



BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
April 21, 2020

The Clark State Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session virtually via LifeSize due to the COVID-19 pandemic on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Chairman Brad Phillips presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Andy Bell, Jim Doyle, Sharon Evans, Kyle Hall, Maurice McDonald, Mike McDorman, Peggy Noonan, Vice Chair David Ball, Chairman Brad Phillips, and President Jo Alice Blondin

Others Present: Adele Adkins, Executive Director of the Performing Arts Center; Rahme Ashour, Evening and Weekend Receptionist, Greene Center; Dan Ayars, Director of Facilities, Operations and Maintenance; Lesli Beavers, Director of Workforce and Business Solutions; Aimee Belanger-Haas, Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Travis Binkley, Assistant Dean of Advising and Enrollment Services, Greene Center; Mary Bower, Coordinator, Academic Support Services, Greene Center; Dr. Sterling Coleman, Director of Library Services; Mike Cuffman, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences; Julia Daniels, Assistant to the Dean of Health, Human and Public Services; David Farrell, Senior Staff Accountant; Dr. Theresa Felder, Senior Vice President of Student Success; Dr. Matt Franz, Vice President of Information Technology and Emergency Management; Ron Gordon, Dean of Enrollment Services; Brielle Hastings, Instructor, Health, Human and Public Services; Sarah Henegar, Instructor, Arts and Sciences; Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Crystal Jones, Assistant Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Tina Jones, Staff Accountant; Naomi Louis, Dean of Arts and Sciences; Laurie Means, Executive Director of Marketing; Kathy Nelson, Controller; Kelly Neriani, Senior Institutional Research Analyst; Shani Newton, Success Coach, Greene Center; Toni Overholser, Director of the Foundation; Cindra Phillips, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning; Leslie Ray, Manager, Ticket Office Operations, Performing Arts Center; Diana Routzahn, Retail Associate, Greene Center Bookstore; Jennifer Savitscus, Instructor, Arts and Sciences; Dr. Rhoda Sommers, Dean of Health, Human and Public Services; Gwen Stevenson, Director of Nursing Programs; Mary Adelaide Taylor, Assistant Director, Registered Nursing Program; Mellanie Toles, Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Special Projects; Trish Voisard, Staff Accountant; Larry Wakefield, Vice President for Business Affairs; William Weekley, Training Site Operations Supervisor, Workforce Development; Nina Wiley, Dean of Student Engagement and Support Services; Mia Yaniko, Education Section Chief, Ohio Attorney General's Office; and Tracy Yates, Director of Conference Services

Recognition of Guests

Chairman Phillips welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Conflicts of Interest

Vice Chair Ball indicated that he would abstain from voting on Instructional Faculty Contract Renewals since his wife, Pam Ball, was one of the faculty members listed. Chairman Phillips indicated that the votes would be taken separately to accommodate the conflict.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2020. Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Trustee Noonan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Finance and Facilities Committee Report

The Board Finance and Facilities Committee met on Monday, April 13, at 7:30 a.m. via Lifesize. Those present included: Andy Bell, Committee Chair; Committee Members David Ball, Jim Doyle, Peg Noonan, and Sharon Evans; Brad Phillips, Board Chair; Dr. Blondin, President; Dr. Theresa Felder, Senior Vice President, Student Success; Dr. Matt Franz, Vice President, Information Technology; Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Vice President, Academic Affairs; Larry Wakefield, Vice President for Business Affairs; Adele Adkins, Executive Director, Performing Arts Center; Laurie Means, Executive Director, Marketing; Toni Overholser, Director, Foundation; Kathy Nelson, Controller; Susan Kelly, Recorder. Agenda items included:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of February 25, 2020, Meeting Minutes
- Quarterly Financial Report
- Greene Center/REACH/Ohio Hi-Point Quarterly Financials
- FY 2021 Budget
- COVID-19 Impact on FY 2020 Enrollment
- COVID-19 Revenue Losses and Expenses
- Insurance Consortium Update
- Attorney General's Office Delaying Bill Collection
- State Budget and Legislative Updates
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting – May 11, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.

Dr. Blondin commented that we are keeping track of COVID-19 related impacts to budget, and they will be shared at the May Board Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. Vice President Wakefield noted that due to some savings we have experienced and because we budgeted conservatively, the College will be fine this fiscal year in spite of any cuts from the state; next year may prove to be problematic, and we are fortunate to have funds in reserves if needed to balance the budget.

Quarterly Financial Reports

The Revenue/Expenditure report along with the Balance Sheet, Statement of Reserve Activity and the Statement of Restricted Income and Charges were distributed to Trustees prior to the meeting. The following was noted:

Revenue

State Share of Instruction (SSI) – The FY 2020 budget is based on course completion (50%), success points (25%) and completion milestones (25%). SSI reflects the adjusted projection from the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE). The annual increase this year is \$570,688. It has since been adjusted by ODHE and our increase is now \$533,462, after their annual “true up”.

Student Tuition and Fees Revenue represents Fall and Spring Semester through March 31. We are under budget primarily due to a decrease in out-of-state enrollment compared to last year. Other student fees are up due to lab fees and unspent tuition challenge discounts.

Management services increased this year due to a new charge to Commercial Transportation Training Center (CTTC) (\$45,000 per year) in addition to prior charges to the Bookstore (\$75,000 per year).

We are tracking very close to this time last year with total revenue up \$485,200 (2.3%) from the previous fiscal year.

Expenditures

Most general fund expense categories as well as expenditures by object code categories are tracking favorably with budget.

Total expenses are down \$85,656 (0.6%) over last year. As usual, we are using budget dollars early in several categories for expenses, such as the bond payment for the Greene Center and maintenance contracts as well as supplies. We expect to see some savings over the next couple months due to modified operations especially in the categories of Occupancy, Travel and Supplies.

Auxiliary Enterprises

Bookstore – The year-to-date deficit is a result from partnering with the virtual bookstore, eCampus and basing the budget on expectations of anticipated sales.

CTTC – There is a downturn in enrollment. Expenses are tracking slightly down from prior year, but not enough to offset the revenue decline.

Parking revenue is down due to the State’s new oversight on fees which prevented us from charging more for Auxiliary fees.

Food Service expenses are trending higher than expected this year.

Balance Sheet

Total current funds have decreased by \$84,800 (0.4%) compared to the third quarter of FY 2019.

Total Investment in Plant is \$51.1 million compared to \$49.3 million last year at this time. Rhodes Hall renovations have increased this amount.

Restricted Statement

The restricted budgets along with the grantor stipulations were approved by Trustees at the September 2019 Board Meeting.

Any grants where the expended/encumbered amount exceeds the received amount are because funding is on a reimbursement basis. Many programs require quarterly billings, which will go out during the

month after quarter end. The student financial aid Pell grants are drawn monthly on the 15th.

Descriptions of all of these programs were distributed to Trustees with the financials.

Statement of Reserve Activity

Total ending balance for March 31, 2020, was \$9,007,022. The primary activity involved deferred maintenance, dump truck replacement, Academic Dean search, and funding the refund of the Summer Health Clinic Fee for students, which was mandated by the State of Ohio, due to their new oversight over college fees.

Greene Center Quarterly Financial Report

The Greene Center report was originally created to show the revenue and expenses related to the Greene Center after acquisition of the building and expansion to the new location. Most expenses are tracked separately, but the revenue is not. It is based on a percentage of Greene Center credit hours to total credit hours.

Revenue:

The budget for State Share of Instruction for the Greene Center has been calculated at 12.2% of the overall disbursement for Clark State Community College. This is based on budgeted credit hours for the Greene Center for fiscal year 2020.

The budget for Student Tuition is computed using expected enrollment for FY 2019-20.

Actual Student Tuition is based on actual credit hours reported from Institutional Research and multiplied by \$160.33 per credit hour.

Expenditures:

Expenditures were rolled-up to match categories currently used for financial reporting.

REACH Center Quarterly Financial Report

The REACH Center report is set up similar to the Greene Center report. The REACH Center report shows the revenue and expenses related to the REACH Center. Expenses are tracked separately, but the revenue is not. It is based on REACH Center credit hours.

Revenue:

The budget for State Share of Instruction for the REACH Center has been calculated at 1.3% of the overall disbursement for Clark State Community College. This is based on budgeted credit hours for the REACH Center for fiscal year 2020.

The budget for Student Tuition is computed using expected enrollment for FY 2019-20.

Actual Student Tuition is based on actual credit hours reported from Institutional Research and multiplied by \$160.33 per credit hour.

Expenditures:

Expenditures were rolled-up to match categories currently used for financial reporting.

Ohio Hi-Point Quarterly Financial Report

The Ohio Hi-Point Career Center (OHP) report is set up similar to the REACH and Greene Center reports. The OHP report shows the revenue and expenses related to the OHP location in Logan County. Expenses are tracked separately, but the revenue is not. It is based on OHP credit hours.

Revenue:

The budget for State Share of Instruction for OHP has been calculated at 1.9% of the overall disbursement for Clark State Community College. This is based on budgeted credit hours for OHP for fiscal year 2020.

The budget for Student Tuition is computed using expected enrollment for FY 2019-20.

Actual Student Tuition is based on actual credit hours reported from Institutional Research and multiplied by \$160.33 per credit hour.

Expenditures:

Expenditures were rolled-up to match categories currently used for financial reporting.

Human Resources Update

The following actions are for non-exempt employee positions only. The open/advertised positions cover all faculty and staff, both exempt and non-exempt.

Reorganization:

- Amy Kelly, from Assistant to the Vice President's Office and Vice President, Information Technology and Emergency Management (Grade Level 5) to Administrative Assistant, Information Technology and Student Support Services and Engagement (Grade Level 4), effective 3/30/20

Resignation:

- Kim Martin, Administrative Assistant, Student Support Services and Engagement, Student Affairs, effective 3/31/20

Open/Advertised Positions:

- Instructional Faculty – Bachelors in Web Design and Development
- Instructional Faculty – Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Instructional Faculty – Microbiology
- Instructional Faculty – Philosophy
- Instructional Faculty – Registered Nursing

College-Wide Strategic Planning Session

The strategic plan end of year update is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Each workgroup will report on their progress for the year and the related metrics. Institutional Research will also provide a presentation on our key lag metrics. Staff and faculty will be sent a survey link to provide feedback and suggestions on next year's focus initiatives. The agenda for the meeting, along with the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, was distributed to Trustees for reference.

This year's meeting will be held virtually and has been shortened to accommodate a virtual format. Trustees were invited to attend, and a registration link was sent to them prior to the meeting.

CARES Act and Clark State's Response to Students Re: COVID-19

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 28, 2020, provides almost \$14 billion that will go directly to higher education institutions to support the costs of shifting classes online, and for grants to students for food, housing, technology, and other purposes.

The Act makes \$14.6 billion available to institutions of higher education. A summary of the CARES Act was distributed to Trustees prior to the meeting and some features were highlighted, as follows:

- \$12.5 billion will be disbursed directly to schools, based on a weighted formula tied to an institution's number of full-time equivalent Pell Grant recipients.
- A small percentage of such funds is reserved for minority-serving schools (e.g., HBCUs, Tribal schools).
- A small percentage of such funds is reserved for institutions hardest hit by COVID-19, such as rural colleges.

Half of such funds are to be used by the schools for COVID-19 response and prevention.

- The funds cannot be used to reimburse tuition/room/board losses or for capital outlays, endowments, etc.
- The other half of such funds are to be used for direct disbursement to students as emergency grants (e.g., for tuition, food, shelter or travel).

Clark State is projected to receive approximately \$2.9 million, with half of this money will be used for direct student support and the other half for institutional support. The American Association of Community Colleges and the American Council on Education estimate that colleges may receive this money as early as late April 2020. Additionally, there is a possibility of a future "Stimulus IV" or "Stimulus V" bill and, embedded within either of these bills, may be a provision for retraining that attempts to achieve the same goals as the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College Career Training grants.

Dr. Blondin reported that the Department of Education has not provided a lot of guidance regarding how the stimulus funds are used, and we have determined that up to \$750 per student will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Approximately 1,000 students have applied for the funding so far, with 140 of them ineligible because they were not registered for Spring semester; we are prioritizing students who were directly affected by COVID-19, and we are unable to give the funds to fully online or international students. Data will be collected and shared regarding how the money was used.

In order to assist students in their new remote environment, Student Affairs' administrators and staff put together a document outlining how to access enrollment and student support services remotely to share with students. The document was emailed to them and is currently housed on both our COVID-19 webpage and college webpage. The document was also shared with Trustees prior to the meeting.

Chairman Phillips complimented Dr. Blondin and everyone involved regarding how fast they communicated the benefits and process, noting that the four-year college his son attends still has no plan or direction and has not communicated anything to their students. He is very impressed by how focused we have been on meeting our students' needs. President Blondin mentioned that Clark State was included, along with Salt Lake Community College and others, in a recent article in Community College Daily regarding trailblazers in terms of COVID-19 response.

Foundation Update

- The Foundation continues to address our student needs during this difficult time, with the main focus of awarding CARES Act funding. Working with Student Affairs and the Business Office, an efficient process was developed, and we were able to communicate it to students quickly.
- Our response time for out of round/emergency scholarship requests has also been accelerated. We are working closely with Student Affairs to evaluate needs and connect students with resources on a case by case basis. The Foundation will be awarding scholarships for summer semester; applications are being accepted through April 30th.
- The Foundation continues to connect with donors and alumni during this time through social media, email and virtually. Our April Newsletter was sent to our donors and alumni lists. Trustees should have received our latest electronic newsletter on April 3.
 - Newsletter went to all contacts with a valid email address
 - o Donors 38% open rate/Alumni 18% open rate (industry average is 15%)
- The decision was made to cancel College for Kids and Teens 2020 out of the abundance of caution due to COVID-19. Refunds are being issued to those already registered.
- Project Jericho has done an excellent job of staying connected with students during this time of physical distancing. They are delivering programming through videos shared on social media. They have incorporated the #PJArtFromApart to increase awareness.
- The Scholars Program continues to work with our high school and college level scholars. All high school visits to Clark State were canceled for the months of March, April, and May. However, Karen Hunt has continued to stay connected with students via phone, email, and social media. She continues to assist our high school seniors with Clark State registration and is encouraging them to attend during the Summer Semester.

Performing Arts Center and Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center Update

- On March 13 the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center (HBC) closed temporarily due to the state mandate from Governor DeWine forbidding no large-scale gatherings.
- Two out of three events at the PAC were rescheduled for June. Michael Bolton was moved to June 16, and Diamond Rio was moved to June 18. The band Goitse scheduled on March 14 was cancelled.
- All but two events have either rescheduled or cancelled at the HBC through June. We were able to reschedule \$6,900 of revenue into the fall but as of today, the HBC has zero dates available for September, October and November.
- Three PAC rentals for June have been rescheduled for August with a revenue of \$12,000.
- Monday Mail (emails) have started going out to the PAC's 14,000 email list. The content going forward will be small video clips from hidden places of the PAC.
- A new webpage is being developed that will be updated weekly with links to all the online arts/entertainment content. A page of "one stop shopping". Staff and patrons will be submitting their picks.
- The PAC and HBC staff have started a calling and emailing campaign to the 3,240 ticket buyers from this year checking in on them and asking how they are doing.
- PAC and HBC staff called a total of 900 Clark State students to encourage them to apply for the summer and fall semesters.
- On Monday, April 6, a PAC backstage part-time employee, Chris Asterino, passed away unexpectedly from a suspected aneurism. He was 43 years old.

- On Thursday, April 23, from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., the PAC will participate in the Light it Blue Campaign to give thanks and show support for essential frontline workers’ efforts during the pandemic. PAC employee J.R. Riechers designed our lighting display.

Marketing Update

- The Marketing office received two Gold Awards and two Silver Awards in the 35th Annual Educational Advertising Awards competition.
 - New Clark State website – Gold
 - Manufacturing brochure “Gear Up for You” – Gold
 - Student testimonial video on Jonathan Goble – Silver
 - The Admissions Guide – Silver
- Digital advertising for summer semester increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are investing in more advertising online and through media streaming devices.
- The new Clark State Performing Arts Center website will be released with the 2020-21 season.

Action Items

The following items were presented for Board approval:

Instructional Faculty Contract Renewals

The College renews contracts for Instructional Faculty each Spring. Instructional Faculty contracts are offered as one-, two-, three-, or five-year contracts. Present Board policy states: *Upon the completion of four years of service to the College under single-year contracts, faculty members may be nominated by their school’s administrator for a multiple-year contract. Upon the completion of two two-year contracts, faculty members may be offered a three-year contract. Subsequent contracts may be offered for one, two, or three years as recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Trustees. Faculty that hold the rank of Professor may be granted a five-year contract if specific circumstances are met. Some of those circumstances may include: recommendation from the academic dean, review of previous end of year reports, and review of evaluations.*

Contract terms are recommended by the appropriate College Deans based on the College evaluation system, instructional needs, and other performance measures to the Vice President of Academic Affairs who recommends as appropriate to the President.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTRACT RENEWALS INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY August 2020			
Name	Year Employed	Contract Eligibility	Contract Recommendation
Adams, Jessica	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Adkins, Robert	1996	5 year	5 year contract
Anderson, Jim	1990	5 year	5 year contract
Bailey, Diane	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Ball, Pam	2009	3 year	3 year contract
Bancroft, Kristen	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Benton, Karen	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Craioveanu, Daniela	2014	2 year	2 year contract

Boberg, Olga	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Brown, Brandi	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Brown, Jayna Nikki	2019	2 year	1 year contract
Chilman, Jason	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Cochran, Katrina	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Cusimano, Julia	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Davison, Avery	2020	1 year	1 year contract
Dawson, Scott	2012	3 year	3 year contract
DeLong, Kathy	2009	3 year	3 year contract
Derr, Robert	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Drake, Arly	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Filicko, Therese	2012	3 year	3 year contract
Gagliano, Wendy	2009	3 year	3 year contract
Gavin, Monnica	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Geist, Lynn	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Hagenbuch, Sarah	2016	2 year	2 year contract
Harris, Kathy	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Hastings, Brielle	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Hawke, Jennifer	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Henegar, Sarah	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Hennigan, Robyn	2002	2 year	2 year contract
Hinkle, Catherine	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Holinger, Cody	2020	1 year	1 year contract
Huskey, Paige	2008	3 year	3 year contract
Johnson, Jessica	2016	2 year	2 year contract
Kuehnle, Jonathan	2014	2 year	2 year contract
Lauricella, Theresa	2006	3 year	3 year contract
Lander, Michael	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Mainard, Courtney	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Matt, Dana	2009	3 year	3 year contract
Miller, Amber	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Miller, Angela	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Miller, Carol	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Miller, Nicole	2020	1 year	1 year contract
Novello, Fabian	2001	5 year	5 year contract
Padgett, Debra	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Parker, Tabitha	2019	1 year	1 year contract
Parrett, Blake	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Reese, Angela	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Rismiller, Mary	2017	1 year	1 year contract
Roach, Danielle	2018	1 year	1 year contract
Roux, Diane	2005	3 year	3 year contract
Savitscus, Jennifer	2020	1 year	1 year contract
Schmidt, Mark	2003	5 year	5 year contract
Siriphokha, Chan	2016	2 year	2 year contract
Witt, Karalen	2019	1 year	1 year contract

Impact on students and/or student learning: Faculty are the College's direct link with students. They are the purveyors of instruction and the primary providers of support for learning. Renewal of faculty contracts is critical to teaching and learning and allows a process for ensuring quality of instruction.

Implications for budget, personnel, or other resources: The proposed 2020-2021 budget will include funds for the re-employment of these faculty, as well as faculty already under contract.

It was requested that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions presented on the above Contract Renewal Recommendations for Instructional Faculty.

Trustee Bell made a motion to approve the contract renewal recommendations for all faculty except Pam Ball as presented. Trustee McDorman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve Pam Ball's contract renewal, and Trustee Evans seconded. The motion passed 8-0. (Vice Chair Ball abstained.)

Associate Degree and Certificate Authorization

For the past few months, students who have or will meet all of the institutional qualifications for graduation for Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2020 have been identified by the Records and Registration Office. The figures below represent the candidates who are eligible, at this point, for confirming of Associate Degrees/Certificates for the August 2020 Commencement.

Degree Type	Number Awarded
Associate of Arts Transfer	41
Associate of Science Transfer	123
Associate of Applied Business	87
Associate of Applied Science	240
Associate of Technical Studies	9
TOTAL Associate Degrees	500
Certificates	107

Honors	Associate Degrees	Certificates
4.0 GPA	17	2
3.5+ GPA	125	11

Diversity	Total	Female	Male
Associate Degrees	500	347	153
Asian	3	3	0
Amer Ind/Alaska Native	8	2	6
Black/African-American	62	45	17
Hispanic	1	1	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	3	0	3
White	405	284	121
Unknown	10	5	5
2+ Races	5	5	0
NonReg Alien/Foreign	3	2	1

Diversity	Total	Female	Male
Certificates	107	97	10
Asian	0	0	0
Amer Ind/Alaska Native	0	0	0
Black/African-American	26	24	2
Hispanic	0	0	0
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	1	1	0
White	72	66	6
Unknown	4	3	1
2+ Races	1	1	0
NonReg Alien/Foreign	3	2	1

Impact on students and/or student learning: Graduation and the awarding of degrees and certificates are the most visible (although not the exclusive) measure of our students' success. These credentials provide increased opportunities for academic transfer and employment. As a result of this success, students are better prepared to support the economic development of our community as well as their personal goals and aspirations.

Implications for budget, personnel, or other resources: None

It was requested that the Board of Trustees move to authorize President Blondin to confer the appropriate degree/certificate for all Associate Degree and Certificate candidates who have or will meet all of the institutional qualifications for graduation.

Trustee McDorman made a motion to confer the appropriate degree/certificate for all Associate Degree and Certificate candidates who have or will meet all of the institutional qualifications for graduation. Trustee Noonan seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Report of the President

President Blondin thanked the Board for the beautiful peace lily they sent her in memory of her mother-in-law, noting that it was a very fitting gift.

On behalf of Faculty Senate President Dr. Victoria Marling and Staff Senate President Tracy Yates, Dr. Blondin reported that all of the faculty co-chairs for the all-college committees have been selected, and a proposed Telecommuting Policy has been approved by the Employee Relations Committee and is going to Staff Senate for consideration; from there, the policy will go to Executive Council and will be presented to the Board for official approval in May.

President Blondin reported the following:

- Although we are pleased to have been selected to participate in Achieving the Dream and they have given us a great deal of leeway in terms of making a decision regarding participation, she recommends that we delay it for a year for financial reasons.
- She has had the opportunity to attend several program reviews virtually and found them very well organized and extremely informative.
- After receiving the PACE Survey results, Dr. Blondin began meeting with small groups of faculty and staff to receive individual feedback; after we began working from home, the groups continued to

meet virtually, but the discussions changed primarily to COVID-19 experiences, so the decision was made to delay the remaining meetings until our return to campus. A report regarding challenges and good progress/changes will be shared in June. Dr. Blondin noted that she thinks a lot of trust had been built campus-wide.

- Dr. Blondin has been in touch with the Ohio Department of Higher Education and Representative Koehler regarding the Capital Bill, and we are hopeful that the \$600,000 for the Rhodes Hall renovation will be reappropriated by June.
- Clark State is part of an eight-college consortium called Community College Alliance for Agriculture Advancement (C2A3), which was awarded a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$529,924.48. Clark State's portion of \$56,228.23 over the next four years will be spent on the land lab where we are looking at urban farming (buying some high tunnels) and honeysuckle removal.
- We are joining the health insurance consortium with Cincinnati State, Edison State, and Shawnee State University; Southern State has decided not to join. Additional information will be shared with the Board Finance and Facilities Committee in May.
- The Registered Nursing Program received a full seven-year reaccreditation. Kudos were given to everyone involved in the process.
- The College's name change will be brought to the Board for formal approval in either May, June or September. John Fimiani is working with us on an external communication strategy, and we want to make sure the timing and messaging is right before moving forward.

Report of the Board Chair

Chair Phillips stated that he found it interesting that in today's paper there were four articles regarding area colleges, including the closing of Urbana University, Miami University's refunding of \$27 million in student fees, Wright State's reduction of salaries and issuance of refunds exceeding \$3 million, and Clark State's receipt of \$2.9 million in federal aid for students and financial relief through the CARES Act. He noted that he is thankful that the College is in such a better position than most due to its leadership and structure, and he is hopeful we will make it through this and get back to normal soon. He expressed appreciation for everyone's work and encouraged everyone to continue their efforts.

Trustees' Open Forum

Trustee Doyle noted that the Behind the Scenes emails the Performing Arts Center are sending out have been terrific.

Trustee McDorman inquired how we can be of help with the Urbana University closing. Dr. Blondin noted that we have already been in contact with all of Urbana's students as well as high school counselors. Approximately 1,000 of their 1,200 students were College Credit Plus students, which is problematic. Discussion ensued regarding several other factors that proved to be very challenging for the institution.

Trustee Noonan asked whether a lot of students have dropped classes due to COVID-19. Dr. Blondin indicated that we have been keeping track of these students with a specific code. Fortunately, we have lost a relatively small amount, and we have asked OACC to give consideration for this year's SSI since this was such an unusual year.

Trustee Evans commended Dr. Blondin, faculty and staff for doing such an amazing job in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic, noting that she could not imagine that anything more could have been done to continue operating and ensure student success. Dr. Blondin thanked her, commenting that although this

has been a challenging time, there are a lot of good things going on here, and there have also been a lot of silver linings, including the opportunity she has had to connect with a lot of people.

Trustee Bell mentioned that he had the pleasure of attending the Geospatial Technology and Registered Nursing program reviews, noting that it is a great way to learn more about the College. Vice President Hunter indicated that she will share the list of upcoming reviews with the Board.

Adjournment

Trustee Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Ball seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.