

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, June 14, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Bill Kelley on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in of the Wojcik Conference Center, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Diane Hill, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Walt Mundt, Pat Stack, and Student Member Kei Smith

Absent: Member Nancy Robb

Also present:

Laura Brown, Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer; Tony Butler, Director of Risk Management; Orlando Cabrera, Tech Support Specialist; Tom Cassell, Sr Manager - Business Development; Scott Cashman, Senior Manager, Community, Career and Corporate Education; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Maria Coons, Vice President and Board Liaison; Dr. Kathy Coy, Director, Institutional Research; Megan Dallianis, Interim Associate Dean of Interdisciplinary Programs; Amanda Duval, Chief Human Resources Officer; Rob Galick, EVP Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Dr. Travaris Harris, Associate Provost Student Success; Dr. Joanne Ivory, Dean, Career and Technical Programs; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Nancy Medina, Executive Director Facilities Management; Bob Parzy, Associate Provost, Enrollment Services; Steve Petersen, Campus Architect; Kimberley Polly, Dean, Math and Science; Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Dr. Michele Smith, Vice President of Workforce Solutions; Deann Surdo, Director of Outcomes Assessment; Darice Trout, Interim Dean, Business and Social Science; Riaz Yusuff, Chief Information Officer; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director-Foundation and Major Gifts.

Guests: Jan Behounek and David Yandel, FGM Architects: Anna Orlando and Graham Wyatt, Robert A.M. Stern Architects (RAMSA); Harper Professor Dan Loprieno

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION OF
FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Rob Galick introduced David Yandel of FGM Architects and Graham Wyatt from RAMSA who presented the project overview, program development, site analysis and early concept design for the Business

and Social Sciences Center, replacing buildings I and J. Trustee Dowell wanted to formally acknowledge and recognize the large amount of work that went into this project by many groups. The Trustees expressed concern over the potential loss of 207 parking spots but were assured that parking in the general area is underutilized and there is an entrance leading to the parking garage. The Trustees emphasized their commitment to the building being as energy efficient as possible. Mr. Yandel stated that the natural lighting, heating and cooling systems will address this.

Dr. Travaris Harris and Professor Dan Loprieno presented a review of Harper's Athletic Department's plan to make a formal request to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) for a move from Division III to Division II. Mr. Loprieno stated benefits of the change to Division II for student athletes would include:

- Harper would join a Division II conference and compete against peer institutions in Chicago and its suburbs.
- Only a few Division III institutions remain in Illinois. A change to Division II decreases the amount of out-of-state traveling required to face Division III teams.
- As a Division III team, playing against local Division I and Division II teams present a significant competitive disadvantage.
- Division I and II teams have no competitive reasons to schedule games against Harper.
- There is potential student-athlete attrition due to the competitive disadvantage of being a Division III team.

In addition, Division III colleges are not permitted to offer any athletic scholarships, while Division II colleges may grant athletic scholarships – which may increase student athlete enrollment to Harper.

Dr. Harris reviewed the data reflecting the academic success of Harper student athletes over non-athletes. Retention, graduation, and course completion shows minimum increases of 7% to a maximum of 21% higher than non-athletes over an average three-year period. He also shared peer college tuition waiver amounts offered for men's and women's teams. The Division change application must be submitted by August 1, 2023. The move to Division II occurs in FY25 at the earliest. Discussion of needed athletic facilities upgrade will take place over the summer 2023.

The Board was supportive in Harper becoming more competitive at the Division II level and attracting student athletes with scholarships and waivers. Trustee Dowell asked about data showing that students would specifically select a college based on Division II status for their sport. Dr. Proctor said a bigger picture of facilities upgrade and next steps would be discussed at the July workshop.

Rob Galick presented the preliminary budget for FY2024 as compared to the budget for FY2023. As is customary, the College is presenting a balanced budget. He reviewed the budget timeline, FY2024 budget and risks, and the capital projects summary. He shared the strong revenue growth Harper had, with significant growth in Adult Education. The budget will be available for public review June through August pending Board approval at next week's meeting, and then the budget would be brought to the Board for approval at the August 16 meeting.

Dean Surdo presented the Operational Plan update. Fifty-five of the 59 tasks have been completed/on-target for completion, with three to be completed by August, and the Pay Equity Study will be completed by end of FY2024. The Accountability Report will be presented to the Board in August.

Chair Kelley and Dr. Proctor provided an update of the Board's and President's goals. These are multi-year goals and progress was noted. The July Board Workshop will include discussion on the draft Technology Strategic Plan.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the June Board Packet.

The Board recognized and thanked Dr. Travaris Harris for his many years of service to Harper College. He was wished well on his new position as Vice President of Instruction at Cabrillo College in California.

FORMAL ACTIONS

No formal actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Dowell moved, Member Stack seconded, adjournment at 6:37 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

Chair

Secretary