

**Minutes of the Oakton Community College Board Meeting  
March 18, 2008**

The 616<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at the Oakton Community College Des Plaines Campus.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Rosen called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. in room 1502 and Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Dr. Rosen	Chair	Present
Mr. Williams	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Dr. Alexopoulos		Present
Mr. Stafford		Present
Ms. Tennes		Present
Mr. Wadhwa		Absent
Mr. Spera	Student Trustee	Present

**Closed Session**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the closed session minutes of February 19, 2008, considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; potential litigation; and collective negotiating matters. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and Dr. Alexopoulos, Dr. DiLeonardi, Dr. Rosen, Mr. Spera, Mr. Stafford, Ms. Tennes, Mr. Williams, Dr. Lee, Mr. Chirempes, Dr. Hamel, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Oudenhoven, Ms. Rizzo, and Dr. Smith went into closed session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. in room 1502.

\_\_\_\_\_ offered a motion to adjourn the closed session. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Dr. Rosen reconvened the 615<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. in the Board Room 1506. Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Dr. Rosen	Chair	Present
Mr. Williams	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Dr. Alexopoulos		Present
Mr. William Stafford		Present
Ms. Tennes		Present
Mr. Wadhwa		Absent
Mr. Spera	Student Trustee	Present

Also in attendance were Dr. Margaret Lee, Mr. George Chirempes, Dr. Thomas Hamel, Ms. Bonnie Lucas, Ms. Barbara Rizzo, Dr. Joianne Smith, \_\_\_\_\_

Ms. Barbara Dayton represented the Adjunct Faculty Association; Ms. Patty Lucas represented the Classified Staff Association; Dr. Laura Saret represented the Full-time Faculty Association; and Joseph Schmidt represented the Public Safety/Fraternal Order of Police Association.

Mr. Michael Olan represented the *OCCurrence* newspaper. Mr. Andrew Schneider represented the *Pioneer Press* newspaper.

Ms. Patricia Dalzell was present as recording secretary to the Board.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

\_\_\_\_\_ led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the February 19, 2008, Board Meeting**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered a motion for approval of the minutes of the February 19, 2008, Board meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and the minutes of the February 19, 2008, Board meeting were approved.

### **Statement by the President**

Dr. Lee

#### **CONDOLENCES:**

- To Carlee Drummer and her husband Michael on the passing of Michael's mother Ruth Drummer last week.
- To Brad Wooten and his wife Yolanda on the passing of Yolanda's father Thurston Lee Jr.
- To Linda Davis on the passing of her mother, Carol Coleman.
- To Patty Tadda on the passing of her grandmother, Estelle Bradtke
- To Eileen Blitz on the passing of her sister Risha Rotkin

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- To John Stryker and his Ronora, on the adoption of a beautiful baby boy, David Ernesto Stryker.
- To Elizabeth Gilbert (Financial Aid) and her husband Evan on the birth of their first child, Rebecca Dee Gilbert.
- To Andrew Lachowicz (IT) and his wife on the birth of their daughter Julia Elizabeth
- To Jay Cohen, Chair, Professor of Accounting who has been selected as the 2008 Illinois CPA Society Outstanding Educator for two-year colleges in the State of Illinois. Jay is a faculty member that every college and every student is proud to claim – he is thoroughly committed to serving students and Oakton. Jay was nominated for this award and went through a rigorous application process in order to receive it. The ICPAS is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest state CPA society in the nation, with over 22,700 members.
- To Jillian Verstrate on being elected to serve as Vice President of the Classified Support Staff for the Cook County College Teachers Union, Local 1600.

- To new classified staff officers (many are in attendance tonight): Patty Lucas, President; Jillian Verstrate, vice president; Barbara Reineking, Secretary; Anne Laurence, Treasurer; Loretta LaVere, Membership Coordinator; Patty Tadda, Parliamentarian; and Marilyn Davis, Grievance Chair.
- To the Oakton College Bowl team who competed in the Spring North Regional State Tournament and will be competing in the State Tournament on April 25. Congratulations to team members Captain Ed McGrath, Vrushank Shah, Steve Spera, and Cheryl Valloni, and to their faculty coach, John Stryker.
- To Kathryn Schuster and Madhuri Deshmukh who have been awarded a \$68,000 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education (on the agenda this evening). They will lead a team of faculty from eight different Illinois community colleges, Loyola University, and Evanston High School, on a five-week study program in India this summer. Their project is entitled “In Search of Gandhi’s India: Teaching and Learning Non-violence in a Globalized World.”
- To the College Advancement team for winning three awards in the annual Admissions Marketing competition. Gold medals for the Alliance for Lifelong Learning’s Evanston Township Class Schedule and Pavilion Pulse newsletter; and a Merit Award for the President’s Report to the Community. This recognition is particularly noteworthy because the competition is open to all two-year and four-year colleges and universities across the United States.
- To George Chirempes and the Business & Finance team for another Government Finance Officers Association award winning Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. We will formally present the GFOA award to George when it arrives in May.

**PLAQUE:**

- In recognition of and with deep appreciation to Jillian Verstrate for her dedicated service as President of the Oakton Community College Classified Staff Association April 2004 through March 2008.
- To Jane Malik who was awarded the Academic Library of the Year by her peers in academic, public, school, and special/corporate libraries across the three county area.

**JANE’S CITATION READS:**

“For showing us that embracing change and nurturing future library leaders will reap bountiful rewards for libraries. Jane is admired for her “why not?” attitude for new ideas, and demonstrates that they work best when approached with a positive attitude and a stellar strategic plan. Jane is a leader in the best sense of the word, and even makes it look easy. She is a welcoming and supportive presence, and is always first to acknowledge her colleagues’ contributions. Jane has generously shared details of Oakton’s buzzmarketing project, which is already recognized as a best practice project for academic libraries. She tallies up results as a creative collaborator on a number of NSLS and Oakton committees. With Jane leading the way, we’re all motivated to take a chance on building better libraries.

**EVENTS:**

- Only 39 days until Oakton’s Six-Piano Concert – April 26 & 27. Ticket sales are now open and may be purchased through the Student Activities office.

Ms. Verstrate introduced classified staff members Mark Sprecher, Instructional Media Services; Pat Dalzell, President's Office; Will Frank, Television Services, operating camera one; and Tim Raetzman, Television Services, operating the direct cable feed from the Television Studio.

Dr. Saret introduced faculty members

Mr. Spera introduced Oakton students

Ms. Dayton introduced adjunct instructors

The administrators present included Maurice Archer, Director, Accounting Services; Ann Marie Barry, Director, Student Affairs; Trudy Bers, Executive Director, Research, Curriculum and Planning, and Executive Assistant to the President; Carl Costanza, Executive Director, Facilities and Campus Operations, Skokie Campus; Carlee Drummer, Executive Director, College Advancement; Dennis Graham, Dean, Science and Health Careers; Linda Korbel, Dean, Languages, Humanities and the Arts; Roxann Marshburn, Director, Grants and Alternative Funding; D. Arnie Oudenhoven, Associate Vice President, Human Resources; Nancy Prendergast, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs, and Dean, Skokie Campus; Doreen Schwartz, Director, Business Services; Robert Sompolski, Dean, Mathematics and Technologies; and Brad Wooten, Dean, Social Sciences and Business.

Guests included

## **Report: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)**

STEM at Oakton Community College

Robert Sompolski

Gloria Liu

Tingxiu Wang

John Carzoli

Gregory James

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics discussion overview

Offshoring issues

Federal, Industrial, Academic

Grant funded Oakton STEM activities

Past, Present, Future

Federal Hearings

Technology & Innovation Sub-Committee of the U.S. House Committee on Science & Technology

<http://science.house.gov/subcommittee/tech.aspx>

The Effects of Offshoring on the American Workforce

5/12/07 The Globalization of R&D and Innovation

7/26/07 The University Response

10/4/07 How do Companies Choose Where to Build R&D Facilities?

11/6/07 Implications for the Science and Engineering Workforce

### Federal Issues

Governmental policies to attract innovation

- Stay on the cutting edge of innovation and R&D (US)
- Require technology transfer as a condition on investments (China)
- Tax holidays for exports from IT services industry (India)

### Industrial Issues

Offshoring of US jobs

- 30% of all jobs are vulnerable
- STEM among the most vulnerable
  - 35 of 39 STEM occupations offshorable
    - 10 of 12 engineering
- 20 of 25 largest facility investments in semiconductor plants since January 2006 have occurred in Asia

### Academic Issues

Offshoring of US Education

- STEM enrollments are down significantly
  - students believe jobs vulnerable to offshoring
- ACE study on internationalization of universities
  - increasing revenue & prestige
  - international research collaboration opportunities
  - growing demand from China and India
- 150 of the 700 foreign degree programs operating in China are US

NSF @ Oakton Community College

A Team Approach to the Reform and Standardization of Core Courses in Science and Mathematics – Churchill - 1996

A Collaborative and Technological Environment for Teaching Mathematics – Sompolski - 1997

Consortium to Improve Chemistry: Linking Nine Community Colleges with the NSF's Undergraduate Chemistry Systemic Reform Initiative – Walter - 1998

Center for Promoting Stem

Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics Scholarships Program – 2000 – Garcia

Partnership to Increase STEM Enrollment and Student Success – 2003 – Wang

Center for Promoting STEM – 2006 – Wang

APEX Scholars Project – 2007- Carzoli

CP-STEM Goals

- **CP-STEM, a consistent effort since 2002:**

Two NSF STEP Grants, 2003-2006 & 2007-2012

- To increase enrollment and retention of STEM students and

- To increase STEM graduation rate.

- **Support OCC Strategic Objectives**

- Offer innovative learning for local and global citizenship.

- Provide WISE support for STEM students.

- Anti-Bias college.

- Provide academic excellence.

- Reinvent physical space and infrastructure.

Accomplishments – For Oakton Students

- **STEM Enrichment Program**

- Since 2003, 209 students participated in the program

- 83% of SEP participants received A, B, or C

- 71% of control group received A, B, or C

- **STEM Mentoring Program**

- Started in 2006, the program has grown significantly.

- 97 students since 2006, 75.98% completed

- **STEM Study Session**

- 71 classes since 2003

- 85% of participants received A, B, or C

- 58% of non-participants received A, B, or C

Accomplishments – for High Schools

- **Peer Tutor Training Program**

- 35 high school students since 2003

- 2003 Innovation Award of ICCCA

- **Student-Industry-Teacher**

**Simulations**

- 243 high school students since 2003

- 2005 Innovation Award of ICCCA

- **Collaborating with ETHS through a Focused Conversation**

- **Math placement agreement with ETHS**

- **Collaborating with Resurrection High School**

Accomplishments – Outreach to Universities

- Oakton STEM students have successfully transferred to Boston, California State U, Cornell, IIT, Loyola, Midwestern, Northeastern Illinois, Northwestern, UC-Berkeley, UIC, UIUC.

- Building connections with

- University of Wisconsin, Stout

- DePaul University

- University of Illinois, Chicago

- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

#### Accomplishments – Student Activities

- Field Trips:
  - *Argonne National Laboratory*
  - *Fermi Lab*
  - *Graphics Tools*
  - *JUNO Lighting’s Idea Lab*
  - *Underwriter Lab*
  - *UOP-Universal Oil Products, Honeywell Research Center*
- AMATYC Math Competitions
  - 28th in the country in spring 2005
  - 2nd in the midwest region in fall 2004
- ISMAA Math Competitions
  - 4th in 2003, 3rd in 2004, 6th in 2006
- CEO, Scholar and Expert Forum

#### Accomplishments – CEO, Scholar and Expert Forum (See powerpoint)

#### Accomplishments – Research and pedagogies

- **Research and peer-refereed presentations**
  - “Differences between STEM students and non-STEM students” at ISMAA, April 4-5, 2008.
  - “Variations on SI” at International SI Conf., May, 2008.
  - “Promoting SML and STEM,” *Online Proceedings of the 32nd Annual Conference of AMATYC*, 2006.
- **Promote successful pedagogies:**
  - Focused on Problem-Based Learning (PBL)
    - 1st Conference for Promoting STEM on Dec. 14, 2007
    - PBL seminars – Fall, 2007 and Spring, 2008
    - Support PBL projects
  - PKAL
  - Undergraduate research presentations

#### APEX Scholars

John Carzoli, Gregory James,  
and Cary Schawel

#### S-STEM Grant – Another effort of supporting STEM

- PI & Co-PIs
  - John Carzoli, Gregory James, Gloria Liu, Cary Schawel
- APEX Scholars
  - STEM interest
  - Academically talented
  - Financial need
  - US Citizens and permanent residents
- APEX Incentive

- APEX Plus
- Recruitment
- Systemic mechanisms
  - selection process
  - award method
  - alumni tracking

## **Public Participation**

There were no requests for public participation.

## **Comments by the Chair**

There being no comments from the Chair, he moved to proceed to the business matters of the meeting.

## **New Business**

### **3/08-1a Approval of Adoption of Consent Agenda**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approve adoption of the Consent Agenda.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the resolution.

A voice vote was called and the resolution to adopt the use of the Consent Agenda was approved.

### **3/08-1b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 3/08-2 through 3/08-6**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approve resolutions 3/08-2 through 3/08-6.”

### **3/08-2 *Ratification of Payment of Bills for February 2008***

*“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby ratifies expenditures and release of checks by the Treasurer of Community College District 535 in the amount of \$5,252,331.53 for all funds as listed and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated February 2008.”*

**3/08-3 Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for February 2008**

*"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 receives for filing as a part of the College's official records, the report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2008."*

**3/08-4 Ratification of Actions of the Alliance for Lifelong Learning (ALL) Executive Board**

*"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, in its capacity as the governing board of the administrative district of the Alliance for Lifelong Learning Program, ratifies and approves the actions of the Executive Board in items a to h and hereby approves the expenditures in the amount not to exceed \$24,835.23 for all funds listed in item a."*

**3/08-5 Ratification of Payment of Professional Personnel**

*"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the attached adjustments of part-time faculty 2008 spring semester salaries in the amount of \$77,689.39, resulting in a revised total of \$3,160,832.57."*

*"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the attached adjustments of overload faculty 2008 spring semester salaries in the amount of \$15,590.60, resulting in a revised total of \$391,887.50."*

*"Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the payment of stipends to the persons listed, in the amounts, and for the activities specified, the total payment amounting to \$36,687.50."*

**3/08-6 Approval of Clinical Practices Agreements**

*"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approve the following cooperative agreement:*

*For the Medical Laboratory Technology Program  
Advocate Health and Hospitals Corporation  
d/b/a Advocate Lutheran General Hospital – Park Ridge*

*For the Registered Nursing Program  
Riveredge Hospital – Forest Park."*

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the resolution.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Mr. Williams                      Aye  
Dr. Alexopoulos                      Aye

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Dr. Rosen	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Absent

The resolution was approved. Student Trustee Mr. Spera, favored the resolution.

**3/08-7 Authorization to Approve March Purchases**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the approval of the attached resolutions 3/08-7a through 3/08-7c:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
a. Great American Tickets on Consignment	Six Flags Great America	\$75,308
b. Xerographic Paper	Midland Paper	\$58,604
c. Telephone Service		
Rescind	McLeodUSA	(\$48,140)
Ratify	Broadwing Communications	\$15,386
Purchase	Level 3 Communications	\$12,400.
Grand Total:		\$113,558.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Mr. Stafford	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Alexopoulos	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Dr. Rosen	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Absent

The resolution was approved. Mr. Spera, student trustee, concurred.

**3/08-8 Authorization to Lease Property**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered.

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the Lease of Property to Chicago North Men’s Senior Baseball League, 4432 N. Clifton 3N, Chicago, IL 60640 for a total of \$35,000 for the period May 15, 2008 to September 15, 2008 per their response to Request for Proposal #14.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Dr. Alexopoulos	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Dr. Rosen	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Absent

The resolution passed. Mr. Spera, Student Trustee, favored the resolution.

### **3/08-9 Acceptance of Grants**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accept a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant in the amount of \$68,000 from the U.S. Department of Education to conduct the project, “In Search of Gandhi’s India: Teaching and Learning Non-Violence in a Globalized World.”

“Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accept \$3,486 from the Illinois Action for Children Quality Counts Child Care Grant Program.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

A voice vote was called and the resolution was approved.

### **3/08-10 Acceptance of Resignation, Professional Personnel**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 accept the resignation of Luciana Bang, Instructor of Spanish, effective immediately.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Mr. Stafford	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Alexopoulos	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Dr. Rosen	Aye

Dr. DiLeonardi           Aye  
Mr. Wadhwa               Absent

The resolution passed. Student Trustee, Mr. Spera, concurred.

**3/08-11 Approval of Leave of Absence, Professional Personnel**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered.

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approve a parental leave of absence for Mary Johannesen-Schmidt, Associate Professor of Psychology, for the 2008-2009 academic year.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Dr. DiLeonardi           Aye  
Mr. Stafford              Aye  
Mr. Williams             Aye  
Dr. Alexopoulos         Aye  
Ms. Tennes               Aye  
Dr. Rosen                 Aye  
Mr. Wadhwa               Absent

The resolution was approved. Mr. Spera, student trustee, favored the resolution.

**3/08-12 Adoption of Resolution on Tuition Rates**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered.

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorize a tuition rate of \$84 per credit hour effective as of the summer term of 2008, and a tuition rate of \$86 per credit hour effective as of the summer term of 2009.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Dr. Rosen                 Aye  
Dr. DiLeonardi         Aye  
Mr. Stafford             Aye  
Mr. Williams             Aye  
Dr. Alexopoulos         Aye  
Ms. Tennes               Aye  
Mr. Wadhwa               Absent

The resolution passed. Mr. Spera, student trustee, concurred.

**3/08-13 Approval of Additional Administrative Position**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered.

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approve the hiring of a full-time Associate Dean for Student Learning, to develop, coordinate, and implement a state-of-the-art assessment program.”

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Dr. Rosen	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye
Dr. Alexopoulos	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Absent

The resolution passed. Mr. Spera, student trustee, concurred.

**3/08-14 First Read of Policy**

\_\_\_\_\_ offered.

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby accepts for review the proposed revision to Policy 2002 attached hereto with action to take place at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion.

A voice vote was called and the resolution was approved.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Rosen stated that the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, would be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room (1506) on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Oakton Community College, 1600 East Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL.

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Rosen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ offered a motion for adjournment and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and Mr. Williams adjourned the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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Jeffrey H. Rosen, Board Chair

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Joan W. DiLeonardi, Board Secretary

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A video tape recording of the March 18, 2008, meeting was made and may be viewed by calling the Library and Instructional Media Services office at 847-635-1640.