process of being revised to allow MCC to offer four-year degrees, to be able to utilize other Partners to the College and to allow USF to teach a selection of 100 and 200 level classes.
 - Mentioned article in local papers (Oct. 22, 2008) relative to the positive MCC/USF partnership.

- Requested board approval to amend the letter of intent to offer baccalaureate degrees to include a four-year degree in Fire Science. Four-year degrees are becoming required for this field and MCC would be the first college in Florida and in the eastern U.S. to offer such a degree. The local fire officials have expressed interest in this program. (The letter of intent does not require MCC to offer the program, but provides the pathway for the college to conduct a needs assessment study on identified programs).
Board approved.

- Praised MCC for the following recent achievements:
 - *Pentangle*, MCC's student literary journal (Faculty advisors, Courtney Ruffner and Jeff Grieneisen; art consultant, Joe Loccisano), received awards from the state at the recent FCCAA convention.
 - Nursing graduates from MCC surpassed the national average on the NCLEX exam. Commended Bonnie Hasselberg, Staff, and program.
 - Praised the Athletic department for academic achievement/recognition (Academic All American) and the community service involvement of MCC's student athletes. (Mike Riley, Staff, and Coaches). Hafner stated that compared to competitors in the State, Athletics at MCC were one of the best run programs.
 - For past 3-4 years have seen a steady incline in academic averages of MCC athletes.
 - Praised Coach Bellamy for Hoops Program and for taking Basketball to another level at MCC.

- Community College/MCC Priorities to lobby in upcoming Legislative session:
 - Budget (including enrollment 5% increase)
 - Capital Outlay (PICO & construction dollars specific to MCC)
 - Faculty Enhancement Grant (meet enrollment demands)

- Benjamin Matching Program
- Announced that the Board of Trustees Annual Legislative Conference in Tallahassee will be held 2/4/09.
 - Opportunity to lobby delegation and representatives to represent MCC and entire State.
 - Transportation will be arranged
 - Board Members should call Pam to make arrangements
- Reminded Board of Presidential Inaugural on December 4
 - Showcase for the Arts (Theater, Music, Art Departments) at MCC
 - Raising level of consciousness in the Community for these programs
- Reported that Amendment 8 position and response from the community has been favorable. Commended Board for good leadership for the Community and noted an article in the St. Pete Times the previous day which added credibility for this action.
- Reported update on LamdaRail system. Possible clients St. Stephens, New College, and Manatee County. Closing the loop and looking at funding models.
- Reported to Board that he had met contractual agreement to move to local area; the Hafner family is now residing in Manatee County.
- **Board Meeting date will be revised for November and December.** Revised dates will be announced.

2. Consent Agenda: approved unanimously.

3. Rules Revision (Public Notice Hearing) M-Q: approved

4. Health Insurance Plan Presentation by Peg Beck

- Factual power point presentation to Board about current Health Insurance Plan with Consortium (Pros/Cons)
- 22 Community Colleges currently use Consortium for plan
- Approximately 500 MCC employees and retirees are currently covered in plan
- New ideas: Created an **ITN** (Invitation to Negotiate) Proposal to investigate other plans which may be available if MCC opted out of Consortium. Proposed timeline was presented. Consultant would begin work on this project Nov. 1, 2008 and if proposal was accepted, would begin January 2010. May provide employees and retirees with better benefits at lower costs. First time in over 10 years that any other proposal would be considered.
- No changes will occur for employees until January 2010 if proposal is accepted and approved by the board after investigation.
- Asked Board Approval to move forward with this proposal. **Board approved: with condition that options and considerations be taken back to the board**

during the time-line and that the proposal be presented to the MCC employees.

- Dr. Hafner mentioned the absorption of increased healthcare costs for spouses and dependents of employees for the current year and endorsed the idea of “seeing what else is available”. “The reason we’re reviewing this is to make certain that MCC employees have the best insurance available at the best rate”.

5. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presented by David Wildes for 2009-10 through 2013-14.

- Shared information on revised plans of two types: Cap projects (major) and Renovation & Remodeling projects. Included were:
 - Bradenton: Library renovation that could increase the footprint from the present 40,000 sq. ft. to approximately 65,000 square ft. which might be built as a partnership joint-use library shared with Manatee County. Hafner emphasized that MCC is committed to maintaining space for the Family Heritage House Museum.
 - Bradenton: Combine technology functions in one multi-story building by relocating classrooms and labs in outdated Building 19. The new building would be in the footprint of the current Building 6 and Faculty Building 3, and would house the computer technology which runs the campus on an upper floor which would provide more protection.
 - Venice: a new joint-use facility with USF
 - Venice: a land trade with Fourth Quarter that would exchange unused wetland owned by MCC for contiguous land that would be of use to the college
 - Venice: an additional road to accommodate continued growth
 - Lakewood Ranch: Medical Technology & Simulation Bldg.
- Requested approval of CIP program for 2009-10 through 2013-14: **Board approved.**
- Dr. Hafner mentioned that several projects would be taking place at once instead of the past procedure of focusing on “one building at a time”. Desires to take advantage of this time of “enrollment growth” and Governor funded PECO initiative.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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