

**League of Women Voters COD  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended: College of DuPage Trustees**

**Location: Student Services Center, Room SSC 2200**

**Date and Location of meeting: 10/20/16**

**Meeting started: 6 pm Meeting adjourned at 7:45 for executive session; no votes to be taken afterwards.**

**League Observer(s): Jill Sagi, Kate Forhan**

**Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) Late (L):**

**\_P\_\_** Deanne Mazzochi Board Chairman

**\_P\_\_** David Olsen Board Vice Chairman

**\_P\_\_** Frank Napolitano Board Secretary

**\_P\_\_** Charles Bernstein

**\_NP\_\_** Erin Birt

**\_NP\_\_** Dianne McGuire

**\_L\_\_** Joseph C. Wozniak (6:15)

**\_P\_\_** Luzelena Escamilla Student Member

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** 18 College Staff/Administrators; 19 others present (not including observers)

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**Public Comment:**

1. Public comment directed towards McGuire for uncivil language and past practice, ending with the point that “good things are now happening at the College”
2. Public comment directed at upcoming sentencing of Patel for fraud with request that Board make a victim impact statement about loss of \$2.2M in College funds.

3. Public Comment: Two faculty introduced two visiting international faculty as part of an exchange program (Finland, the Netherlands)
4. Public comment against Birt for excessive absenteeism on Board (58% of meetings) on meeting with Senate and HLC to remove probationary status, especially impediments to teaching and learning
5. Public comment on removal from probation, Illinois budget
6. Public comment on investment policy that lost the college 2.2 M (This refers to Comment 2, above.)
7. Public comment on not offering public bid opening. Request for McGuire, Birt and Wozniak to resign. (one person deferred their time to another, therefore comments 6 and 7 were by the same person.

General tone of the comments reflected well on the current Board.

## Reports

### **Presentations and Reports by Staff/Others:**

1. Actuarial report [Aon]: Lengthy presentation and discussion of the state's retirement pension system (SURS) and its impact on individuals, and potential impact on the College. RE: Public defined contribution vs defined benefits plans and underfunded calculation assumptions. Goal is to be fully funded by 2045 IF State makes annual planned contributions. General concern is that some, most or all of these costs may eventually be passed back to the Institutions here earned, although there is no legislation proposing that, and to do so would require amending the state constitution.
2. Chair's report: Progress on reaccreditation is being made. HLC is requiring a full accreditation visit in February. General belief that College is ready for Feb 2017 with adjustments to be fully/unconditionally accredited again. To help with damage control Chairwoman Mazzochi asked for issues to be brought up sooner than later to try to avoid surprises in Feb using hierarchy of immediate department supervisor, Dean, and so on up the chain of command IF not getting traction and there is a legitimate issue.
3. Student Trustee report: Presentation by two student leaders on their initiatives and activities. Very positively received. Day of Action, civic engagement officer, outreach were primary goals of the student organization. Same strategy in getting increased feedback/involvement representative from different College departments and rise up through the ranks to share info between students and administrators.
4. ACCT Conference report: Napolitano attended a trustees' conference which appears to have been useful to the Board
5. Audit Committee – Bernstein gave quick update on controls review and policy strategy
6. Academic committee – Olsen gave update on meeting with Local Superintendents primary focus MATH. Team will work to incorporate programs to aid local districts in this area. Also, work on identifying regulatory agencies and develop processes for policy/procedures going forward

**Information items:**

- a. Personnel Items (for executive (closed) session)
- b. Financial Statements: A clerical error in the financial statements gave the appearance that the financial statements of Aug 31 and Sept 30 were out of compliance with auditing practices (reported as 20% should have been 18%)The error has been rectified and they are in compliance. Corrected copies were given to the Board.
- c. Gifts & Grants Report
- d. Change Orders: Although internal policies were followed, a construction change order was approved for an additional \$6000. The Chair question the wisdom of the Board not being consulted on such items, even though policies were followed. Consensus was reached that policies may need to be reviewed,
- e. In-Kind Quarterly Donations
- f. Revised Board Policy 10-175 Business Enterprise Program
- g. Revised Board Policy 10-95 Auxiliary Fund and other Revenue Generating Event Professional Service Contracts
- h. Professional Development Articles [intended for Board background information]:
  - 1) Community Colleges Enrollments Drop – Inside Higher Education  
<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/10/18/community-colleges-examining-low-and-stagnant-enrollments>  
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  - 2) Forget Accreditation, Bring on the College Audit – The Chronicle of Higher Education  
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/Forget-Accreditation-Bring-On/238090>

**Consent Agenda:**

With the exception of item S, all consent items (see below) were passed without discussion. Olsen requested motion, Napolitano 2<sup>nd</sup>, then unanimously approved

- a. Dissolution of General Counsel Search Committee
- b. Multimedia Services Television Studio Lighting Fixtures
- c. FY2017 Steel Purchases for Welding Technology
- d. Architectural Services for the Renovation of the HSC Cadaver Lab
- e. Single Station Electronic Troubleshooting Hydraulic Simulator and Hydrostatic Transmission and Hydraulic Steering Training Simulator with Troubleshooting
- f. Comcast Spotlight LLC Advertising in the amount not to exceed \$44,000 for McAninch Arts Center (MAC) Fiscal Year 2017
- g. Purchase of 18 MacBook Pro Laptop Computers for the Graphic Design Program
- h. Walk-in Freezer and Cooler Replacement in the SRC Cafeteria
- i. Authorization to remit funds held in custody by the College on behalf of its MAC rental clients
- j. August 18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- k. August 29, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- l. September 15, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- m. October 7, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- n. Personnel Action Items
- o. Financial Reports
- p. Approval of the Strategic Long Range Plan

- q. Dissolution of Presidential Search Committee
- r. Approval Trustee Reimbursable Expenses
- s. Approval of payment to Carol Fox and Associates for the second year of a two-year approved contract in an amount not to exceed \$220,050.00
- t. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Title IV Federal Verification

Item S motion by Olsen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Napolitano unanimously approved after brief discussion:  
 RE: marketing assistance for the performing arts programs and productions. MAC director was present and did support the marketing assistance and plan is helping the successful season.

**Agenda Items Relative to State or Local League Positions:**

**Comments/Concerns:**

**General Features**

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?	X		
Were members attentive and prepared?	X		Two were absent
Were members courteous to each other?	X		Discussion re: Board Retreat, Committees established, there was some discourse between Mazzochi and Olsen RE: change order courtesy vs policy.
Were members attentive to the public's comments?	X		
Was the facility adequate?	X		
Could the audience see and hear?	X		
Were visual aids easily visible to the audience	X		Much improved from 10/7
Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible	X		

Respectfully submitted: Kate Forhan and Jill Sagi