

JOHN A. LOGAN COLLEGE
Carterville, IL 62918

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 530, Counties of Williamson, Jackson, Franklin, Perry, and Randolph, State of Illinois, held at Carterville, Illinois, on December 15, 2008, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Bill Kilquist.

The chair directed the recording secretary to call the roll:

Michael Hopkins	–	present
John Sanders	–	present
Jake Rendleman	–	present
David Hancock	–	present
John O’Keefe	–	present
Jim Snider	–	present
Rachel Grasher	–	absent for roll call
Bill Kilquist	–	present

Also present were: Robert L. Mees, President; Brad McCormick, Vice-President for Business Services and College Facilities; Tim Daugherty, Vice-President for Administration; Julia Schroeder, Vice-President for Instruction; John Huffman, College Legal Counsel; Steve O’Keefe, Director for Communications and Marketing; Donna Glodjo, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and other College personnel.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Carterville residents Curtis Oetjen and Harry Treece voiced their concerns to the Board of Trustees regarding the College’s proposed plans to use Tippy Road as a new entrance to the College, and asked the Board and administration to look at other alternatives. Board Chair Bill Kilquist thanked the citizens for their input.

Student Trustee Rachel Grasher arrived at 5:05 p.m.

The meeting broke for dinner at 5:05 p.m., and reconvened for the conducting of business at 5:45 p.m.

DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION OBTAINED AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (ACCT) LEADERSHIP CONGRESS IN NEW YORK CITY (OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 1, 2008)

President Mees gave the Board an update on one of the ACCT conference speakers from the Gates Foundation, reporting that the Foundation is planning on placing a lot of money into remedial education with a focus on community colleges. He said it appears this will consist of submitting two proposals – one through the State of Illinois which JALC Vice-President Schroeder and Elaine Johnson (ICCB) will be working on, and another through Dollars for Scholars. Dr. Mees noted that the Gates Foundation has already awarded some grants.

Dr. Mees made a packet available to the Board consisting of information from the sessions he attended at the ACCT conference, as well as a summary Trustee Jim Snider had completed on his sessions.

Trustee John Sanders reported on conference sessions he attended regarding legal issues. He stated that he forwarded information received to College legal counsel John Huffman.

Trustee John O'Keefe stated that he attended a session on readiness, and had passed on information he received to Vice-President Schroeder and Denise Crews. He commented on a session regarding the importance of boards having their own set of goals, and expressed his interest in doing this.

Trustee David Hancock reported on a session he attended concerning different ideas and concepts on campus security. He commented on the diversity of ideas.

Mike Hopkins reported on a "going green" session he attended, commenting that it is nice to know that John A. Logan College is already doing so much in this area when some colleges haven't even started.

Bill Kilquist also commented on the green session. He stated that many colleges are getting away from sending out paper packets and using electronic distribution instead.

John Sanders commented on the value of the Board traveling to these national meetings to network with other trustees throughout the nation.

Trustee Jake Rendleman stated that the Board should consider visiting the Department of Education when the group travels to Washington, DC for the ACCT Legislative Summit in February.

OTHER DISCUSSION

David Hancock commented on the recent Mid Continent University graduation ceremony, noting that 42 of those graduates were from John A. Logan College. President Mees stated that this is a wonderful program with outstanding instructors. Dr. Schroeder and Dr. Mees shared some additional information and statistics regarding other universities that offer four-year degrees on our campus.

President Mees gave the Board an update on the 2.5 percent budget cut, stating that the possible impact of this is currently being evaluated. He said a document summarizing this impact will be created for use in the effort to turn the budget crisis around. Dr. Mees distributed a copy of a letter submitted to the Chicago Sun Times on December 1 from Women Employed in which they express their support of community colleges. He said this support is greatly appreciated. He told the Board that he will keep them informed.

President Mees reminded the Board that the annual Christmas Luncheon will be next Tuesday, December 23. He also distributed a list of upcoming Chamber of Commerce annual dinner dates.

President Mees stated that spring enrollment figures appear to be down about 179 students from this time last year. He added that final figures could be down a little this year because of the large number of Maytag and TUMS students who have graduated.

Dr. Mees informed the Board that Vice-President Brad McCormick has been highly involved with the Community College Business Officers organization. About eight years ago, Mr. McCormick began a two-year leadership academy training program with CCBO, and soon after accepted the role of state representative for Illinois. Dr. Mees said that Mr. McCormick has recently agreed to fill the vacancy for director of Region 8. This year, approximately 10 percent of the attendees at the national CCBO conference in Corpus Christi were from Illinois, speaking well for the cooperative work of the Illinois organization.

Board Chair Bill Kilquist congratulated student trustee Rachel Grasher for having a perfect 4.0 grade point average for 20 hours taken during fall semester.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Bill Kilquist stated that it is desirable to hold a closed session to discuss appointment, employment, and compensation of specific individuals, and pending litigation, and that he would appreciate Board action and a roll call vote to that effect.

David Hancock and Mike Hopkins moved and seconded that the special meeting of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees be declared in closed session.

Upon roll call, all members voted yes. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-2269)

The meeting was declared in closed session at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared back in regular session at 7:45 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Maintenance/Building Staff

President Mees recommended that Eric Hollmann be employed as a full-time, Teamsters janitor effective January 3, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Mary Rhoads be employed as a full-time, Teamsters janitor effective January 7, 2009.

Campus Safety Staff

President Mees recommended that Abigail Curry be employed as a part-time, grade I, campus safety officer at John A. Logan College effective December 17, 2008.

Non-Teaching Professional Staff

President Mees recommended that James Houseworth be employed as a part-time, temporary, supervising dentist at John A. Logan College effective January 12, 2009, contingent upon acquiring additional information.

President Mees recommended that John Homan be employed as a full-time, grade II, coordinator of media relations and sports information effective January 5, 2009.

Full-Time Faculty

President Mees recommended that William Connell be employed as a full-time, tenure track faculty, massage therapy instructor effective January 12, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Doris Malone be employed as a full-time, tenure track faculty, certified nursing assistant instructor effective January 12, 2009.

Term Faculty

President Mees recommended that Cindy Bisching be employed as a part-time instructor of medical assistant effective January 13, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Cory Ford be employed as a part-time instructor of swim effective January 12, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Michael Scott Hefner be employed as a part-time instructor of medical assistant effective January 13, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Brenda Mummert be employed as a part-time instructor of medical assistant effective January 13, 2009.

Continuing Education Staff

President Mees recommended that Joseph Abney be employed as a history of world civilization instructor at John A. Logan College effective January 20, 2009.

President Mees recommended that Abi Cowser be employed as an arthritis exercise foundation program instructor at John A. Logan College effective January 20, 2009.

John Sanders and Mike Hopkins moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve all personnel items as recommended.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-2270)

President Mees recommended and John Sanders and John O'Keefe moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve non-teaching professional staff salaries for FY 2009, in consistency with Board Policy 5220C, to include a five percent pay increase.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-2271)

President Mees recommended and Jim Snider and David Hancock moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees approve three-year contracts for all vice-presidents through June 30, 2011, and that their salaries for FY 2009 will be as follows: Vice-President for Business Services and College Facilities -- \$100,700.00; Vice-President for Instruction -- \$124,532.00; and Vice-President for Administration -- \$105,000.00.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-2272)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

John Sanders and John O'Keefe moved and seconded that the special meeting of the John A. Logan College Board of Trustees be adjourned.

A voice vote showed all in favor. Motion carried.
(Resolution #16-2273)

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Glodjo, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees

William J. Kilquist, Chair

John O'Keefe, Secretary