



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on October 9, 2024 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Todd Obren, Beth Cripe, Becky Moore, Tracy Hertsel, Dr. Elaine Foster, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: none

Minutes of the September 11, 2024 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Four individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Tiffany Brooks was recognized for her years of service and trustee Dr. Elaine Foster presented her a 10-year pin.

Lyndon Parrish was recognized for his years of service and trustee Skip Dyes presented him a 10-year pin.

Barbara Karwacinski was recognized for her years of service, was unable to attend and Dr. Odenwald will present her with her 20-year pin.

Ria Thomas was recognized for her years of service and trustee Todd Obren presented her a 25-year pin.

Public Input

No individual requested to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2024 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report highlighting the third annual futures fair which took place on campus September 25. This year's theme showcased technology and 163 students attended. Dr. Odenwald reported that the performing arts have upcoming band and choir concerts in October and November along with the annual holiday concert on December 7. Volleyball and cross country are in full swing with wrestling and basketball to begin within the next few weeks.

Michelle Orlaske, Marketing Manager, is leading our marketing campaign, "Born for This," and shared timelines and commercials directed at nursing recruitment.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with seven individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$16,344.66.

Action Items

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to approve the Employee 80/20 Health Care Cost Sharing Resolution for the coming year. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Tracy Hertsel moved to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. Becky Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman

Proposed - to be approved November 13, 2024