

**Minutes of the Oakton Community College Board Meeting
February 21, 2017**

The 718th meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the Oakton Community College Skokie Campus, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, Illinois.

Closed Session

At 6:35 p.m. in room A167, Chair Tennes called the meeting to order; Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Ms. Ann Tennes	Chair	Present
Mr. Bill Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. Joan DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Mr. Kyle Frank		Present
Ms. Patricia Harada		Present
Mr. Ben Salzberg		Present
Mr. Jody Wadhwa		Present
Mr. Patryk Swietek		Present

Chair Tennes asked for a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of employees, pending litigation, and collective negotiating matters. Trustee Stafford made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Frank; Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye
Ms. Harada	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Mr. Swietek	Aye

Also present: Dr. Joianne Smith, President; Dr. Karl Brooks, Vice President, Student Affairs; Mr. Edwin Chandrasekar, Vice President, Administrative Affairs; Dr. Ileo Lott, Vice President, Academic Affairs; Ms. Bonnie Lucas, Vice President, Technology and Data Analytics; Ms. Mum Martens, Chief Human Resources Officer; and Mr. Phil Gerner, Robbins Schwartz.

At 7:25 p.m., Chair Tennes asked for a motion to adjourn the closed session. Trustee Harada made the motion; seconded by Trustee Frank; a voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned.

Open Session

Chair Tennes called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:40 p.m. in rooms P103-104. Chair Tennes thanked everyone for their accommodations during the reconfiguring of the Board table that occurred before the start of the meeting.

Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Chair	Present
Mr. Stafford	Vice Chair	Present
Dr. DiLeonardi	Secretary	Present
Mr. Frank		Present

Ms. Harada	Present
Mr. Salzberg	Present
Mr. Wadhwa	Present
Mr. Swietek	Present

Pledge of Allegiance – Trustee Salzberg

Approval of Minutes

Chair Tennes asked for a motion for the approval of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of the January 17, 2017. Trustee Wadhwa made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Harada. A voice vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Statement by the President

President Smith welcomed everyone and asked for introductions of those present:

Classified Staff present included: Kathleen DeCoursey, College Relations and Classified Staff Union President; Ahmed Alsanousi, Information Technology; Katie Anastasiadis; Access and Disability Resource Center; Tina Beins-Gillette, Early Childhood Education Center; Patricia Byrne, Early Childhood Education Center; Elena Couto, Educational Foundation; Philip Cronin, Media Services; Eileen Cukierski, President’s Office; Anca Dobocan, Early Childhood Education Center; Mary Beth Finch, Research and Planning; Joanna Flores, Early Childhood Education Center; Monique Hudson, Early Childhood Education Center; Shantella Jozwiak, Early Childhood Education Center; Deb Kutska, Information Technology; Patricia Muffoletto, Social Sciences and Business; Cindy Nijmeh-Alvarez, Early Childhood Education Center; Kristen Shedroff, Social Sciences and Business; Heather Jakob-Short, Mathematics & Technologies; Caroline Stoddard, Early Childhood Education Center; Cathy Stone, Human Resources; Manish Varma, Information Technology; Sandra Villanueva, Learning Center; and Jesse Wallace, Media Services.

Full-time Faculty present included: Katherine Schuster, Professor, Education, and Full-time Faculty Union President; Veronda Carey, Assistant Professor, Speech and Theatre; Anita Cotton, Professor, Accounting; Tina Fakhrid-Deen, Professor, English; Vicki Giambrone, Professor, Anthropology and Geography, Lindsey Hewitt, Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Humanities; Michelle James, Professor, Student Development and Psychology; Elizabeth Kershisnik, Professor, Chemistry; Megan Klein, Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Sociology; Paula Luszcz, Professor, Early Childhood Education; and Dan Roth, Assistant Professor, English.

Adjunct Faculty present included: Cheryl Thayer, Lecturer, Sociology, and President of the Adjunct Faculty Association; David Arieti, Lecturer, Biology; and Robert Evans, Languages, Humanities and Arts.

Administrators present included: Ann Marie Barry, Director, Student Life; Michael Carr, Assistant Vice President, Academic Affairs; Colette Hands, Associate Vice President, Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Maya Evans, Executive Director, Research and Planning; Ruben Howard, Director, Continuing Education and Workforce Development; Jacob Jeremiah, Acting Assistant Dean, Library; Mary Knight, Executive Director, Development and Educational Foundation; Linda Korbel, Dean, Languages, Humanities and the Arts; Mum Martens, Chief Human Resources Officer; Paul Palian, Director, College Relations; Nancy Prendergast, Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Skokie Campus; Doreen Schwartz, Director, Business Services; Andy Williams, Controller; Ruth Williams, Dean, Science and Health Careers; and Brad Wooten, Dean Social Sciences and Business.

Student: Akash Patel, Senator, Student Government Association

Guest: Phil Gerner, Robbins Schwartz

President Smith introduced and welcomed Dr. Ileo Lott, Oakton’s new Vice President of Academic Affairs, to his first Oakton Board meeting. President Smith offered condolences to Gordon McClarren, retired faculty, on

the passing of his wife Rachelle; to Carlos Briones, Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, on the passing of his mother; and to the family of former Oakton trustee Dr. George Alexopoulos, who passed away February 12. Dr. Alexopoulos served on the Board for a total of eight years.

President Smith offered congratulations to Oakton sophomore guard Mallory Gonzalez, who was selected women's basketball District 4 Player of the Week by the NJCAA for the week of February 13. Also, selected for the third time this season by the NJCAA, Oakton men's basketball sophomore point guard and Captain Ryan Matthew. President Smith asked Ms. Ann Marie Barry, Director of Student Life, to introduce two of the four members of Oakton's Jazz band, Jim Postillion and Tom Bartlett, who were recognized for their performances at the ISCC Jazz Festival that took place at the College of Lake County; Ms. Barry also introduced Band Director, Robert Evans. Preetham Marati and Brad Kolar, were not in attendance, but were also recognized.

President Smith mentioned the following events that had recently taken place at the College: February 20, the College was closed in honor of President's Day; February 9, Oakton hosted the Annual College Fair, and for the first time, invited in-district high schools to participate. Forty-six Oakton students attended, as did 165 high school students from seven high schools; seventy-three colleges and universities were in attendance. On February 14, Oakton participated in One Billion Rising, the biggest mass action to end violence against women and girls in human history; we also participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. Later in the week, six members of the College's Student Success Team, including President Smith, will participate in the Achieving the Dream Institute conference which will be held in San Francisco, where they will join colleagues from around the country who are part of the Achieving the Dream initiative. On February 25, Oakton Alumni will host a Chicago Wolves game fundraiser, as the Wolves host the Iowa Wild at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Tickets are \$20 and are available online through the Oakton Alumni website, or by calling the Foundation Office. The current exhibit sponsored by the Koehnline Museum and being shown at the Lee Center is Environmental Graphiti: The Art of Climate Change. Artist Alisa Singer's digital paintings use contemporary abstract art to challenge the way we think about climate change. Artwork and merchandise are available for purchase to benefit Oakton's Educational Foundation, the exhibit runs through February 25.

Master Plan Steering Committee Liaison Report

Trustee Bill Stafford reported that at the January 19 meeting, the Committee adopted the space study report, which will be a good data base for the Committee to use in making decisions in the future. There was a great deal of brainstorming relating to space at both the Des Plaines and Skokie campuses, with a look to expanding study space for students. The Committees is on track and making progress.

Educational Foundation Liaison Report

Trustee Pat Harada reported on the Bar Revue event that took place on January 28, which after expenses, raised \$7,000 for the Annual Fund for scholarships. Donor highlights: Rivers Casino donated \$25,000 for the Student Center and another \$50,000 for scholarships; the Foundation Directors gave personal donations in the amount of \$25,000 to name a room; the Foundation will shortly be writing a check to the College for \$350,000 for scholarships and grants to students for this fall. The donor recognition displays have been installed on both campuses. On May 3, the first Distinguished Alum Award event and celebration will take place. Trustee Harada thanked the Foundation Board and the staff for all of their efforts, and especially to all the donors of the Foundation who have contributed on so many levels.

ICCTA Liaison Report

Trustee Kyle Frank reported on a conference call meeting that took place on February 11. Highlights included: the continuing budget impasse; drop in funds from the state for community colleges; a bill that may be filed in the legislature to change terms for trustees from six years to as little as two years; discussed the possibility of community colleges offering bachelor's degrees. Also discussed the mandatory training for new incoming trustees. Trustee DiLeonardi added that Karen Hunter-Anderson, Executive Director of the Illinois Community College Board, has been asked to step in as Interim Director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

ACCT Trustee Report

Trustee Stafford reported that he, Trustee DiLeonardi and Student Trustee Patryk Swietek, attended the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, DC earlier in the month. Key issues were the continuation of PELL grants and the Higher Education bill which will be renewed in April. The Illinois trustee contingent met with Senators Richard Durbin and Tammy Duckworth. Trustees DiLeonardi, Stafford and Swietek also met with Representatives Brad Schneider and Jan Schakowsky, both of whom are strong advocates of PELL grants and funding for community colleges. Trustee Stafford noted that the group of trustees also had the historic honor of being the first group to have the new Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, speak; she gave a ten minute speech and did not take questions. Finally, on behalf of Student Trustee Swietek and himself, Trustee Stafford thanked Trustee DiLeonardi for her leadership in helping them both maneuver their way through Washington and the halls of the capitol. Chair Tennes thanked all three for their attendance at the summit.

Student Trustee Report

Student Trustee Patryk Swietek, reported on the College Transfer Fair which was held on February 8. He also talked about the Volunteer Fair that was held on February 15, where two dozen local volunteer organizations gathered at Oakton, to encourage students to get involved in volunteering and investing their time in the community. On February 1, students were invited to 'Cookies with the President' in the new Student Center. The students felt welcomed and comfortable speaking with President Smith on different issues, and hope that she would make these sessions a regular occurrence. On March 1 and 2, workshops relating to how immigration positively impacts American society and a teach-in with faculty and students will be held in the Student Center.

Comments by the Chair

Chair Tennes recognized and appreciated the effort by staff for making it possible to have Board meetings at the Skokie campus. It was suggested several months ago that we need to have at least one and possibly two Board meetings a year at the Skokie campus, as it is important that the Board has a presence on this side of our district. There was a meeting originally scheduled in January, but it was deferred due to the opening of the new Student Center. Chair Tennes relayed that she was attending a Skokie Chamber of Commerce meeting in her capacity with the Village of Skokie as the marketing director, and a woman, who is a member of the Skokie Chamber, approached her and told her how delighted she is with Oakton Community College. Her son had been a student at DePaul and decided to change course and study engineering. He was accepted to Georgia Tech, but had a number of prerequisites that he needed to get out of the way. When the advisor at Georgia Tech asked him for his zip code, the advisor told him that he was in Oakton College's district, he could go to Oakton and get everything he needed. Chair Tennes said that it was nice to hear that about Oakton.

Report: Strategic Planning

Dr. Maya Evans, Executive Director of Research and Planning, presented to the Board, a preview of 'Success Matters', the College's new Strategic Plan. Dr. Evans recognized people in the audience who are or have been members of the Strategic Planning Accountability and Resources Committee (SPARC). This work is a reflection of their dedication to this process: Patryk Swietek, student representative; Mary Beth Finch, Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness and Elena Couto and Sandra Villanueva, staff representatives. In November 2016, Dr. Evans presented to the Board, Ten Big Ideas, which have been filtered to four strategic commitments of institutional effectiveness. The Board has already seen the revision of Oakton's Mission, Vision, and Values statement and this revision, as well as the four strategic commitments, will be before the Board for a vote in March 2017. The Mission, Vision and Values statement are the foundation of the College's work and our Strategic Plan, and is a revision from our current Mission, Vision and Values statement, which was last ratified in 1998. The proposed new mission is: 'Oakton is the community's college. By providing access to quality education throughout a lifetime, we empower and transform our students in the diverse communities we serve'. Dr. Evans added that this is our statement of purpose.

The Proposed Vision statement reflects who we hope to be: 'Dedicated to teaching and learning, Oakton is a student centered college known for academic rigor and high standards. Through exemplary teaching that relies on innovation and collaboration with our community partners, our students learn to think critically, solve problems,

and to be ethical global citizens who shape the world. We are committed to diversity, cultural competence, and achieving equity in student outcomes.’

Dr. Evans continued, stating that there are a number of values that reflect how we will do our work together. The primary value will focus on Oakton students, which is at the core of the values statement. We recommend five values, which are: responsibility; diversity; equity; integrity; and compassion; these are values that will guide how we work together. Dr. Evans reviewed the four strategic commitments/goals: Equity Matters; Teaching and Learning Matter; Community Matters; and Planning Matters. Dr. Evans pointed out that the Trustees had a packet of information before them explaining how the Mission, Vision and Values statement was developed, as well as information about each of the strategic goals and objectives. The next steps after the vote in March, will be to develop an implementation plan for each of the strategic commitments. We will be working on developing particular metrics and determining how SPARC will collaborate with departments and members of the College community to implement each of these strategic commitments. Additionally, there are layers below the Strategic Plan that are institutional plans and departmental plans. Those are the plans that help us determine that everybody is working toward reaching those goals. We will be working on those plans, as well as aligning the strategic planning process with the budget cycle.

Trustee Wadhwa said that he was impressed with the information that Dr. Evans presented, but is concerned about how the Strategic Plan and objectives will be put into action. Dr. Evans responded that some institutions see the development of a strategic plan as the final step. We are taking a different approach, by taking a number of steps to ensure that our plan is a living plan, and that we are living out our plan. We have started to think about things that we need to do in years one and two in order to jump start the plan. SPARC will be an ongoing committee with plans to oversee a number of processes to ensure that the plan is actionable. Chair Tennes thanked Dr. Evans and everyone in the institution who participated in the process.

Public Participation: Ahmed Alsanousi, Lindsey Andersen, Andy Ellenbaum, Susana Gomez, Monique Hudson, Shantella Jozwiak, Cindy Nijmeh-Alvarez, and Daniel Roth, addressed the Board about the upcoming vote to close the Early Childhood Education site on the Des Plaines campus.

David Arieti announced that the Oakton Library presents, Oakton Reads Jewish Literature, February 1 – May 10, a five part series of readings, lectures, and discussions. Mr. Arieti noted that ‘The Parnas’, which was written by his father Silvano Arieti, would be highlighted on February 22, 2017.

2/17-1a Approval of Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Wadhwa offered:

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

Mr. Salzberg seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

2/17-1b Approval of Consent Agenda Items 2/17-2 through 2/17-6

Mr. Swietek offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following items 2/17-2 through 2/17-6 as listed in the Consent Agenda.”

2/17-2 Ratification of Payment of Bills for January 2017

“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 \$4,790,165.01 for all check amounts and for all purposes as appearing on a report dated January 2017.”

2/17-3 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report for January 2017

“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 January 2017.”

2/17-4

Ratification of Actions of the Alliance for Lifelong Learning Executive Board

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, in its capacity as 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 and b, and hereby approves the expenditures in the amount not to exceed \$257,101.32, for all funds listed in item a.”

- a. Salary payments in the amount of \$257,101.32 for part-time teaching services for the Alliance Lifelong Learning, Spring 2017.
- b. Salary rescinds in the amount of \$1,821.50 for part-time teaching services for the Alliance for Lifelong Learning, Spring 2017.

2/17-5

Ratification of Payment of Professional Personnel – Spring 2017

- 1. “Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 ratifies the payment of salaries for teaching on a part-time basis during the Spring 2017 semester; the total payment amounting to \$3,811,653.84.”
- 2. “Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 ratifies the payment of salaries for teaching on an overload basis during the Spring 2017 semester; the total payment amounting to \$380,228.94.”

2/17-6

Approval and Ratification of Clinical Practice Agreements

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 approves the following cooperative agreements:

For the Human Services Program

Turkish American Society of Chicago – Mount Prospect

For the Medical Laboratory Technology and Phlebotomy Programs

Professional Clinical Laboratories, LLC d/b/a PCL Alverno – Hammond, IN

For the Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Chicago Health & Physical Therapy Center, S.C. – Chicago.”

“Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 ratifies the following cooperative agreement:

For the Nursing Program

Alden Des Plaines – Des Plaines.”

Mr. Frank seconded the motion; Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye
Ms. Harada	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-7

Authorization to Approve February 2017 Purchases

Mr. Stafford offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 authorizes the approval of the following agenda items for the purchase of the following:

Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/17-7a	1	Multimedia Projectors		
		Rescind	Midwest Computer Products, Inc.	\$ (45,500.00)
		Purchase	Troxell Communications	\$ 59,675.00

2/17-7b	1	Engineering Services for HVAC System Replacement at the Skokie Campus	Kluber, Inc.	\$ 207,590.00
Grand Total				\$ 221,765.00.”

Mr. Wadhwa seconded the motion.

Chair Tennes asked for an explanation on the purchase /rescind of multimedia projectors, item 2/17-7a. Ms. Doreen Schwartz, Director of Business Services, explained that a bid was approved by the Board in January 2017, to Midwest Computer Products, Inc., for twenty-eight projectors at a unit price of \$1,625. She explained that traditionally, every time we have a bid, we speak with the vendor who has the low bid to verify that they are giving us the product and to verify prices. A purchase order is issued to that company, which then creates a contract. We gave the purchase order to the company, who then contacted us and said that they would not provide the Hitachi projectors that we had requested. The insides of the projectors are manufactured by one company and the outside has a Hitachi or Dukane label on it. They were going to provide us with the Dukane projectors as opposed to the Hitachi projectors. Hitachi offers a program where we are eligible for free light bulbs, and with the purchase of ten projectors, you receive one free projector, so there are advantages to purchasing the Hitachi brand. The price difference between the lowest price at \$1,625 and the next lowest price of \$1,705, was \$80. Based on the original twenty-eight projectors, the price difference is \$2,300. The reason that the amount is different, is because we increased the quantity of the projectors from twenty-eight to thirty-five.

Chair Tennes asked if these were sealed bids or proposals for the projectors. Ms. Schwartz replied that they were sealed bids, and that Troxell Communications was the next lowest proposal. Chair Tennes asked that by increasing the quantity from twenty-eight to thirty-five, would that have had an effect on the amount that all the proposers bid on. Ms. Schwartz replied that the unit price would have been the same. Both Troxell and Midwest Computer Products have provided the Hitachi projectors in the past. Chair Tennes asked if Midwest Computer gave an explanation as to what happened. Ms. Schwartz replied that in Midwest’s mind, the two projectors are the same, but we specified the Hitachi brand with no substitutions. Being there was no further discussion, Chair Tennes asked for a roll call.

Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Ms. Harada	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-8 Preview and Initial Discussion of March 2017 Purchases

The following purchases will be presented for approval at the March Board of Trustees meeting: a) Elevator Maintenance-Five Year Contract; b) Xerographic Paper; c) Truck for Grounds/Maintenance Department; and d) Sanitary Life Station Replacement.

Trustee Frank commented on the upcoming purchase of xerographic paper, saying that he hoped the College could cut back on the purchase and use of paper. Chair Tennes said that is a great

suggestion, but did note that over the last several years, paper usage has actually gone down. Chair Tennes said that she would support additional efforts to reduce the amount of paper that is used. Ms. Schwartz commented that there was a reason for ordering the quantity we did, as we would have paid a higher price if we ordered a lower quantity. Trustee Frank remarked that he appreciates the effort to save paper, as well as being mindful of the cost to the College.

2/17-9

Approval to Consolidate Operations of Early Childhood Education Centers

Mr. Salzberg offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 hereby approves the recommendation to Consolidate Operations of the Early Childhood Education Centers to the Skokie site and eliminate the six (6) positions at the Des Plaines site effective July 1, 2017.”

Mr. Stafford seconded the motion.

President Smith noted that this is a very difficult recommendation to bring forward to the Board based on many of the comments that we have heard. She said the College has been proud of the high quality child care centers we have been able to operate on both campuses. The primary focus of the center is to serve the academic program of the College, and we really do believe that through consolidation and having one center, we will be able to support the academic needs of the College. President Smith stressed that the College will continue to work with families to ease the transition.

Addressing the audience, Trustee Harada commented that many aspects of this recommendation tug at her personally, as she was a working mother. She said she has listened to all the comments in public participation, read the letters, and carefully considered the comments. She said she appreciates the time that everyone invested to share their views. Trustee Harada went on to say that at the same time, she has also listened to the administration, read the data, keeping in mind the College’s commitment to its mission, to the students and their academic needs, as well as the financial data that was made available. Throughout the process, Trustee Harada said she has maintained confidence in the administration. She feels that they have reviewed this difficult issue carefully and thoughtfully over the past six months. She commented this situation has been looked at for at least the past ten years, so obviously it has been an extremely difficult decision for the administration to make. Ultimately, Trustee Harada said she has weighed the view of the administration, and of the students, staff, and parents in making her decision to vote.

Trustee Wadhwa said that he concurred with Trustee Harada’s comments. Trustee Stafford commented that from a fiscal point of view, this is not an easy decision. He talked about how we are in a second year where we still do not have a budget from the state of Illinois. We already have direction from the administration that departments are going to have to cut more. We are in the situation of having to decide our priorities. There is no question the Board values preschool, that is not the issue, it is competing priorities and dollars. This is a very hard decision; we have listened to you; it is a tough situation and one that is being dealt with throughout the state. Trustee Frank remarked that the situation of the state budget is dire, and has been in the making for the past twenty years, and there are many people to blame for what is happening now.

Trustee Salzberg remarked that he has been involved with Oakton for many years through his father, Fred Salzberg, who was a founding faculty member, and he attended Oakton himself as well. He realizes that change is very difficult, and this decision is difficult for the entire Board. Trustee Salzberg said that being a parent himself, he knows that childcare is expensive, and understands how it is when parents are trying to go to school to get an education, and the question is, what are they going to do with their children. He said that he has read the letters and listened to the comments, but with the state deficit as it is, and as a duty to our taxpayers, we need to secure the future of Oakton. Trustee Salzberg concluded by thanking everyone for taking the time and making the effort to voice their concerns on this issue.

Chair Tennes said that she appreciated all of the comments from the members of the Board, and speaking personally, this is the most difficult decision that she has had to face in her nearly nine years on the Board. She spoke about being a single mom when she first attended Oakton. Trustee Tennes said that the tears and concerns are not lost on her. She shares her colleagues gratitude for the passion, the research, the data, and all of the information that has been presented to the Board. This is not a vote that any of the Trustees like having to consider, but she echoed what Trustee Salzberg said in approaching this vote. As moved and concerned as she is, Chair Tennes said that she has to think about her responsibility to the greater taxpayers in the district, and that is where she is considering her vote. Lastly, Chair Tennes appreciated everyone’s input, and she shares Trustee Harada’s confidence in our administration. This is a difficult time and a difficult decision. Trustee DiLeonardi said she has been moved by the statements as well, but she feels the same responsibility to the taxpayers. She has asked a lot of questions and the administration has answered every one of them. Whenever objections have been raised that were substantive, Trustee DiLeonardi followed up on them. She said that she still has some concerns about the lack of a two-year old program at Skokie, but she was told that if there was a need for a program for two-year olds, it could be done at Skokie. Trustee DiLeonardi stated that she was also concerned about the observations. Her background is in social work and child welfare, and she has always been concerned about child development and the understanding of child development, and knows that observation is key. It has been relayed to Trustee DiLeonardi that observations can also be done at the Skokie facility. This has not been easy, and the Board has not taken this lightly. They have looked at every piece of information that has been brought forward, and the administration has come back with more information. She agrees that this is the toughest vote the Board will ever take. Being no further discussion, Chair Tennes asked for a roll call.

Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Ms. Harada	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye (with regret)
Mr. Salzberg	Aye (with regret)
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye (with regret)
Dr. DiLeonardi	Abstain
Mr. Stafford	Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-10

Approval of Notice of Non-Renewal of Short Term Faculty Contract

Mr. Salzberg offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act 805, Chapter 110, Section 3B-3, non-tenured faculty on a one-semester or one-year contract should receive notice of dismissal no later than sixty (60) days before the end of the academic year or term. At this time, the Board has determined that the services of temporary, full-time faculty member Stephanie Blumer will not be required for the 2017-2018 academic year.”

Ms. Harada seconded the motion; Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Ms. Tennes	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Ms. Harada	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye

Mr. Stafford Aye
Mr. Salzberg Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-11

Acceptance of Nomination for Director, Oakton Community College Educational Foundation

Mr. Frank offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535 affirm the nomination of the following individual as Director of the Oakton Community College Educational Foundation: Corey Wise, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Rivers Casino; Des Plaines, Illinois 60018.”

Mr. Salzberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Wadhwa expressed some concerns about the appointment of Mr. Wise because of his affiliation with Rivers Casino. Chair Tennes said that she is also somewhat conflicted on this appointment. She relayed that she spoke with President Smith and noted that it was important to her that it be made clear that this appointment is not to the institution, but to the individual. Chair Tennes continued that specifically, this individual, Mr. Corey Wise, is being considered for appointment. Should he be approved, and should he at some point end his tenure at Rivers Casino, it would not be assumed that his successor would take his place. President Smith reiterated that the Board is voting on the individual, who happens to be the general manager of the casino.

At this point, Chair Tennes asked if one of the Trustees would consider a motion to table this item for a future vote, as she believes that it would be in the best interest of the Board and the Foundation. Trustee Wadhwa made the motion; there was no second to the motion.

Dr. Mary Knight, Executive Director of the Educational Foundation, addressed Trustee Wadhwa’s concerns, stating that the Foundation Board considered Mr. Wise’s background; Mr. Wise is an advocate of community colleges, especially Oakton. He encourages his employees to take courses at the College in computers, leadership training, and does employ people in our district. All of these things were taken into consideration, the person, not the business. I encourage you to consider that when making your vote. There being no further discussion, Chair Tennes asked for a roll call.

Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Mr. Stafford Aye
Ms. Harada Aye
Mr. Wadhwa Nay
Mr. Frank Aye
Ms. Tennes Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi Aye
Mr. Salzberg Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-12

Authorization to Name Spaces

Ms. Harada offered:

“Be it resolved that in recognition of the groups above and appreciation for their support of the Educational Foundation’s *Building Leaders and Legacies* initiative, and consistent with Board

Policy 1024, the following rooms and spaces will be named in the Margaret Burke Lee Science and Health Careers Center (Lee Center) and the Student Center:

- Student Center Terrace, Student Center – a gift from Oakton employees;
- Student Government Association Executive Office, Room 1543, Student Center – in honor of Ann Marie Barry;
- Meeting Room A, Room 1535, Student Center – a gift from the Oakton Educational Foundation Board of Directors;
- Club and Organization Office, Room 1541, Student Center – Rivers Club and Organization office;
- Fireplace, Student Center – a gift from Oakton alumni;
- Third-floor Student Lounge, Lee Center – Rivers Lounge.”

Mr. Frank seconded the motion.

Chair Tennes commented that she has no concerns about naming, what does concern her is that in the narrative that the Trustees received, there was no language about a sunset on these namings. Chair Tennes believes as policy, it is important that any time there is a naming, that there be a sunset or at least a provision where at some point, that naming is reconsidered or expires. Chair Tennes believes it is good to have those namings sunset. Currently in the agreement that the donors sign, there is language that does state that the naming rights provided in the agreement shall be reviewed from time to time to determine if it is appropriate for the naming right to continue. Chair Tennes has asked that the language be clarified, that the Board of Trustees is the body that will reconsider from time to time, the naming rights.

Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Ms. Harada	Aye
Mr. Frank	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye
Mr. Stafford	Aye
Dr. DiLeonardi	Aye

The motion carried; Student Trustee Swietek favored the resolution.

2/17-13

Approval of Award of Tenure

Dr. DiLeonardi offered:

“Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District 535, by the authority vested in it by the State of Illinois, hereby grants tenure, effective after the completion of the Spring 2017 semester, to the following faculty: Olga Cedrina, Associate Professor of Mathematics; Tina Fakhrid-Deen, Assistant Professor of English; Nizar Handzic, Associate Professor of Biology; Megan Klein, Assistant Professor of Anthropology/Sociology; Paula Luszcz, Professor of Early Childhood Education; Michael Mauritzen, Assistant Professor of English; Ivan Temesvari, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science; and Suzanne Ziegenhorn, Assistant Professor of Biology.”

Ms. Harada seconded the motion; Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

Mr. Stafford	Aye
Ms. Tennes	Aye
Mr. Wadhwa	Aye
Mr. Salzberg	Aye

