

## Highlights from the January 22, 2009 Board Meeting

### Regular Board Meeting

The topics listed below essentially follow the agenda for the meeting which is available at <http://www.mchenry.edu/Administration/012209.asp>

### President's Report

- **Physics**

As part of our assessment efforts in Physics, we administer a Force Concept Exam to our Physics 280 and 291 classes. The exam is a conceptual exam in Newtonian Physics which does not require a calculator. This fall's Physics 291 class, which consisted of 22 students, and was taught by Joseph Nothnagel, averaged 78% on the exam.

What's particularly interesting is that a physics class at Harvard took the same exam, and averaged 77%. Furthermore, one of our Physics 291 students, Jonathan Kingery, achieved a perfect score. This is yet another indicator of the quality and rigor of our academic programs.

- **Children's Learning Center**

On the first day of classes, when our Children's Learning Center can be most chaotic, getting new students and staff acclimated to their environment, the Center had its annual unannounced monitoring visit from the Department of Children and Family Services. The Center passed the inspection with flying colors meeting every standard required of us. Deb Ryan, the director of the Center, reports that the staff did an outstanding job of making the first day appear to be like any other normal day. Congratulations to Deb Ryan and her staff on the successful monitoring visit.

- **Grants**

Tony Capalbo, Temporary Director of Workforce Development Support Services, has received a \$6,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board to enhance regional collaboration focused on improving career and technical education programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels. We will be collaborating with Rock Valley College and Kishwaukee College on this project.

- **Adult Education**

On Monday, February 16, 2009, Adult Education and Workforce Services will host Dr. Thomas Sticht, an internationally known adult literacy expert, who will present two workshops: "Functional Context Education: Integrated Curriculum Models for Transitioning to Work or College" and "From Parents to Children: The Intergenerational Transfer of Literacy." These workshops will be held in the Conference Center, and though primarily for adult educators and literacy volunteers, these workshops will be open and free to the public.

- **Video Surveillance**

I wanted to briefly update you on the status of our video surveillance project which is being funded by a federal earmark secured by Congressman Manzullo. The necessary server and monitors have been installed, all interior cabling is complete, and cameras will start arriving next week. We expect that the installation of outdoor cameras in parking lots and at entrances will be completed by February 17th.

- **United Way**

We had another successful United Way campaign this year, where our employees pledged more than \$10,500 to the United Way of McHenry County. We actually exceeded our goal for this year, resulting in more than a 10% increase in our total pledge as compared to last year. Congratulations and thanks to our United Way Committee and all who contributed.

## **Consent Agenda**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda were approved except for Board Report #08-281, *Board Policy Revision, Policy 1.8.4.4.5, Telephonic Voting*, which was postponed until the February meeting.

## **Personnel**

- **Appointments** – The Board approved the following appointments:
  - **Dori Smith** has been appointed to the new position of Director of Continuing Education, effective January 26, 2009. Dori currently serves as the Coordinator of Community and Continuing Education at MCC.
  - **Maria Tech** has been appointed to the new position of Financial Aid and MCC Promise Specialist, effective January 26, 2009. Maria currently serves as a Financial Aid Assistant at MCC.

## **Information Reports**

This month a number of information reports were included in the Board packet. I encourage you to review them in the online Board packet available at <http://www.mchenry.edu/Administration/012209boardpacket.pdf>

The information reports are found near the end of the packet. Highlights include:

- **ERP Update** - included in the packet is the monthly update regarding the ERP project. Key accomplishments this month include:
  - Completion of “test spin” of data.
  - Completion of training for user validation.
  - Data extracts delivered to Campus Management for Spin 1 in preparation for first iteration of user validation.

Over the next few months, we will complete several rounds of data validation, in which we will be reviewing imported student records in the new ERP system and comparing those records with data in NXView. We will be reviewing over 1000 student records as part of this process to ensure the data is converted. This will be a significant effort involving dozens of employees from all across the College.

We are still on target for a go-live date of July 1, 2009 for CampusVantage (the new Finance and Human Resources system) and September 21, 2009 for CampusVue (the student information system).