

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGENDA ITEM *3

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting Minutes 2/26/24

BACKGROUND:

A copy of the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on 2/26/24 is attached for review by Board members prior to the meeting. All consent items, with no corrections, will be approved with one motion.

FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024, 3:45 p.m.
Blake Hall 140

A regular meeting of the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees convened at 3:45 p.m., Monday, February 26, 2024.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Kelly Stimpson called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The following Board members were in attendance:

Peter Akey	Callie Langohr	Jamie Pickering
Mary Ruby	Travis Steindorf	

Trustee Lyle Mitchell was absent with prior approval. Also present were President Jane Karas and Suzanne DeCamp, Clerk of the District.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

III. CONSENT ITEMS – ACTION

A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on January 22, 2024.

Trustee Pete Akey moved that the Board of Trustees approve ITEM A under Section III, Consent Agenda. Trustee Travis Steindorf seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS

A. Student Activities Report

The Student Activities Report was presented by Sarah Hazel, Student Government Secretary.

B. Faculty Activities Report

The Faculty Activities Report was submitted to the Board and presented by the Faculty Senate Vice President, Dr. Jessica Ennist, Associate Professor, Chemistry.

C. Executive Staff Activities Report

The Board acknowledged the Executive Staff for their informative reports.

V. COLLEGE ISSUES

A. Student Success: S-STEM Scholars

Dr. Jessica Ennist provided an update on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) Grant. Around 27 applications were received and ten recipients were chosen for this first year, Fall 2023 and Spring 2024. Two scholars, Michael Warner and Sylvie Johnson shared how the scholarship funds are helping them focus on their studies and how beneficial the faculty mentors have been helping prepare them for their transfer process to finish their degrees.

B. Foundation Year-End Report

Tagen Vine, Chief Development Officer, Foundation, reported on the fundraising activity for calendar year 2023, including awarding \$1.7M to almost 700 students. In addition, he presented the upcoming Foundation events for 2024.

C. ACCT National Legislative Summit Update

President Karas and Trustee Travis Steindorf attended the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. at the beginning of February. They attended the Legislative Update Session where presenters spoke about the need for short-term Pell Grants so that some of the short-term workforce programs like heavy equipment operator and commercial driver's license would be eligible.

President Karas and Trustee Steindorf met with Senators Jon Tester and Steve Daines and Congressmen Matt Rosendale and Ryan Zinke. President Karas and Trustee Steindorf discussed the short-term Pell Grant and new programs that FVCC is exploring such as airframe and power program (airplane mechanic). There is a great need in the state and in the country for airplane mechanics. The Senators' staff members are going to research to see if there is potential money to help fund the equipment and space for the program.

D. Board of Trustees Events Calendar

President Karas reviewed the Trustees events calendar. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18th, a week early due to spring break. The April Board meeting will be on the 22nd. Commencement will be on May 10th, President Karas encouraged everyone to attend.

E. President's Report

President Karas updated the Board on several items:

- Michele Purcell, Bryan Brophy-Baermann and President Karas attended the Achieving the Dream (ATD) Conference last week. The speakers spoke about diversity and equity and how to keep students engaged. It was beneficial to hear what other colleges are doing. ATD has been in existence for 20 years, this is our fifth year with them. ATD has collected research data that shows small movements can be made in the first four to five years, but it takes up to ten years to see change.
- President Karas provided an update on the Entrepreneurship Center. It appears renovating the Early Childhood Center building will provide the best opportunity. President Karas will be working with the architects to develop a floor plan and will share that with the Board. She will share a plan in the next couple of months for an RFP on bids. In addition, FVCC will be looking to hire a director for the Entrepreneurship Center.
- President Karas has been meeting with the other two community colleges planning for the next legislative session. They will hire the same lobbyist that they used last session. The community colleges are beginning outreach to legislators.
- President Karas thanked Kent Rogers and his Information Technology team for their work in getting the first half of the new VOIP telephones installed.
- President Karas gave a demonstration of the new Board agenda that is on the FVCC website. Anyone in the public will have access. The Board will still receive the notice two days in advance that will include the link to the website

page. We will start using the new format for the April meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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Kelly Stimpson, JD, Chairperson of the Board

Travis Steindorf, Secretary to the Board