

## College of DuPage Board of Trustees

### Board Observers Report

Thursday, August 18, 2011 7 PM SRC Room 2052

LWVGE Board Observers: Peggy McGrath and Julie Nolan

Meeting opened at 7:01 PM

*The doors to the SRC 2052 were locked until 7 PM when the public was allowed to enter.*

Present: All of the trustees were present as well as members of the administration, faculty, COD students, and approximately 25 to 30 members of the public. There was no security guard present prior to the closed session. An armed security guard did come in when the open session resumed and remained until the end of the meeting.

Chairman Carlin called the meeting to order then asked for a motion into go into closed session. Trustee Svoboda asked if the motion could be rescinded so the board could cover the agenda items through the Consent Agenda before going into closed session as a courtesy to staff and members of the public. The board agreed, the motion was rescinded and the open meeting resumed.

Presentations: FCA President introduced Professor Chikako Kumamoto who discussed COD's **student journal**, ESSAI, **which publishes some of the best student writing across disciplines** .

The board unanimously approved the meeting agenda.

Reports: **No student report. For President Breuder's report**, Joe Collins reported on the Accreditation of the Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. Joe Moore and Ken Gray discussed a 5K run called "Laps with the Chaps". This will take place on the COD campus on October 22 and is a fundraiser for scholarships. Joe Moore also showed a video clip from ABC Channel 7 in Chicago on COD's new Homeland Security facility. Ken Gray welcomed everyone back for a new school year. Bill (?) Hazard, VP of the FCA, asked the board to consider rescinding the \$3.00 per credit hour fee that had been adopted earlier this year, **given** the college's sound fund balance. *The board rarely responds to comment, but Chairman Carlin noted that it was unlikely that the fee would be rescinded.* Joseph Trahey (?), an adjunct instructor in adult education asked if the swimming pool needed to be closed for a full 18 months during the renovation.

Public comments: Wayne Lela (?) commented that the "free speech zone" on the campus has been moved and is more restricted. He asked if that policy could be reconsidered. *Chairman Carlin said he would have a member of the administration contact him.* Susan Cheshire, Bill Alrich and Jim O'Malley all expressed concerns about the **reduction in numbers of ESL classes offered, declining enrollment, and loss of the Quick Start intensive program.** They discussed the need and the value of this program. *Dr. Breuder said there is "misinformation in the community" about this program and that a presentation will*

*be given to the board at the September board meeting on "ESL costs and services" to counter the "misinformation that is out there".*

Executive session: The board went into Executive Session at 7:53 Pm and returned at 8:44 PM. The topics listed were collective bargaining, review of closed session minutes, and possible litigation.

Consent Agenda: The board unanimously approved the consent agenda. **This included personnel actions as well as several construction change orders, capital budget projects, and new construction compliance approvals.**

**New Business:**

Item 10 B 1 approved ( **a 2.85 % rate increase for non-union, part-time faculty**)

Item 10 B 2 Review of closed session minutes: The board voted to keep the following sets of minutes confidential: 2/8, 2/24, 3/24, 5/23, 6/23, 7/12 all in 2011.

Item 10 B 3 Authorization for Destruction of Verbatim Records of closed Session Meetings. Chairman Carlin asked if the minutes of meetings 18 months old and more could be retained. He was advised that they could and the board voted to keep them intact. He also noted that the board reserved the right to revisit this matter.

Items 10 b 4 through 11 were all approved with no questions or comment: **included in these items were various employee contracts and new certificate programs as well as a new traffic signal for Lambert.**

Announcements: Trustee Savage said the COD Foundation has published a new brochure. Trustee Svobda said the ICCTA will meet September 9-10, 2011. The new President of the ICCB is Alexi Giannoulis.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

**Next meeting: Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in SSC 2200 (note new location.)**