

Manhattan Area Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Manhattan Area Technical College Room 304, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order – Dr. David Craft, Board Vice Chair

1. The Board of Directors of the Manhattan Area Technical College met in Regular Session at the Manhattan Area Technical College on Tuesday May 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dr. Craft, David
 Kice, John
 Dr. Wika, Norris
 Thornberg, Willie
 Loub, Arthur
 Brandon, Marla

Members absent: Fowles, Brad
 Kohlmeier, Stacy

Also present were Dr. Robert Edleston, President; Dr. Linda Hertzell, Vice President of Instructional Services; Kelly Hoggatt, Vice President of Student Services; Jane Bloodgood, Vice President of Business Services; Dr. Richard Fogg, Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Thad Russell, President of the Faculty Association.

2. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS & CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Edleston requested the 2007-2008 funding for technical education be added to the agenda under Discussion of Ends. In addition he requested that information regarding MATC offering general education courses directly and not through Cloud County Community College be added under the General Agenda.

Dr. Norris Wika moved to approve the April Board Minutes. Arthur Loub seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

In discussion of the Monthly Expenditure Report, Jane Bloodgood stated that the Mead Lumber expense is part of the materials of the Building Trades house as part of that instructional program. Also, included in the report are general education tuition and fees to Cloud County in the amount of \$62,451. The total that is paid to Cloud County is approximately \$125,000 per year.

Arthur Loub moved to approve the April Expenditure Report. Dr. Norris Wika seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS

Jane Bloodgood stated that the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$4,765,000. She is confident that we will not go over the total budget. Operations and Maintenance may be over in some categories and under in other categories. This is partially due to the recent hiring a third position for building maintenance and also the overtime paid for special projects. Two rooftop units needed to be replaced which the Board approved last month. She expects to be under budget by \$5,000 to \$10,000 on the Building Trades project.

Marla Brandon moved to accept the Financial Condition Monitoring Report. John Kice seconded. Motion carried 6/0.

4. DISCUSSION OF ENDS

Linn Schroll provided a summary of the Automotive Collision Repair Program, which can be found as attachment 4 in the board packet. In order to improve the program a change was needed from restoration to current collision repair techniques. A new curriculum was needed and ICAR was selected as it is very current and highly recognized in the industry. Collision repair shops also need ICAR certified technicians to fulfill insurance requirements. The new curriculum normally is purchased for \$6,000 but MATC was able to purchase it for \$3,000. Perkins Grant funds were used to purchase the curriculum. At the present time 20 modules will be taught but the goal would be to teach the full 50 modules in a two-year program. The highest expense for students is for their tools. Students will be more marketable and should start out receiving a higher wage using this curriculum. The ratio is 18 students to one instructor and next year it will be 21. The program currently is a 9 month program. The age of the typical student in this program is younger, usually just out of high school. There will be 17 graduates this year compared to 8 last year. Next year the students will be required to purchase 3 uniform shirts to promote a more professional environment. Currently there is not an evening program. The past evening program was basically restoration for hobbyists.

Dr. Edleston presented information concerning the State 2007-2008 funding formula. The funding for technical education was on a block-grant basis for about 10-12 years. About 12 years ago a baseline was calculated and the 13 institutions were funded based upon enrollment. In the following years as the legislature approved funding for these institutions, they would receive the percentage increase which reflected where they were at the baseline. As it was incrementally increased the funding it continued to increase for some institutions even though their enrollment and programs had significantly decreased. A few years ago a new funding formula was put into place looking at a three year rolling average of the production of each institution in clock hours. Based upon this plan several institutions would have lost significant funding. The decision was made that there would be 3 year hold-harmless which began last year. MATC should have received an increase of \$200,408 this year. Because of the hold-harmless MATC will instead receive a total of \$65,000 over this year's funding. This is only a 2.5% increase over last year which is about a percentage point below the cost of living increase. As an example of the frustrations regarding this funding formula, MATC has 1/2 of the enrollment compared to Wichita. Wichita receives 1 1/2 times or more the yearly budget that MATC receives.

5. GENERAL AGENDA

Dr. Edleston discussed the three reasons that MATC worked through Cloud County Community College to provide the general education courses. These included: 1. MATC was not accredited, 2. Historically, the community colleges in Kansas were the main provider of the two-year general education for Associate Degrees and to prepare students to transfer to the universities. 3. Under the Block Grants from the State MATC would not be reimbursed for the general education courses.

Currently MATC sends 75% of the tuition and fees to Cloud County Community College. This amount is approximately \$16,500 per year for MATC. If MATC offered the general education courses for this current year after expenses it would have generated \$180,000. Offering these courses would allow MATC to manage its own academic integrity, manage the institution in a holistic manner, and generating revenue, not only in order to make that possible but to shore up a deficit that may occur, and to continue to grow as has been chartered by the Board of Directors. There was a concern from the Higher Learning Commission that the MATC was not providing their own courses.

Arthur Loub made a motion that the Board of Directors to authorize the President to hire the appropriate faculty for the fall semester for the general education courses. Dr. Norris Wika

seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4 to 2.

6. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

Dr. Craft reported that a survey had been sent out from the State to employers regarding needs in the dental hygiene area. The survey asked pointed questions concerning needs in this area. This indicates that the State is aware of the needs for training in this area.

7. INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

Dr. Wika commented on the need to pursue filling the vacant Clay County position on the Board of Directors. He requested that this be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting. Also add a report on where Brad Fowles is seeking a potential member for this position.

There were no Foundation comments at this time.

There were Public comments at this time. Mr. Ron Bell thanked Dr. Norris Wika for being a strong supporter of MATC for a number of years and for working to fill the Clay County position.

Dr. Edleston announced that the Dental Hygiene Program was approved by the Kansas Board of Regents and is scheduled to begin in 2009. A brochure highlighting the educational opportunities available from MATC, Cloud County Community College and Barton County Community College was distributed to the Board, staff and guests. Additional brochures are available upon request. Dr. Wika requested 50 to distribute in the Wamego area.

8. EVALUATION OF BOARD PROCESS

Nominations were requested for the Chair and Vice-Chair for the coming year. This will be up for vote next month. Dr. David Craft was nominated for the position of Chair by Dr. Norris Wika with the 2nd from John Kice. Dr. Craft nominated Marla Brandon for the position of Vice-Chair with a 2nd from Willie Thornberg. It was requested that this vote be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in room 304 at MATC.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. David Craft, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Jean Sommer, Acting Administrative Assistant to the President/Board Clerk
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