

**Minutes of the Oakton Community College Board Meeting
May 20, 2008**

The 618th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Oakton Community College Des Plaines Campus.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in room 1502 and Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll.

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

Closed Session

Ms. Tennes offered a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing the closed session minutes of April 15, 2008, considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; potential litigation; and collective negotiating matters. Dr. George Alexopoulos seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and Dr. Alexopoulos, Dr. Joan DiLeonardi, Dr. Jeffrey Rosen, Mr. Steve Spera, Ms. Ann Tennes, Mr. Jody Wadhwa, Mr. Emory Williams, Dr. Margaret Lee, Dr. Tom Hamel, Dr. Joianne Smith, Mr. George Chirempes, Ms. Bonnie Lucas, Mr. Arnie Oudenhoven, and Ms. Barbara Rizzo went into closed session. The closed session meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Williams reconvened the meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:35 p.m. in the Board Room 1506. Secretary Alexopoulos called the roll:

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

Also in attendance were Dr. Margaret Lee, Dr. Trudy Bers, Mr. George Chirempes, Dr. Thomas Hamel, Ms. Bonnie Lucas, Ms. Barbara Rizzo, Dr. Joianne Smith, Ms. Kathleen Ahern-Gray, Mr. Nick Ames, Mr. Maurice Archer, Dr. Kalyani Banerjee, Ms. Ann Marie Barry, Ms. Michele Brown, Mr. Carl Costanza, Dr. Carlee Drummer, Mr. Will Frank, Mr. David Galvan, Mr. Dennis Graham, Dr. Sayeed Hassan, Ms. Nancy Heldt, Dr. Gregory James, Ms. Linda Korbel, Mr. Chester Kulis, Ms. Jane Malik, Ms. Roxann Marshburn, Ms. Sarah Masri, Mr. Patrick McConville, Mr. Bill McGrath, Mr. Ed McGrath, Dr. Cheryl McKinley, Mr. Arnie Oudenhoven, Dr. Nancy Prendergast, Mr. Tim Raetzman, Ms. Doreen Schwartz, Mr. Wayne Serbin, Mr. Mark Sprecher, Mr. William Strond, Mr. Wayne Szatkowski, and Ms. Amy Zumfelde.

Ms. Barbara Dayton represented the Adjunct Faculty Association; Ms. Patty Lucas represented the Classified Staff Association. There was no representation for the Faculty Association.

Ms. Eileen Cukierski was present as recording secretary to the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Minutes of the April 15, 2008, Board Meeting

Statement by the President

Dr. Lee began her statement asking for introductions of those present.

Ms. Lucas, President of the Classified Staff Association, introduced classified staff members Eileen Cukierski, President's Office, Will Frank, Television Services; Tim Raetzman, Television Services and Mark Sprecher, Instructional Media Services.

Ms. Dayton, representing the Adjunct Faculty Association, introduced instructors Kalyani Banerjee, Instructor of Chemistry; and Mr. Chester Kulis, Instructor of Sociology.

Mr. Spera introduced students Nick Ames, David Galvan, Patrick McConville, Ed McGrath and Sarah Masri.

Since there was no representation for the Faculty Association, Dr. Lee asked that the full-time faculty in attendance please introduce themselves: Kathleen Ahern-Gray, Professor of BNAT Nursing; Nancy Heldt, Professor of Medical Laboratory Technology; Jane Malik, Professor of Library Services; Cheryl McKinley, Professor of Student Development and Psychology; Bill Strond, Associate Professor of Biology; Hassan Sayeed, Professor of Psychology; and Amy Zumfelde, Associate Professor of Modern Languages.

The administrators present included Maurice Archer, Director, Accounting Services; Ann Marie Barry, Director, Student Activities; Trudy Bers, Executive Director of Institutional Research, Curriculum and Strategic Planning; Michele Brown, Director, Admission and Enrollment Management; Carl Costanza, Executive Director, Campus Operations and Facilities; Carlee Drummer, Executive Director of College Advancement; Dennis Graham, Dean, Science and Health Careers; Gregory James, Dean of Students; Linda Korbel, Dean of 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 for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Skokie campus; Doreen Schwartz, Director, Business Services.

Dr. Lee acknowledged community member Mr. Wayne Serbin for his recognition in the local paper for his ardent citizenship. Dr. Lee offered condolences to the family of Adjunct Faculty Instructor of Electronics, Mr. Shantanu Nandi, to Roxann Marshburn on the passing of her mother and to Pam Drell, faculty member, on the passing of her father-in-law. Congratulations were offered to David and Kim Rudden, on the birth of a son, Lucas Rudden and Mary Johannesen-Schmidt and her husband Tom, on the birth of their son, Luke Thomas. Congratulations were also offered to Mark Newman, whose son Sean was awarded one of the \$2,000 scholarships offered through the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce. Cathy Niemet, and her entire team, were acknowledged for the management of an outstanding VITA volunteer program. The Secretary of State's Office conducted an Adult Volunteer Literacy Monitor's visit earlier this month and commended the program in all 12 areas that were evaluated.

Dr. Lee presented plaques and offered congratulations to students Sarah Masri and Ed McGrath, who were nominated by Oakton for the 2008 All-USA Academic Team for Community Colleges, in recognition of their scholarly achievements. This award is presented by The American Association of Community Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and USA TODAY. Sarah and Ed were also honored by the Chicago Tribune as "The Best and the Brightest" for their achievements. In addition, Dr. Lee thanked outgoing student trustee Steve Spera, for his thoughtful and dedicated service.

Report: FUTURES

Dr. Tom Hamel introduced Dr. Nancy Prendergast, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Skokie campus, who began the evening's presentation by explaining that in the United States, women face discrimination in every field of science and engineering, minority women face double discrimination. Men outnumber women in all sectors of employment for science and engineering. Girls and women are treated differently in both subtle and overt ways in the classroom, have limited number of role models, poor preparation and lack of encouragement in school in the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math. The FUTURES program is based on a model developed by the Consortium for Educational Equity at Rutgers University. This program is designed for 8th grade girls to spend a day on a college campus to meet women in non-traditional careers, to participate in hands-on workshops and to meet with some outstanding role models. Members of the FUTURES Planning Committee: Ann Marie Barry, Michele Brown, Martha Eldredge Heck, Dave Geller, Jane Malik, Karen Martin, Luanne Olson, Victoria Ortega, Nancy Prendergast, Terri Quam, Mary Scott and Patty Tadda.

There were 18 middle schools that participated in FUTURES. The towns of Des Plaines, Evanston, Glenview, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie and Wilmette were represented. For the first time, high schools were invited to take part in the program. Students and faculty from Evanston, Glenbrook South, Maine East, Maine South, Maine West and New Trier high schools participated. There were a variety of role models who took part in FUTURES. Some of the occupations represented were veterinarians, police detectives, physicians, pharmacologists, nurse practitioners, chiropractors, electrical engineers, etc.

At this point in the report, a video of the event that was prepared by Tim Raetzman and Will Frank, was shown. Dr. Prendergast thanked Carl Costanza and the entire Facilities staff for all their hard work in assisting with the logistics of preparing the Skokie campus to accommodate the 350 guests who attended. In wrapping up, Dr. Prendergast proclaimed that she was very thankful to the Board and Dr. Lee for their support of FUTURES.

Dr. Lee asked the Board to comment on the importance of the FUTURES program. Mr. Williams replied that it was an excellent program for girls and commented that he would like to see a similar type of program for boys. Mr. Wadhwa noted that the program is fantastic, and he does agree with Mr. Williams, that a similar program should be provided for boys. Dr. DiLeonardi inquired as to how the video that was shown during the presentation will be utilized. Dr. Prendergast answered that the video may be used as an invitation to be sent to middle schools for next year's event. Dr. Alexopoulos congratulated Dr. Prendergast on the program commenting that it is an excellent program which will hopefully inspire young minds to be the future scientists and engineers that this county so desperately needs.

Ms. Tennes agreed with all of the previous comments, that FUTURES is an important program on a number of different levels, among the reasons for its value – that it instills an interest in non-traditional careers for females. It should also be considered a marketing outreach initiative for the college. Mr. Stafford commented that students need to be made aware that there are numerous jobs available in science and engineering fields. Dr. Rosen suggested that the Skokie Research Park is a site that could be utilized as part of the program. He also proposed that the organizers of FUTURES look to the political arena for strong, independent female role models that would be willing to give of their time to become involved in this program.

Dr. Lee mentioned that Dr. Connie Churchill brought this event to Oakton when she came to be the Dean of Science and Allied Health. Dr. Lee remarked that Dr. Prendergast did a wonderful job chairing FUTURES and offered an outstanding presentation to the Board and audience.

Public Participation

Mr. Williams acknowledged that there were two requests from members of the public to speak to the Board. Mr. Williams invited Mr. Serbin to the podium for his comments:

Mr. Serbin, who is a resident of Des Plaines, put forward that a number of colleges and universities have formed political party clubs to encourage students to get involved in politics and every level from local to national. He encouraged the Board to support the formation of political party clubs at Oakton.

Mr. Williams next invited Mr. Chester Kulis to the podium for his comments:

Mr. Kulis addressed the Board in regards to the subject of violence in American schools. Mr. Kulis brought to the Board an Adjunct Faculty Association endorsement of a federal ban on assault weapons and background checks for all gun purchases.

Comments by the Chair

There being no comments by the Chair, Mr. Williams moved to proceed to the business matters.

New Business

5/08-1 Recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees

Ms. Tennes read into the record a recommendation for the seating of a student member of the Board of Trustees. An election for the Student Member of the Board of Trustees was held on May 5-6, 2008 as provided by law and in accordance with Board Policy 1005. The Board of Trustees declares that Patrick McConville, having been duly appointed will serve as the Student Trustee with a term commencing on May 20, 2008 and concluding on or before April 27, 2009.

Mr. Wadhwa seconded the motion.

A voice vote was called and the recommendation for Seating of Student Member of the Board of Trustees was approved.

Following the seating of the newly approved Student Trustee, Patrick McConville, the roll was called:

Mr. Stafford	Present
Ms. Tennes	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Present
Mr. Williams	Present
Dr. Rosen	Present
Dr. Alexopoulos	Present
Mr. Wadhwa	Present
Mr. McConville	Present

5/08-2a Approval of Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

5/08-2b Approval of Consent Agenda, Items 5/08-3 through 5/08-11

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Williams	Aye

Dr. Rosen	Aye
Dr. Alexopoulos	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye

The resolution passed. Mr. McConville Student Trustee favored the resolution.

5/08-12 Authorization to Approve May Purchases 5/08-12a through 5/08-12k

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll.

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

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

5/08-13 Acceptance of Grant

A voice vote was called and the resolution accepting the grant was approved.

5/08-14 Acceptance of Nomination for Director, Oakton Community College Educational Foundation

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll:

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

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

5/08-15 Authorization to Pay 2008 Fall Semester Part-time/Adjunct and Full-time Faculty Overload Prior to Board Ratification

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll:

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

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

5/08-16 Approval of Funding for 2008-2009 F-Lane Appointments

The resolution was approved. Mr. McConville, Student Trustee, concurred.

5/08-17 Authorization to Hire Faculty Members

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll.

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

The resolution was approved. Mr. McConville, Student Trustee, concurred.

5/08-18 Approval of Staffing Request for Fiscal Year 2009

Dr. Alexopoulos called the roll.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Williams 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, June 24, 2008 at Oakton Community College, 1600 E. Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

/s/ Emory W. Williams

Emory W. Williams, Chair

George A. Alexopoulos

George A. Alexopoulos, Secretary

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A video tape recording of the May 20, 2008 meeting was made and may be viewed by calling the Library and Instructional Media Services office at (847) 635-1640.