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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

MINUTES

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SERVICES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014
DISTRICT OFFICE – 226 W. JACKSON BOULEVARD, ROOM 300

Pursuant to provisions of the Illinois Public Community College Act, as amended of the State of Illinois, County of Cook, a Committee Academic Affairs and Student Services of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508 was held on February 26, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., District Office, 226 W. Jackson Boulevard, Room 300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

ATTENDEES

TRUSTEES

Paula Wolff
Clarisol Duque
Everett Rand

ASSISTANT BOARD SECRETARY
Candace Montgomery

CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE BOARD
Leah Heinecke-Krumhus

CHANCELLOR
Cheryl L. Hyman

PROVOST
Vernese Edghill-Walden

OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

Craig Lynch, Chief of Staff/Enterprise Services/Information
Technology
Laurent Pernot, Executive Vice Chancellor/Institutional
Advancement
Rasmus Lynnerup, Vice Chancellor of Strategy, Research and
Organizational Effectiveness

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ann Brennan	CCC-District Office
Michael Daigler	CCC-District Office
Preston Harden	CCC-District Office

Katheryn Hayes	CCC-District Office
Ileo Lott	CCC-District Office
Claudia Mercado	CCC-District Office
Michael Mutz	CCC-District Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wolff called the February 26, 2014 Committee on Academic Affairs and Students Services to order at 1:08 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Assistant Board Secretary called roll:

Trustee Clarisol Duque	Present
Trustee Darrell Griffin	Absent
Trustee Marisela Lawson	Absent
Trustee Everett Rand	Present
Trustee Paula Wolff	Present

Chair Wolff acknowledged that in accordance with the Illinois Public Community College Act and the Illinois Open Meetings Act, there was a quorum.

III. WELCOME REMARKS

Chair Wolff welcomed everyone to the quarterly Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Services.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

The full presentation of agenda items can be viewed [here](#).

Panel of Speakers: Provost Vernese Edghill-Walden, Associate Vice Chancellor Claudia Mercado, Executive Director Ann Brennan, Associate Vice Chancellor Michael Daigler, Associate Vice Chancellor Preston Harden.

1. Academic Affairs Update

Provost Edghill-Walden provided an overview of the Office of Academic Affairs to include the mission of the department, its alignment with the District's strategies of success and the implementation of strategic initiatives.

Provost Edghill-Walden also discussed recent accomplishments which included the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) approval of online degree and certificate offerings and the successful coordination and completion of the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) five-year recognition visit.

Chair Wolff asked if the ICCB approval of the online degrees and certificates includes recommendations. Provost Edghill-Walden stated that there were no significant recommendations.

Trustee Rand inquired about the type of degrees offered online. Provost Edghill-Walden stated that her team is exploring degrees that are suited for online coursework.

2. Transfer and Gradesfirst/Early Alert

AVC Mercado discussed GradesFirst and Early Alert initiatives and the program's capacity to improve retention efforts.

Trustee Duque inquired about peer intervention. AVC Mercado stated that her team is looking into developing a peer program.

Chair Wolff asked how many faculty members participate in Early Alert. AVC Mercado stated that 500 faculty members participate.

Executive Director Brennan provided an update on transfer services, external partnerships and articulation agreements with four-year institutions.

3. Athletics

AVC Daigler discussed the function and structure of the Athletic Department and outlined performance and accomplishments for fiscal year 2014.

4. McCormick Foundation Grant

Provost Edghill-Walden provided information on the McCormick Foundation Grant which allows CCC to cultivate an informed and engaged student population through news and digital literacy efforts.

5. Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Tour

AVC Harden provided the details of the 2014 HBCU tour.

In closing, Provost Edghill-Walden discussed upcoming plans for the Office of Academic Affairs. The department plans to launch a new PAC process in the fall of 2014, retool the academic catalog, increase the number of Human Diversity courses, revamp remediation and develop a comprehensive enrollment strategy plan to support recruitment, retention and completion efforts.

Trustee Rand asked about the type of courses under consideration for Human Diversity. Human Relations, African American Studies, Women Studies were mentioned as possible Human Diversity courses. It was further mentioned that the team would evaluate current course offerings and consider adding a cultural component to increase Human Diversity offerings. A complete list of Human Diversity courses will be distributed to the members of the Board.

Trustee Duque inquired about the effectiveness of remediation courses. Chancellor Hyman noted the Complete College America Study in which remediation was proven to be ineffective. There was further discussion on exploring best practices, contextualizing remedial courses and co-requisite courses to support remedial students as they pursue their core courses.

This concluded the review of agenda items.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chair Wolff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

<Motion>Clarisol Duque

<Second>Everett Rand

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Larry R. Rogers, Sr.
Secretary,
Board of Trustees

Submitted by - Candace M. Montgomery, Assistant Board Secretary