



Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Room 2112, David C. Briegel

8 a.m. Regular Meeting

General Business

Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on September 11, 2024 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Beth Cripe, Becky Moore, Tracy Hertsel

Members Absent: Dr. Elaine Foster, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Minutes of the August 21, 2024 regular convened meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to add agenda item 1G to include special recognition for the Charlie Chanter All Sports Award. Motion passed unanimously.

Eight individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Mark Hollandsworth was recognized for his years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented him a 5-year pin.

Samuel Walker was recognized for his years of service and trustee Tracy Hertsel presented him a 5-year pin.

Larry Holz was recognized for his years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented him a 5-year pin.

Gary Franchy was recognized for his year of service and will be presented with his 10-year pin at a later date.

Douglas Schauer was recognized for his years of service and trustee Beth Cripe presented him a 10-year pin.

Cliff Weeks was recognized for his years of service and trustee Becky Moore presented him a 20-year pin.

Christi Young was recognized for her years of service and trustee Beth Cripe presented her a 20-year pin.

Anna Norris was recognized for her years of service and trustee Tracy Hertsel presented her a 25-year pin.

Michael O'Brien and Rodell Davis were recognized for the vital role they played in SMC receiving the Charlie Chanter All Sports Award.

Public Input

Gail Shirey was recognized to speak.

Other

The Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2024 was received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald stated that enrollment has increased for the third consecutive year with a 2,044 headcount and a 1.5% increase in credit hours. He continued by

thanking the marketing, admissions, financial aid and advising teams. Dr. Odenwald recognized, Katie Hannah, VP of Student Experience, for her exceptional work since taking on the new role in January 2024.

Discussion Items

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with eight individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$7,365.

Action Items

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the Strategic Value to the Community Resolution (attachment 5A). Motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Hertsel moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept with gratitude the gifts shown in attachment 5B, with two individual donations in the amount of \$1,100. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Follow-up Requests

No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

Adjournment

Becky Moore moved to adjourn at 8:25 a.m. Tracy Hertsel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



Beth Cripe, Secretary



Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman