MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
DISTRICT NO. 537
RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 20, 2018

CONVENING OF THE MEETING

Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in the Board Room by Chairman Ritter. Chairman Ritter also recited the College Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Roll Call

Trustees Present: Bruce Campbell, Tom Ritter, Dr. David Cooprider, Jim Underwood, Bishop Wayne Dunning, Dale Colee, Randy Prince, and Lee Trimble

Trustees Absent: None

Also present: Dr. Cris Valdez and other staff members

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2018 had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2018. Dr. Cooprider seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Valdez and the Board of Trustees welcomed Ryan Voyles, Herald and Review

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

College Activities Report

- Ribbon Cutting – Carroll School of Innovative Learning and Student Success Center – February 22, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
- Career Week – February 26 – March 2
- State University of Illinois Transfer Day – March 1, 2018 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Mueller Student Center
- Severe Weather Seminar – March 3, 2018 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Shilling Salons
• True Black History Museum – March 7, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Mueller Student Center
• Articulation Breakfast – March 8, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. – Shilling Salons
• Spring Break – March 12-17 – College Closed
• Board of Trustees Meeting – March 20, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.
• Other activities listed in the Board Book

Marketing Report

• Ellie Tomey presented information regarding the Surgical Tech program

College Spotlight

• Bill Mertell presented CAD and VR Technology

Personnel Update

New Employees

• Paige Sturley, Math and Academic Specialist, ASC, effective January 22, 2018
• John Smith, Training Coordinator, CDL Program, effective January 22, 2018

Retirements, Resignations, and Terminations

• David McLaughlin, Horticulture Faculty, effective January 9, 2018

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Greg Florian, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the Construction Report

REPORT OF ICCTA

None

REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Student Trustee Lee Trimble presented the Student Government Report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Julie Melton presented the Foundation Report, which summarized the quarterly meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors held on January 23, 2018. Upcoming Foundation event includes the Culinary Scholarship Dinner on March 24, 2018 6:00 p.m. in the Shilling Salons.
CONSENT AGENDA

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize the destruction of the verbatim records of the July 19, 2016, closed session audio tape.

It was recommended that the board of Trustees approve the Full-time employment of Dean Hazen as Director of Security, effective February 21, 2018.

Prince moved to approve the consent agenda items, as presented. Trimble seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

BOARD POLICIES, PROPOSALS, AND CHANGES

Modifications of the Board of Trustees Policy Section 3.6.4 Payroll and Section 3.6.5 – Paid and Unpaid Time Off was presented to the Board for first reading. No action is necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to adopt the following Resolutions for the individuals listed: 18-6; Granting Tenure to Karl Evans; 18-7; Granting Tenure to Kent Mears; 18-8; Granting Tenure to Chris Senger, as presented.

Dr. Cooprider moved to adopt Resolutions 18-6; Granting Tenure to Karl Evans; 18-7; Granting Tenure to Kent Mears; 18-8; Granting Tenure to Chris Senger, as presented. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF COLLEGE ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR FALL 2018 THROUGH SUMMER 2021

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to adopt the 2018-2021 College Calendar, as presented

After discussion of the Trustees regarding a change in policy due to adjustments made to the Calendar, Prince moved to amend the action and adopt only the Fall 2018 through Summer 2019 Calendar. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote six ayes, two nays.

More discussion from Bishop Wayne Dunning and Randy Prince regarding Board Policy Changes led to the action by Prince to table the motion of adopting the Fall 2018 through Summer 2019 Calendar until a special meeting could be called. Colee seconded, Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.
RESOLUTIONS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FACULTY

A recommendation was made to the Board of Trustees to approve resolutions reducing the number of faculty pursuant to the requirements of the Public Community College Act and the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Federation of Teachers Local 4262 for the academic year beginning August 2018, as presented.

Prince moved to approve the resolution regarding the service of Gary O’Connor, as a tenured faculty member pursuant to the requirements of the Public Community College Act and the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Federation of Teachers Local 4262 for the academic year beginning August 2018. Bishop Dunning seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

Prince moved to approve the resolution regarding the service of Bradley Hemenway, as a tenured faculty member pursuant to the requirements of the Public Community College Act and the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Richland Federation of Teachers Local 4262 for the academic year beginning August 2018. Campbell seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BILLS AND TRAVEL EXPENDITURES PAYABLE

The January 2018 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Statement were presented to and discussed with the Board.

A list of bills paid in the amount of $1,373,182.55 for January 2018 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Prince moved to ratify the January bills and travel expenditures paid and approve the Financial Statement subject to audit. Underwood seconded. Roll call vote being all ayes, Chairman Ritter declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

• Cris reported to the Trustees that as of today 26 applications have been received for the Vice President of Student Services opening and three applications have been received for the Institutional Effectiveness opening. The first review of these applications will begin on February 26, 2018.
• Cris will participate in Interest Based Bargaining Training on March 2 and March 3.
• Cris reported to the Trustees about his trip to the National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. He had the opportunity to meet with staff from both Senator Durbin and Congressman Davis’ office. He provided resolutions to both for the work that they do in the agriculture industry. Cris was able to meet with other leaders and discuss higher education, agriculture and a general grant pertaining to conservation.
ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- Dale Colee wanted to let the Trustees know what a positive spin there is on the MCLETC and its relationship with Richland Community College.
- Jim Underwood congratulated everyone that was involved in the completion of the Carroll School of Innovative Learning and the Student Success Center.
- Dr. Cooprider confirmed that Richland would host Rotary on April 2, 2018 in the Shilling Salons.
- Chairman Ritter reminded everyone about the Chamber Ribbon Cutting on Thursday February 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
- Chairman Ritter reminded the Trustees that Madonna would be sending out the 2018 Presidential Evaluation on February 21. The survey should be completed by March 7, 2018 so that results can be reviewed at the march Board meeting.
- Randy Prince thanked those that were involved in the completion of the Carroll School of Innovating Learning and the Student Success Center. He also thanked Bill Mertell, John Oliver, and Julie Melton for their presentations and the good work that they are doing at Richland.
- Bruce Campbell had a conversation with an employee of Bodine Electric that was working in his office today. This person was a graduate of Richland Community College and wanted to stress the importance of promoting the Computer Science Networking program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Prince moved and Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

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Bishop Wayne Dunning, Secretary