

**NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
Monday, January 24, 2022
Timothy J. Nelson Innovation Center, Room 106/107**

CALL TO ORDER—Chair Rachel A. Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present: Douglas S. Bishop, Kenneth E. Warner, Laura J. Oblinger, Andrew K. Robitshek, Chris M. Bott, Kennard R. Weaver, Rachel A. Johnson

Trustees absent: None

Also present: President Nick Nissley, Jerry Dobek, Diana Fairbanks, Joy Goodchild, Tony Jenkins, Troy Kierczynski, Mark Liebling, Lindsey Lipke, Lynne Moritz, Kyle Morrison, Todd Neibauer, Stephen Siciliano, Jason Slade, Jay Smith, Nancy Schulte

REVIEW OF AGENDA—The agenda was accepted as presented.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Revealing Institutional Strengths and Challenges (RISC) Survey—Joy Goodchild, Executive Director of the Office of Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, reviewed the survey conducted in the spring of 2021, as well highlights from the results. Goodchild noted this was the first external benchmark and that a similar survey may be conducted in the future for comparison.

Faculty Report—Experiential Learning in EGR101—Jay Smith’s Introduction to Engineering 1-credit course provides basic skills to be a successful engineer and introduces students to the profession. In addition to presenting the engineering design process, engineering ethics, & career paths, the course includes group problem-solving and team activities. Since Fall 2020, the class is based around an experiential learning project that improves an aspect of NMC’s campus. For Fall 2021, the class designed a scale model of the solar system to be installed on main campus as an amenity that would bring people from our community to campus. The next EGR 101 class project is designing an outdoor classroom space. The Board expressed interest in whether or how the project will be completed.

Enrollment Report—Todd Neibauer, Vice President for Student Services and Technology, provided the enrollment report. The report date for spring semester is January 25, meaning final reports will be included in the February Enrollment Report.

Financial Report—Troy Kierczynski, Vice President of Finance and Administration, reviewed the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2021, and noted the quarterly investment gains and losses report is included in the materials. An early look at projections for FY22 is optimistic, largely based on higher than projected spring enrollment.

Grant Process—Troy Kierczynski provided an overview of how grant opportunities are discovered by the college and assessed through cost/benefit analysis. Jason Slade, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, spoke to the success of regional and community-based approaches, specifically for workforce and economic development grants. NMC proactively collaborates with various community organizations, secondary and post-secondary institutions, professional organizations, and economic development partners such as Networks Northwest / Northwest Michigan Works!. While a

collaborative network is often a grant requirement, success may also be higher due to increased scope and scale.

Strategic Plan—Jason Slade, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, thanked all stakeholders, including the Board of Trustees, for their engagement in the process. Slade reviewed the recommendations for Board approval later in the agenda.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS—The following written reports were provided in the packet of materials: PRMC, Foundation Report, Executive Committee.

PUBLIC INPUT—There was no public input offered.

UPDATES

President's Update—President Nick Nissley provided an update on COVID-19 campus exposure numbers, including update on vaccine mandate. Nissley also noted recent developments in the community college BSN legislation.

Board Chair Update—Chair Rachel Johnson acknowledged Chris Bott's three-year tenure as chair of the NMC Board of Trustees, citing the numerous projects and changes in that timeframe. Johnson thanked strategic planning participants, particularly the 27-member steering committee. Lastly, Johnson noted a trustee mentorship program for trustees with less than two-years into their term. The mentorship program will pair trustees to serve as peer-to-peer mentors.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Appointments—Chair Rachel Johnson shared committee appointments for 2022.

CONSENT ITEMS—On a motion by Doug Bishop, seconded by Kennard Weaver, the minutes of the December 20, 2021, regular meeting and January 19, 2022, study session were approved by a unanimous vote as a group without discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Policy—Ken Warner made a motion, seconded by Doug Bishop, to adopt the "Inclusion" statement to be included in Policy C-102.00 Values on a second-reading basis. The motion passed unanimously.

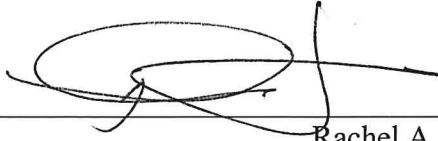
NMC Next Strategic Plan—On a motion by Doug Bishop, seconded by Laura Oblinger, the Board unanimously approved the 2022-2025 strategies as presented. The board expressed excitement and pride for the plan.

REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS—Confirmed requests made by the Board that require administrative follow-up for information to be provided to the Board at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT—The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by Lynne Moritz, Executive Director of the President's Office and Board Operations.

SIGNED



Rachel A. Johnson, Chair

ATTESTED



Andrew K. Robitshek, Secretary