

## **Mid Michigan College Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

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The meeting took place in the Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus.

Present: Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair; Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Richard S. Allen Jr., Secretary; Thomas W. Metzger, Treasurer; George Gilmore, Trustee; Jane Zdrojewski, Trustee; Onita Oles, Trustee

Absent: All Trustees Present

### **Agenda Item I: *CALL TO ORDER***

Board Chair Terry Petrongelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

### **Agenda Item II: *APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

Since our Rehmann representative was present, the Board agreed to move the Audit Approval up in the agenda order. Motion by Trustee Jankoviak to approve the agenda with the recording of agenda items as presented. Second by Trustee Metzger. A voice vote showed All Ayes; Motion Carried.

### **Agenda Item III: *PUBLIC COMMENT***

Board Chair Petrongelli asked for public comment, no one wished to comment.

### **Agenda Item IV: *APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS***

Motion by Trustee Zdrojewski to approve the consent items as presented. Second by Trustee Metzger.

Trustee Zdrojewski expressed concerns over the deficit regarding the auxiliary fund. Vice President of Finance and Administration Lillian Frick explained that it pertained to the Laker Cafe and when that deficit should even out. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Trustees; Motion Carried.

### **Agenda Item V-A: *AD HOC COMMITTEE CREATION***

Board Chair Petrongelli asked for two Board member volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee regarding the campus house. Trustees Oles and Zdrojewski volunteered.

Motion by Trustee Gilmore to appoint Trustees Oles and Zdrojewski to serve on the Campus House Maintenance Committee. Second by Trustee Allen. A voice vote showed All Ayes from Trustees; Motion Carried.

### **Agenda Item VI-A: *AUDIT APPROVAL***

Vice President of Finance and Administration Lillian Frick introduced Josh Sullivan from

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Rehmann. Mr. Sullivan presented the audit to the Board with a clean, unmodified opinion. Trustee Zdrojewski asked how long the audit took, and Mr. Sullivan replied that around 300 hours were spent on the audit. Vice President Frick thanked Director of Accounting Susan Call for her coordination of the audit and the rest of the Business Services team for their work. She also spoke about her appreciation for Rehmann and their correspondence processes.

Motion by Trustee Oles to approve the audit as presented. Second by Trustee Jankoviak. A voice vote showed All Ayes from the Trustees; Motion Carried.

### **Agenda Item VI-B: *CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Employees are working on a virtual holiday card that requires participation from the college community. As soon as we have more details, we will pass those along and hope that you will take part. November 12 from 5:00-10:00 PM at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant, Mid will be hosting their employee holiday party.

The PTK Induction Ceremony will take place on November 17 at 6:00 PM in the Community Room of the Mt. Pleasant campus. Kudos to our PTK students that organized and worked the annual Deadwood Grove event.

TRIO will be hosting their International Thanksgiving Meal on November 22 from 10 AM - 2 PM in CSS 234 of the Mt. Pleasant Campus.

Mid would like to send a very special thank you to the members of Clare County MARSP for their recent donation of \$500 to scholarships. We received notice that the City of Clare's Downtown Development Authority has scheduled their semi-annual meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 8:00 AM at Clare City Hall, in case anyone is interested in attending.

Mid recently conducted a lockdown drill on the Harrison Campus. Thanks to everyone who coordinated that event and those on campus for their cooperation.

### **Agenda Item VI-C: *FULL TIME STATUS FOR TRISH FINERTY***

President Hood informed the Board that he would be approving the Full Time Faculty status for Trish Finerty. Ms. Finerty is a faculty member in the biology department and was an integral part of the most recent study abroad program to the Florida Keys.

Vice President of Academic Affairs and Community Outreach Scott Mertes spoke about the online version of Anatomy and Physiology that Ms. Finerty teaches. He also spoke about her professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication to the recent study abroad program. Ms. Finerty was recently accepted into a fellowship pertaining to marine biology, and is a faculty member we are proud to have at Mid.

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### Agenda Item VI-D: *RENTAL FOR INDOOR ATHLETIC TRAINING*

Vice President of Student Services Matt Miller presented a request to the Board to authorize the president to sign a long term lease agreement for athletic training space in Mt. Pleasant. The property is located at 614 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant.

Trustee Oles asked if the expenses for the current year would be feasible from the general fund. Vice President of Finance and Administration said that the money for the current year could be used from the contingency fund and would be built into the budget for future years. Trustee Oles spoke about her visit to the facility and stated that it would be a good structure for the intended usage.

Trustee Gilmore asked about current field rentals and the future plans and spoke about concerns to invest money into someone else's property. Vice President Miller spoke about meetings that are currently taking place in order to secure fields for future usage. Trustee Zdrojewski spoke about the cost savings in comparison to Mid building their own facility. Board Chair Petrongelli asked about costs that Mid pays to Morey Courts in comparison.

Trustee Gilmore stated that this expense would be about 25% of the cost of our own facility and would be a waste of our resources. Trustee Allen spoke about the potential to negotiate a purchase in future years, if the college were interested, or the option to walk away at the end of the lease. Trustee Zdrojewski asked to have reassurance that Mid could step away from the lease, a plan for revenue to be made from the building, if the Foundation could assist in any way and the comparison of student athlete revenue versus the cost of this facility. Vice President Miller stated that Mid would be allowed to sublet the facility and a fee would most likely be accepted to end the lease early.

A discussion took place about the benefits of the location in regards to the location of our student athletes and how that affects enrollment. Trustee Zdrojewski stated that she was not opposed to investing in athletics when it is the right time, and this is not the right time. Vice President Miller spoke about the expected length of time that the Baseball and Softball programs would survive if this proposal is not approved this evening. Trustee Allen spoke about an opportunity to improve the facilities that Mid already owns, such as the cross country track.

A discussion regarding quick decision making and what Mid is planning to prioritize took place. Vice President Miller stated that there were roughly 18 community colleges in the state that had Baseball teams and those teams were broken up into 3 divisions. President Hood spoke about the urgency to make this decision in response to the Board decision to not support the approval of building Mid's own facilities. He also spoke about the community support behind athletics. Trustee Zdrojewski spoke about the differences in K-12 facilities and their usages in comparison to college facility usages. She also spoke about the donor appetite from the Foundation standpoint.

Trustees spoke about the importance of supporting athletics, the Board's role in developing athletics and programs, the current economic environment, as well as properly utilizing monetary resources. Trustee Jankoviak spoke about Mid's mission, the audit regarding tuition

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increases in recent years and how that correlates to people's decision to attend college at Mid. Trustee Metzger spoke about the potential to increase the student athletic population.

Motion by Trustee Metzger to authorize President Hood to enter into a ten year lease agreement on property located 614 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, and approve various renovations to the property not to exceed \$250,000. No second was offered on the motion.

### Agenda Item VII-A: *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

- Nov 12            Mid Employee Holiday Party, 5:00-10:00 PM, Comfort Inn, Mt. Pleasant
- Nov 22            TRIO International Thanksgiving Meal, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, CSS 234, Mt. Pleasant Campus
- Dec 6             Board of Trustees Meeting, Esther C. Conference Room, Harrison Campus

### Agenda Item VII-B: *OTHER BUSINESS*

Trustee Jankoviak thanked President Hood for hosting the recent Halloween Party.

Trustee Zdrojewski encouraged everyone to vote.

Board Chair Petrongelli congratulated all of the Laker Achievement Awards.

Trustee Allen asked about the future of the Mid Fall BBQ.

Trustee Oles mentioned that the Michigan Community College Association is planning to host Board training in March. She also suggested the newly established Board review policies that are specific to Board responsibilities, to receive training in Robert's Rules of Order and utilize parliamentary procedures when conducting business. Board Chair Petrongelli spoke about the importance of a Board retreat after the first of the year when any potential trustees are in place.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Recording Secretary,

Amy Lince

Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

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Terry Petrongelli, Board Chair

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Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary