

## **APPROVED**

### **MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9000 West College Parkway Palos Hills, IL 60465**

The Governing Board of Moraine Valley Community College, District No. 524, Special Meeting, was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, in the Board Room D219, 9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kimberly Hastings Cristelli at 6:00 PM.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Kimberly Hastings Cristelli, Chair; Bernadette Barrett; John Coleman; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Joseph Murphy; Patricia Joan Murphy; Andrew Williams, Student Trustee

Absent: Brian O'Neill

Dr. Jenkins indicated that this meeting is to continue discussions and respond to questions to follow up from the July 20 retreat in order to come to determine how to move forward with the college's Facilities Master Plan. She indicated that it is critical to move forward in looking at expanding facilities that support career programs in order to provide educational and career opportunities to residents of the district. She indicated that even though the state approved a \$43 million appropriation, it will not be enough to build and fully expand the facilities that are needed, nor is there any information when or if that money will actually be released. The Board Chair and Vice Chair are included in a meeting tomorrow with a consultant firm that worked with Harper College to successfully pass a \$180 million referendum with a 64% approval vote. If this is the direction chosen for Moraine Valley, the consultant would be invited to come and talk with the full Board.

Dr. Margaret Lehner, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Assistant to the President, provided a brief introduction for the presentations.

Dr. Pamela Haney, Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided some background and an overview of the proposed facility and renovated spaces to anticipate future growth and provide for new programs to meet the needs of district residents with the goal of enhancing students' experiences in an active learning environment where they

have high-tech and high-touch opportunities similar to what they would experience in real-world situations.

#### New Facility – Allied Health and Nursing Building

Dr. LoShay Willis, Assistant Dean of Career Programs, provided an overview of proposed new programs that would also be housed in the new facility, including Occupational Therapy; Physical Therapy; Sonography (Ultrasound); and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). She shared information about salary and job prospects, enrollment projections, other colleges offering these programs, and current in-district students pursuing these programs at other institutions. She discussed the challenge of providing each program's mandatory clinical experiences, indicating that they actively pursue additional clinical sites. Questions regarding potential enrollments, program costs, staffing and equipment needs were discussed.

#### Expanding and Enhancing Existing Facilities – Technology Building

Dr. Kiana Battle, Dean of Career Programs, indicated that while there are other high-demand programs in the mechanical technology department that prepare students for employment, information about the Automotive Technology program is being presented as an example of the potential for partnerships and future new program offerings. Program enrollment, completion figures and salary and job prospects were shared. Diagrams of potential expansion in the T building were shared and discussed.

Dr. Ryen Nagle, Dean of Science, Business and Computer Technology, provided information about Industrial Maintenance and Engineering Technology programs, including Automation and Engineering Technology (AET), Electronics Technology (ELT), Industrial Maintenance (IMM), and Integrated Systems Technology (IST). He reported that combined credit hours for these programs are trending upwards with heightened interest in STEM programs. He indicated that current spaces are somewhat outdated and not being able to expand could prevent the college from fully accommodating current and potential growth.

#### Renovation – Student Development

Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone, Vice President of Student Development, shared some potential renovations to Building B to accommodate expanded space for the Job Resource Center and Multicultural Student Affairs. She outlined the services in each area and how expanded space would allow the Job Resource Center to increase partnerships for internship opportunities, expand activities such as a job fair and other

career-related workshops and presentations, and Multicultural Student Affairs to better serve the growing numbers of students of color and English Language Learners.

Dr. Darryl Williams, Dean of Enrollment Services, shared information on the benefits to the community of these proposed program enhancements and facilities expansion, including keeping college-bound students in Illinois and, ideally, at Moraine Valley if we are able to offer the career and technical programs and workforce development opportunities that can provide the skills needed and access for well-paying jobs.

### Master Plan/Expansion Options

Rick Hendricks, Vice President of Administrative Services, reported that the Facilities Master Plan had been presented to the Board at the July Board retreat meeting. He indicated that he and Dominick Demonica could answer questions from the Board.

Priority order for the renovations for some programs, particularly the STEM Center, was discussed. It was explained that as spaces are vacated as programs relocate into the new facility or, in a domino effect, as renovations take place, other relocations or expansion of programs can be realized. There was some discussion of previous financing for capital projects. Dr. Jenkins indicated that her ideal, preferred option is for option A, to build a new building and do backfill with all the other spaces and programs that have been discussed.

The \$43 million was approved by the state, but there is no information about when or if the money would be released. Dr. Jenkins indicated that efforts can be made to encourage the release of that money, but it was a delicate balance. If the college does not have a firm plan and is fully prepared to move forward, the release of that money could force hasty decisions. Additionally, those projects are managed by the Capital Development Board and not by the college.

Dominick reiterated the options, which include all new construction, a hybrid new and renovation plan with a building addition to the B Building, another hybrid new and renovation plan with an addition to A Building, and a plan for space renovation with no new construction, sharing pros and cons for each option. There was continued discussion of costs for these options and whether there could be a preference for construction firms in the community for project work, as well as questions about the need for and how a construction manager functions.

The Board discussed the proposal of a referendum. The timeline for a referendum was discussed; Dr. Jenkins indicated that the last referendum followed a similar, short

timeline. She indicated that the Board would have to approve a referendum in December in order to file in January.

There was continued discussion about doing both the new facility and a STEM center because of a concern that STEM would have a greater impact on the community than a facility that might not fill to capacity initially. Dr. Jenkins reiterated that the Facilities Master Plan looks to future growth as well as current needs. Given that health care facilities are the major employer in the college's district, there is an obligation to provide district residents with a pathway to employment opportunities.

Chair Cristelli gathered direction from the trustees regarding a referendum. She indicated that she liked the direction the college is headed and that she felt it was good to be aggressive with new programs, but also that she felt this was a subject that came together in the last six months. Dr. Jenkins responded that work on the master plan began a year ago with meetings and focus groups with areas across the entire campus. She indicated that the chair and vice chair will be at a meeting tomorrow with a consultant to gather more information about the referendum process.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the trustees keep an open mind, continue to ask questions, and possibly take a field trip to see some of the other facilities that have been built. He stated that Moraine Valley provides a very affordable education but also needs to stay current to continue to attract students.

#### Board of Trustees Committees Discussion

Chair Cristelli mentioned the five committees that have been proposed: Student Services, Capital Projects/Strategic Planning, Finance, Personnel/Hiring, and Academic Affairs, and asked for board members to express their interest in individual committees. Mr. Murphy indicated he would be interested in all of them and suggested structuring it as a committee-of-the-whole. Ms. Kirkwood agreed that having everyone hear the same information would be helpful. Ms. Barrett agreed that with new board members, the information is helpful and that as it goes along, it may be agreed that finance, for example, doesn't need to be discussed at every meeting.

Dr. Jenkins proposed another meeting similar to this of a committee-of-the-whole and indicated that board members would be contacted about a date for another working meeting of the Board.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.