

**Mid Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 4, 2025 -Esther C. Conference Room-Harrison Campus**

Present: Jane Zdrojewski, Board Chair; Dr. Michael Jankoviak, Vice Chair; Dr. Karen Moore, Treasurer; Richard S. Allen, Jr., Secretary; George Gilmore, Trustee; Nate Weisenburger, Trustee; Lois Pittsley, Trustee; Tim Hood, President

Guests: Dr. Scott Mertes, Provost; Lillian K. Frick, Vice President of Finance & Administration; Matt Miller, Vice President of Student Services & Advancement; Lori Fassett, Associate Vice President of Human Resources; Diane Miller, Faculty Senate President; Sherry L. Kyle, Executive Assistant to the President & Board of Trustees; Kati Sellers, Director of Mentoring

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Item II- Approval of Agenda:** A motion was brought forth by Trustee Gilmore to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Support by Trustee Weisenburger. All yeas – motion carried.

**Item III- Public Comments:** There were no public comments from guests.

**Item IV- Approval of Consent Items:** A motion was made by Trustee Weisenburger and supported by Trustee Allen to approve the consent items as reflected in the board packet. All yeas – motion carried.

**Item V-A- Winter 2025 Enrollment Report:** Vice President Miller distributed handouts giving an overview of this semester's final data regarding enrollment for the Winter 2025 semester. The information provided breakdown of information in many areas and showed that we are up 390 students over last year at this time. This is the first Winter semester since 2010 that Mid has more students than the preceding Fall semester. Miller informed trustees that this does not occur very often. Miller continued to provide an overview of the enrollment report which included data reflecting student enrollment since 1969, the first year of student enrollment. The Board Chair thanked Mr. Miller for his informative report to the Board.

**Item V-B- Morey Tech Center Renovation Update:** Vice President Frick provided updated information on the renovation project at the Morey Tech Center at the Mt Pleasant Campus. The project is going well with the welding lab expansion. There are a few delays in waiting for equipment and items such as lockers to arrive at the site but overall, there is always something to work on to prepare the lab for full capacity. The contractor, Three Rivers Construction, is doing everything possible to get the project up and running. Quite a few items such as electricity, math labs and heat will be wrapped up as soon as possible. The facility has been freshly painted and is looking good. The robotics lab is very bright and impressive. The new welding centers are also impressive. The entire project is almost exclusively grant funded.

**Item V-C-Event Center Update:** Vice President Miller reported that preliminary plans have been presented to Union Township officials in Mt Pleasant which include drawings and permits. The Construction Manager is working out very well. Miller provided slides of projected images of the facility in a variety of uses such as gymnasium, staged area for commencement and other areas in the Center such as the physical fitness room, locker room areas and common areas such as the entrance to the facility. The Center's capacity is over one thousand and should fit our needs nicely. Miller showed trustees a sample piece of the gymnasium floor which has several layers that allow for movement and heavy activity, yet assist in preventing athlete injury due to its construction. Miller will have additional updates next month.

**Item VI-A-Correspondence and Announcements:** President Hood announced that Mid has recently (last Friday) signed an agreement with Alma College for the training and certification of Special Education teachers. Appreciation was given to Provost Mertes for representing Mid during the President's absence due to personal emergency reasons. Also in attendance representing Mid was Richard Smith (Associate Dean of Off-Campus and K-12 Operations), Meghan Keen (Director of Strategic Communications), Amy Fisher (Dean of Business & Professional Studies), and Kristin Simon (Registrar). Special thanks were given to these individuals who assisted in making this program possible. Provost

Mertes informed trustees that there is a shortage of Special Education teachers and this will be a good collaborative effort to help train more teachers in that area. Mertes continued that just over half of the credits needed will be taken at Mid, and then for the second part of the training, just under half of the remaining credits will be through Alma College. President Hood informed trustees that Alma College's new President is Dr. Joseph Odenwald, who was formerly the President of Southwestern College in Michigan. Dr. Odenwald will be Alma College's 14<sup>th</sup> President.

President Hood reviewed information on the upcoming Student Showcase events at both campuses. The Harrison event is scheduled to take place on April 22, and the Mt Pleasant event will take place on April 23. Many dual enrolled students are participants of these showcases.

The Northern Tradition is scheduled to take place at Jay's Sporting Goods on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at this time.

Commencement for Mid's graduates takes place on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Clare High School. Additional information will be forthcoming as the date draws closer.

April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Employee Awards event, with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Awards will be presented at 9:00 a.m.

Employee Appreciation night at the Great Lakes Loons Game at Dow Diamond, Midland is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Associate Vice President Fassett reported that attendance/participation has been good for the past several years, with between 150 and 170 employees and guests in attendance for the game. The event is truly a family fun night. June 19<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday evening with game time at 7:05 p.m. and fireworks scheduled as well.

President Hood thanked all employees for everything they have done for making this another semester with wonderful enrollment numbers and students who are enrolled in classes and programs to enrich their lives.

**Item VI-B-2025 MCCA Summer Conference Attendance:** A discussion took place concerning trustee attendance at the MCCA Summer Conference at Mackinac Island-Mission Point. The conference is scheduled to take place July 30 through August 1, 2025. Reservations need to be made well in advance for those who are certain they are going, or who would like to get reservations made but may have to cancel due to unforeseen conflict. Ms. Kyle will get reservations in progress for the names of individuals who indicated they would like to attend and this topic will continue to be on the agenda. Anyone who would like to contact Ms. Kyle for attendance may do so at any time. The agenda will be forwarded to trustees as soon as it is available.

**Item VI-C-Approval of Alcohol on Campus (Board Policy 304.01):** Provost Mertes informed board members that the request to serve alcohol on the agenda this evening is the same event as approved by trustees last month. It is the Art Reach Annual Murder Mystery fundraiser. However, a change for the date of the event took place in order to avoid a conflict with the previous date of Friday, April 4, 2025 has been changed to Friday, May 2, 2025. A motion was made by Trustee Pittsley to approve the date change for approval of alcohol to be served at the Mt Pleasant campus for the Murder Mystery night. Support by Trustee Weisenburger – all yeas; motion carried.

**Item VII-A-Calendar of Events:** The Board Chair informed members that the March Regular meeting will be at the Harrison Campus, but noted that the April Meeting will be in the Community Room of the Mt Pleasant Campus. She noted that April 17<sup>th</sup> is Capitol Day at the State Capitol, Heritage Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Item V-B-Closed Session:** President Hood requested the board go into Closed Session to continue the discussion on goals per Act 267 of the Open Meetings Act of 1976. A motion was presented by Trustee Weisenburger, with support by Trustee Allen to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. Roll call vote showed vote of aye from Trustees Weisenburger, Allen, Pittsley, Zdrojewski, Jankoviak, Gilmore and Moore. Motion carried unanimously. Guests exited the room except those requested to remain, which included Dr. Mertes, Ms. Frick, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Kyle. The Board Chair state that no action was expected to take place once the Board reconvened into regular session, and that the remaining item on the agenda was board comments, which would take place at that time.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 8:53 p.m.

**Item VII-B-Board Comments:** Trustee Moore shared that she thought the Student Success Webinar was very interesting and stated that she felt the College is doing very well with President Hood's leadership. There were no other comments from trustees.

The Board Chair concluded the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sherry L. Kyle  
Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees

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Jane Zdrojewski, Board Chair

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Richard S. Allen, Jr., Board Secretary