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

The 616th 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.

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Closed Session

Dr. Alexopoulos 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. Ms. Tennes seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and Dr. Alexopoulos, Dr. DiLeonardi, Dr. Rosen, Mr. Spera, Ms. Tennes, Mr. Williams, Dr. Lee, Mr. Chirempes, Ms. Lucas, Mr. Oudenhoven, Ms. Rizzo, and Dr. Smith went into closed session at 6:18 p.m. in room 1502.

Mr. Williams offered a motion to adjourn the closed session. Dr. Alexopoulos seconded the motion; a voice vote was called and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Rosen reconvened the 615th meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:37 p.m. in the Board Room 1506. Secretary DiLeonardi called the roll:

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Also in attendance were Dr. Margaret Lee, Mr. George Chirempes, Ms. Bonnie Lucas, Ms. Barbara Rizzo, Dr. Joianne Smith, Mr. Nick Ames, Mr. Maurice Archer, Ms. Ann Marie Barry, Ms. Michele Brown, Dr. John Carzoli, Mr. Jay Cohen, Mr. David Cole, Mr. Carl Costanza, Mr. Will Frank, Mr. Dennis Graham, Ms. Charlene Kadlec, Ms. Margaret King, Ms. Linda Korbel, Ms. Anne Laurence, Ms. Gloria Liu, Ms. Patty Lucas, Ms. Jane Malik, Ms. Roxann Marshburn, Mr. Edward McGrath, Mr. William Messink, Mr. Gary Newhouse, Dr. Gwen Nyden, Mr. D. Arnie Oudenhoven, Mr. William Messink, Mr. Krunal Patel, Ms. Darlene Patulski, Ms. Doreen Schwartz, Ms. Mary Sue Schuldt, Dr. Katherine Schuster, Mr. Wayne Serbin, Dr. Robert Sompolski, Mr. Mark Sprecher, Dr. Tingxiu Wang, Ms. Cheryl Warmann, and Dr. Donna Younger.

Ms. Barbara Dayton represented the Adjunct Faculty Association; Ms. Jillian Verstrate represented the Classified Staff Association; and Dr. Laura Saret represented the Full-time Faculty Association. Officer Joseph Schmidt was present as representative of the Public Safety/Fraternal Order of Police Association.

Mr. Devin Morris and Mr. Nick Kittner 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**

Mr. Spera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Williams offered a motion for approval of the minutes of the February 19, 2008, Board meeting. Ms. Tennes 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 began her statement with the reminder that there were only 39 days until Oakton’s Six Piano Concert on April 26 and 27. She then asked for introductions of those present.

Ms. Verstrate introduced staff members Patty Lucas, Telecommunications, and newly elected President of the Classified Staff Association; Anne Laurence, Grants, Treasurer of the Classified Staff Association; Krunal Patel, Registration and Records, Classified Staff Association Delegate to the House of Representatives; Gloria Liu, Center for Promoting STEM; Mark Sprecher, Instructional Media Services; Will Frank, Television Services; Joe Schmidt and Charlene Kadlec, Public Safety; Bill Paige, College Advancement; Pat Dalzell, President’s Office; and Tim Raetzman, Television Services, operating the direct cable feed from the Television Studio.

Dr. Lee welcomed Patty Lucas to the Board table, replacing Ms. Verstrate.
Dr. Saret introduced full-time faculty members John Carzoli, Associate Professor, Physics; Tingxiu Wang, Professor, Mathematics; Jane Malik, Assistant Professor, Library Services; Jay Cohen, Professor, Accounting; Gwen Nyden, Professor, Sociology, Coordinator of Service Learning, and Treasure of the Full-time Faculty Association; and Katherine Schuster, Professor, Education, Coordinator of Education and Global Studies.

Mr. Spera introduced student Nick Ames, operating camera two, and two students from the OCCurrence, Devin Morris and Nick Kittner. Ed McGrath, student and president of the Board of Student Affairs arrived after introductions.

Ms. Dayton introduced adjunct faculty instructor Bill Messink, Anatomy and Physiology.

The administrators present included Maurice Archer, Director, Accounting Services; Ann Marie Barry, Director, Student Affairs; Michele Brown, Director, Admissions and Enrollment Management; Dave Cole, Director, Athletics; Carl Costanza, Executive Director, Facilities and Campus Operations, Skokie Campus; Dennis Graham, Dean, Science and Health Careers; Linda Korbel, Dean, Languages, Humanities and the Arts; Roxann Marshburn, Director, Grants and Alternative Funding; Gary Newhouse, Dean, Library and Media Services; D. Arnie Oudenhoven, Associate Vice President, Human Resources; Doreen Schwartz, Director, Business Services; Robert Sompolski, Dean, Mathematics and Technologies; Cheryl Warmann, Director, Financial Assistance; and Donna Younger, Director, Learning Center.

Guests included Des Plaines resident Wayne Serbin; Andrew Schneider, Pioneer Press reporter, and Sue Schultd, Peggy King, and Darlene Patulski, friends of Pat Dalzell.

Dr. Lee offered condolences to Carlee Drummer and her husband Michael on the passing of Michael’s mother, and to Brad Wooten, Linda Davis, Patty Tadda, and Eileen Blitz who also suffered the loss of a family member. She then “welcomed to the world” David Ernesto Stryker, son of John Stryker and his wife; Rebecca Dee Gilbert, daughter of Elizabeth Gilbert and her husband; and Julia Elizabeth Lachowitz, daughter of Andrew Lachowitz and his wife.

President Lee congratulated the newly elected officers of the Classified Staff Association. She also congratulated the College Bowl team comprised of students Ed McGrath, Vrushank Shah, Steve Spera, and Cheryl Valloni, and their faculty coach John Stryker. She stated that the team would compete in the Illinois State Tournament on April 25. The President commented on College Advancement’s three winning awards in the annual Admissions Marketing competition and congratulated Mr. Chirempes and the Business and Finance team for another award winning CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING from the Government Finance Officers Association. She stated that awards for Dr. Drummer and Mr. Chirempes would be presented at a future meeting. Dr. Lee commented on the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education and noted that it is on tonight’s agenda. She congratulated Kathryn Schuster and Madhuri Deshmukh for their work on the grant in collaboration with Roxann Marshburn and Linda Korbel. Dr. Lee stated that their project entitled “In Search of Gandhi’s India: Teaching and Learning Non-violence in a Globalized World” would involve leading a team of faculty from eight different Illinois community colleges, Loyola University, and Evanston High School, on a five-week study program to India this summer. President Lee also offered congratulations to Jay Cohen, Chair, and Professor of
Accounting who was selected as the 2008 Illinois CPA Society Outstanding Educator for two-year colleges in the State of Illinois. Mr. Cohen stood and accepted the honor bestowed on him.

Dr. Rosen presented a plaque to Jillian Verstrate “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.” Dr. Lee congratulated Ms. Verstrate for being elected to serve as the Vice President of the Classified Support Staff for the Cook County College Teachers Union, Local 1600.

Dr. Lee stated that Jane Malik was given the prestigious honor of being named the ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR by her peers in academic, public, school, and special/corporate libraries across the three county area. Prior to Dr. Rosen’s presentation of the award to Ms. Malik, Dr. Lee read the citation into the public record.

The 2008 North Suburban Library System, Academic Library Staff Member of the Year Award is presented to Jane Malik 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. The North Suburban Library System recognizes the many contributions of Jane Malik and expresses appreciation to her for sharing her time, talent, and expertise with the NSLS community.

Dr. Rosen stated that there would be one more plaque to present this evening on behalf of the current and former members of the Board of Trustees in giving thanks, recognition, and deep appreciation to Pat Dalzell as she retires from the College. Friends of Ms. Dalzell presented her with a bouquet of flowers and Dr. Rosen read the plaque into the public record.

With heartfelt thanks from the Board of Trustees to Patricia Dalzell for her dedicated service to the College and care of the Board of Trustees, February 2000 to March 2008.

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

Dr. Lee commented that tonight’s report to the Board is linked to the College’s first two strategic goals, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE and INNOVATIVE LEARNING FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP. She stated that the success of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) project at the College is due to the efforts of the people who will present the report.

Dr. Sompolski stated that the report would focus on why STEM is critical to the entire curriculum at the College and not just science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He commented on the growing concerns that the United States is not generating enough qualified
students and teachers in the STEM areas to compete against other countries as evidenced in international math and science competitions. Dr. Sompolski emphatically stated that if the education system in the United States continues to struggle to compete in the global market, it will surely impact our commerce and industry. He noted that we have traditionally used technology to increase productivity, effectiveness, and efficiency within our workforce; however, as traditional industries close in our country, STEM industries will need to replace them. He stated that the only way we can compete in a global economy is to focus on educating a workforce in STEM disciplines.

Dr. Sompolski commented on the Technology and Innovation Sub-committee of the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology whose primary focus was on space exploration when it was established in 1957. He stated that the committee currently focuses on the effects of offshoring on the American workforce, specifically, the high tech job market. Dr. Sompolski explained that analysts believe that this country’s advantage lies in our ability to stay on the cutting edge of research and development. He stated that maintaining our leadership in the technology fields must be front and center due to the large number of these jobs being offshored to countries with a less expensive workforce. He noted incentives such as special economic zones and tax holidays used by other countries to attract and retain STEM incentive investments and commented on our inability to remain competitive as our once “safe” jobs are being relocated offshore. Dr. Sompolski provided compelling evidence that nearly all STEM occupations are offshorable and that people who work in an information technology environment can do so from any geographic location; therefore, the offshoring of computer programming tops the list. He stated that as STEM jobs leave this country, the production facilities follow. Dr. Sompolski explained that our large universities are addressing the flight of jobs to foreign countries by including curricula that provides international exposure to technical students as evidenced by the World Bank estimates that 150 of the 700 foreign degree programs operating in China are operated by American Universities. He stated that as U.S. students are avoiding careers that are being offshored, the consequence is that U.S. industries are offshoring jobs because they can’t find cheap labor.

Dr. Sompolski stated that the College has partnered with the National Science Foundation in the creation of a STEM workforce. He noted the following NSF grants received over the past 12 year period where an Oakton employee was the principal investigator.

- A Team Approach to the Reform and Standardization of Core Courses in Science and Mathematics (Dr. Connie Churchill, 1996). (A team approach was used to examine and develop teaching strategies for core courses in chemistry, biology and mathematics. The new pedagogy stressed the interdisciplinary nature of science.)

- A Collaborative and Technological Environment for Teaching Mathematics (Dr. Robert Sompolski, 1997). (Worked to increase the student’s ability to use software tools and solve realistic problems in collaborative settings in mathematics classes.)

- Consortium to Improve Chemistry: Linking Nine Community Colleges with the NSF’s Undergraduate Chemistry Systemic Reform Initiative (Dr. Mark Walter, 1998). (Collaborated with local community colleges to reform first year chemistry curricula by adapting materials produced by the Modular Chemistry Consortium and the Chemistry League Coalition.)

- Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics Scholarships Program (Dr. Edward Garcia, 2000). (The program increases opportunities for low income, academically talented
students. The offices of student affairs, financial assistance, and division of mathematics and technologies provided support to students in pursuit of computer science, computer technology, engineering tech, or mathematics majors.)

Dr. Sompolski reported that the College is currently involved with another NSF project in partnering with other community colleges to bring undergraduate research opportunities to students. He added that we are also working with the University of Illinois under support from the Illinois Community College Board and with the North Cook Intermediate Service Center under support from the Department of Education to form mathematics and science partnerships to provide additional STEM training for K-14 teachers.

Ms. Liu reported on the structure of the Center for Promoting STEM (CP-STEM). She stated that Dr. Tingxiu Wang is the principle director; Drs. Robert Sompolski and Joseph Kotowski are co-directors; and that she is the coordinator. Ms. Liu stated that CP-STEM collaborates with 16 faculty members, a high school liaison, and industry liaison with the objective of increasing enrollment and retention of STEM students. She commented on the STEM enrichment, mentoring, and study session programs, explaining the similarity between the enrichment and mentoring programs as they match a STEM student with a faculty mentor, and that the enrichment program provides students with infused math, English composition, college success and psychology classes. She reported that results have demonstrated that students who participate in these programs out-perform other students. Ms. Liu further commented on the tremendous growth in the STEM mentoring program with 16 students in 2006 and 63 students in 2007. She explained that the Peer Tutoring Training Program offers tutor training and tutoring opportunities during Oakton’s summer semester for gifted area high school students.

Ms. Liu commented on CP-STEM support of the College’s 2008-2012 Strategic Plan in the following ways:

- Offers innovative learning for local and global citizenship through innovative STEM programs and activities to meet the needs of our students and nation.
- Provide WISE support for STEM students
  - A welcoming service for students interested in pursuing STEM at Oakton
  - An informing service for students to share knowledge and experience about how to succeed in STEM academic fields and careers
  - A supportive service for students to receive mentoring and attend study sessions
  - An engaging service for students to connect with STEM learning, with STEM cohort, and with successful STEM role models
  - Anti-bias at a diversified institution may impact students’ academic potential and increase retention. Through the NEXT STEP COMMITTEE, one of Oakton’s approaches to anti-bias is to use Crossroads’ definition of institutional and systemic racism. In an educational institution, institutional and systemic racism can negatively affect teaching, delivery of service, and policy making. A goal is to maximize students’ academic potentials through an increased understanding of the effects of institutional and systemic racism on relationships and productivity.
- Provide academic excellence
  - Advance the STEM culture
  - Encourage active and collaborative learning through student-faculty and faculty-faculty interactions
  - Increase successes and persistence of STEM students
- Reinvent physical space and infrastructure
  - Support student learning and improve comfort
  - Enhance study and meeting space to foster the STEM cohort to meet the needs of our STEM students
  - Provide an environment of innovative teaching by promoting team-teaching, student-student and student-teacher interactions, and integration of new technologies and teaching
  - Be a show room for innovative teaching in STEM thereby attract students to STEM studies

Ms. Liu commented on Student-Industry-Teacher Simulations (SIT-SIMs), a grant funded program through the National Science Foundation. She explained that SIT-SIMs are work-related simulations in STEM curricula that were developed by teams of industry professionals and Oakton faculty that are then reviewed by high school teachers. Ms. Liu stated that the simulations provided high-potential, but not necessarily high achieving, high school students with work-based, hands-on learning opportunities. She further commented on CP-STEM partnerships with area high schools as well as a new biotechnology program articulation agreement with the University of Wisconsin at Stout. She stated that CP-STEM co-sponsors two student clubs (STEM Club and Engineering/Physics Club) to increase interest in the program. She also reported on collaborative undergraduate research presentations through the College’s division of science and health careers and the NSF grant funded APEX Scholars Program that provides scholarships for talented full-time STEM students who demonstrate financial need.

Dr. Wang reported on the collaborative efforts with several departments at the College regarding curricula support of STEM, including English, psychology, science, physical science, and mathematics. He also commented on the support STEM receives from College Advancement, Admissions, and Counseling and Advising.

Dr. Carzoli reported that he is one of the principal investigators for the newest National Science Foundation grant, APEX Scholars, along with Dr. James, Ms. Liu, and Mr. Schawel. He stated that NSF awarded the College approximately $500,000 to provide scholarships to academically talented, financially needy STEM students. Dr. Carzoli explained that the main scholarship under APEX would be an average of $4,000 per student for about 106 students over the next four years beginning with the fall 2008 semester. He further explained that there is an additional APEX incentive scholarship of $500 for students who need to increase their knowledge and skills so that they are eligible for the full scholarship. Dr. Carzoli also noted that the APEX Plus scholarship provides monetary support to students who transfer to a four-year college or university to purchase textbooks or other needs that will help them succeed in the STEM fields.

Dr. Rosen opened discussion on Innovative Learning for Local and Global Citizenship for the strategic conversation and asked if there were any questions from the trustees regarding the STEM report.

Mr. Stafford asked how the APEX Scholars program was promoted to area high schools and what the College could do to enhance awareness of this scholarship opportunity to students who are interested in STEM fields of study. In the same context, Dr. DiLeonardi asked if CP-STEM collaborated with all the high schools in our district.
Ms. Liu responded that since there was already a high school liaison in place through CP-STEM, they used this connection to promote the APEX Scholars grant program. She stated that the role of the liaison is to maintain contact with CP-STEM in regard to the marketing materials the high schools would need as well as posting materials in the high school advising and counseling offices. Ms. Liu explained that they also invite high school teachers to conferences where STEM and APEX are promoted including personal and e-mail contact with teachers.

Dr. Sompolski added that Oakton’s membership with the North Suburban Educational Region for Vocational Education (NSERVE), a career and technical education consortium working with the school districts in the northern Cook County suburbs, provides access to all the career and technical faculty in our district. He stated that they are well aware of the opportunities for students and that it goes beyond the math and science departments at the high schools.

Mr. Stafford then asked Dr. Sompolski to comment on the connection we have with the high school counselors in regard to interdisciplinary curricula.

Dr. Sompolski responded that a representative from CP-STEM is always invited to speak to counselors who the College’s Admissions and Enrollment Management department brings on campus. He stated that they use every possible platform available to them to promote STEM albeit some of the counselors may not be as enthusiastic about sending students to institutions that aren’t associated with large engineering programs.

Dr. Lee stated that Oakton has partnered with the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana in a Lumina funded project that involves recruiting students from the high schools to enroll at Oakton for the first two years as they wanted to increase their community college transfer statistics. She explained that NSF saw the need to get involved at the community college level and Oakton became fully immersed in applying for NSF grants which led to the creation of the CP-STEM program.

Dr. Rosen asked if Oakton has a tracking mechanism or any statistical information on the STEM students who have graduated from the College or moved on to a four-year institution. He noted that the program was initiated in 2003; therefore, it would be advantageous to use this information for recruitment purposes and program feed back. He asked how many of the students who participated in the program have gone on to four-year institutions, and the number of graduates within that specific group.

Dr. Wang responded that they invited four of the STEM alumni to the College last December to talk about their success. He stated that they added these students to their database so they are able to interact with current students. He noted that Ms. Liu created a STEM group on FACEBOOK, a social utility that connects people. In response to Dr. Rosen’s question regarding advance degrees and completion rates for students who participated in the program, Dr. Wang stated that the NSF reporting date for the completion of the five-year grant is March 31; therefore, the report has not been completed yet. Dr. Carzoli added that students who participated in APEX Scholars Plus must come back to the College and provide input on the program as part of the grant requirement.
Dr. Lee explained that one of the conditions of the NSF grant includes a demonstration of our progress and tracking. She stated that the new Lumina initiative will help with tracking success rates. The president further stated that STEM is an institutional commitment and a critical mission that is both good for the community that we serve as well as the global market that we are all a part of.

Dr. Rosen commented on the reporting information that is submitted to NSF. He asked if the College’s experience with assessment and evaluation of the STEM curricula, as well as the outcomes have given us any insight on how to broaden or enhance what we are already doing.

Dr. Sompolski responded that regardless of the subject matter, our greatest challenge in working with these specific grants is that as soon as we reach the saturation point with students, they totally disengage from classroom activities. He stated that this is due to either overload or lack of interest. Dr. Sompolski stated that the College is addressing this issue by collaborating with interdisciplinary curricula so that when a student loses interest in chemistry, we immediately introduce another STEM course.

Ms. Tennes reminded everyone that the Illinois Science + Technology Park, a Forest City Enterprise, is thriving in Skokie. She stated that it is approximately one-third leased with eight different tenants who specialize in scientific research and bioscience technologies. She encouraged the CP-STEM group to partner with this enterprise in talking about internship opportunities as their mission is to create high-quality scientific jobs.

Mr. Graham responded that through undergraduate research many of our students work with interdisciplinary research under the direction of our faculty. He noted that some of their work takes them to Argonne Laboratories, Abbott Labs, Northwestern University, and Botanic Gardens. He stated that approximately ten students go through the interdisciplinary research projects each semester with grant funded tuition support. Dr. Wang added that we have students who work with simulations which led to the College being presented with the ICCCA Innovation Award. He stated that faculty worked with industry professionals and NSERVE in developing real world applications in working with high school students. Dr. Sompolski further added that he works with businesses located in the Illinois Science + Technology Park regarding STEM.

Dr. DiLeonardi commented that more often than not younger students become disconnected in the relationship between what they are learning in class and how it applies to the business or scientific world. She stated that offering actual hands-on research projects in the science and technology fields is an important part of their Oakton education.

Public Participation

Dr. Rosen invited Nick Kittner to the podium to address the Board. Mr. Kittner stated that he is an Oakton student and a reporter for the OC'currence newspaper. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to make a public comment regarding the February 25 opinion piece that he wrote for the College newspaper on the subject of smoking outside the building. Mr. Kittner noted his concerns with the designated smoking area near the main entrance at parking lot D. He stated that although the smoking area is in compliance with the SMOKE FREE ILLINOIS legislation, one cannot enter the building without walking through a cloud of smoke. He briefly explained his
medical problems associated with migraine headaches that are triggered by cigarette smoke and his understanding and acceptance of the rights of those who smoke. Mr. Kittner then asked the Board if they would consider moving the designated smoking area at parking lot D to a location other than one of the main entrances to the building.

Dr. Rosen then invited Ed McGrath, student and president of the Board of Student Affairs (BSA) to speak to the Board. Mr. McGrath thanked the Board for the opportunity to address the issue of the tuition increase. He stated that he would be making an official statement as BSA president.

We, the Board of Student Affairs, believe that the $2 increase per credit hour being proposed is a fair increase. We value the quality of services that we receive on campus. The quality of education in the classroom is exemplary and the support services outside of the classroom really add to the overall good experience here at Oakton. It is awesome that we learn about second order differential equations in the classroom but sometimes it leaves our head spinning. Having the ability to walk into the Learning Center and (for free) be able to have our questions answered is truly a joy. The other services such as the Advising/Counseling Center or the Career Services Center really improve the quality of life for students here at Oakton. If we had it our way we would wish tuition was less expensive as it does hurt sometimes; however, we know that isn’t reality. We know that tuition is expensive and that here at Oakton we have to pay for approximately one-third of our education via tuition. We also know that the $2 increase is significantly less than the increases at other institutions. If the quality of services and education that we receive at Oakton is undermined for the sake of balancing the budget, we don’t believe that would be the right decision; therefore, we would be willing to pay the extra money for the services that we currently receive. We know that the College has already implemented a great deal of cost containing measures as evidenced by the small increase that we are facing. We also know that while the College has already done a great deal of work, there is more that can and should be done -- so we look forward to hearing more from you about that. Again, we will shoulder the $2 increase provided that the same quality of education and services are maintained. We walked around the school and talked to about 100 students and only three stated that they would rather have services and the quality of education cut in order not to increase tuition.

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

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

Dr. Alexopoulos 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

Ms. Tennes 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."

Mr. Stafford seconded the resolution.

Dr. Rosen asked if the Clinical Practice Agreements were attached to any financial obligation and the number of students that are typically served by our affiliations with the programs.

Dean Graham responded that the College does not pay for the use of the clinical sites for student practicums under these agreements. He stated that Lutheran General Hospital usually takes three to four students per year under the Medical Laboratory Technology Program, and that Riveredge Hospital takes eight to ten students per rotation.

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

Mr. Stafford 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:
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Ms. Tennes seconded the motion.

Ms. Tennes expressed her pleasure in the College’s choice of purchasing 100% recycled paper. She noted her former work association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and stated that 30% post-consumer recycled content is the gold standard for purchasing recycled paper. Ms. Tennes thanked the College for their efforts in adhering to the GREEN COLLEGE strategic goal.

Dr. Lee stated that the College initially considered purchasing 50% recycled and 50% non-recycled paper, thus taking into account our FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP goal and our GREEN COLLEGE goal. She stated it was evident that we must make a commitment to the long term even if it means paying more in the short term. Dr. Lee thanked Trustee Tennes for her support of the College’s decision on purchasing 100% recycled paper. She also noted that Patty Lucas, new president of the Classified Staff Association, was involved in the resolution on Telephone Service to ensure that we stay connected at the highest level of service.

In regard to the purchase of the Great America tickets on consignment through the Board of Student Affairs, Dr. Rosen asked the OCCurrence to consider a future article related to the ticket sales and use.

Mr. Spera commented that the Great America tickets are always a sellout for the BSA. He explained that they purchase the tickets on consignment in bulk at a discounted rate and resell them to the students at a discount.

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
Mr. Williams 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.”

Dr. Alexopoulos seconded the motion.

Mr. Chirempes commented on the additional funds the College would receive with the new lease agreement.

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

Dr. Alexopoulos 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.”

Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

Dr. Lee asked Dr. Schuster to comment on the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad grant and the upcoming Gandhi conference made possible through a generous grant from Trustee Jody Wadhwa and the Wadhwa Foundation. She stated that Mr. Wadhwa is currently in India which is why he is not at tonight’s Board meeting.

Dr. Schuster explained that the Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad program provides grants to support overseas projects in training, research, and curriculum
development for faculty engaged in a common endeavor such as their approved project “In Search of Gandhi’s India: Teaching and Learning Non-Violence in a Globalized World.” She invited everyone to attend the April 17-18 conference at the Skokie Campus that would address linkages between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Schuster stated that the keynote speaker for the conference would be Dr. Clayborne Carson, Professor of History at Stanford University and Founding Director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research and Education Institute.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Rosen congratulated Dr. Schuster and her colleagues. He stated that this kind of recognition placed the College on the global map. Dr. Rosen emphasized the need for Oakton to make a difference globally and thanked Dr. Schuster for making that happen.

A voice vote was called and the resolution was approved.

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

Dr. DiLeonardi 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.”

Ms. Tennes seconded the motion.

Dr. DiLeonardi called the roll.

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

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

Dr. DiLeonardi 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.”

Mr. Williams 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

Ms. Tennes 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.”

Dr. DiLeonardi seconded the motion.

Dr. Rosen commented on the favorable statement from the president of the Board of
Student Affairs and asked if there were any other comments.

Mr. Spera responded that the Board of Student Affairs worked very hard in soliciting
student opinions regarding the tuition increase. He stated that although students are not
in favor of any tuition increase, they understood the need once the state funding issues
were explained to them.

Mr. Stafford commented on the modest $2 per credit hour tuition increase. He stated that
when put into the context of the educational value of what students receive from Oakton
compared to the state and national tuition increases in major universities, this increase is
morally justified. Mr. Stafford further commented on the issue that major universities
are under investigation for not releasing their endowments and raising tuition while
Oakton struggles to keep tuition at an affordable level. He commended the College for
setting increases for the next two years, allowing students to budget for their educational
expenditures. Mr. Stafford stated that given the fiscal constraints and tax caps we are
under, the increase is very reasonable.

Mr. Williams stated that the public record should include the statement that the Board of
Trustees thoroughly discussed and reviewed the tuition issue prior to making their
decision.

Dr. Lee commented on the long discussions and communications with trustees regarding
tuition that started in January. She further commented on the serious funding issues in
the State of Illinois as well as the interest rate cuts that affect the College’s revenue from
investments. President Lee stated that working within the $2 tuition increase is a huge
commitment based on all the outside factors and noted the $26 per credit hour increase at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg. Dr. Lee explained that Oakton has historical limited increases to tuition and not fees as tuition is financial aid eligible. She noted the many scholarships available to our students with the new STEM APEX program, textbook and tuition assistance through the Board of Student Affairs, as well as over 200 scholarships being available each year through the generosity of the Educational Foundation. She stated that the small tuition increase reflects a commitment to access, affordability, and the maintenance of excellence.

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

Mr. Williams 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.”

Dr. Alexopoulos seconded the motion.

Dr. Lee stated the resolution on the Approval of Additional Administrative Position is in response to the findings of the Higher Learning Commission following the October 2007 re-accreditation visit. She stated that in working with the deans, faculty, and the offices of Institutional Research and Student Affairs, we will develop a culture of assessment that addresses the issue from the classroom up in order to verify and identify student learning outcomes. Dr. Lee explained that it is our obligation to lead this effort, respond to the findings, and act in response to them. She noted that the new administrative position would report to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and be associated with the deans who work with the faculty.

Dr. Rosen remarked that the Board’s support of the new position is in direct relation to the first strategic goal ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE which states “We will uphold the preeminence of academic excellence as the engine that drives College decision-making.” He explained that we need to have assessment as part of the culture for learning at the College in order for these words to be meaningful. Dr. Rosen stated that the support of this position is the first step in achieving that goal.
Dr. DiLeonardi commented that colleges across the country are struggling with assessment. She stated that it is something “whose time has come.”

Mr. Stafford stated that assessment is a critical part of all institutions. He explained that it determines student learning outcomes so that we can develop and implement assessment plans for program improvement. Mr. Stafford commented on the culturally diverse world we live in. He stated that student learning is critical to the institution’s ability to promote and improve learning experiences so that we can communicate with those we serve on every cultural level.

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

Mr. Williams 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.

Dr. Alexopoulos 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. Dr. Alexopoulos offered a motion for adjournment and Mr. Spera seconded the motion. A voice vote was called and Mr. Williams adjournd the meeting at 8:59 p.m.
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.