



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 12, 2012

Individuals in Attendance

Trustees: Theresa Alder, Doug Barton, DeVere Day, Tyler Ingram, Dan Jorgensen, Jim Shank
College Personnel: Marvin Dodge, Marci Larsen, Craig Mathie

Welcome

Chair Alder welcomed everyone to the conference call and called the meeting to order.

Tuition Increase for B.M. in Commercial Music

Vice President Dodge explained that because all tuition information was included in the proposal approved by the Board of Regents in May, the College thought this tuition increase was approved at that time. The information was included in an addendum to the proposal; therefore, the Commissioner's staff requested separate approval.

Vice President Dodge reported a truth-in-tuition had been held to propose the 20 percent increase for students taking junior and senior level courses for the B.M. degree in Commercial Music. He said all current students had been notified of the tuition increase when they enrolled in the program, and there were no objections. Vice President Mathie said obviously students don't want to ever pay more, but quickly added how happy the students are with the offering. The exceptional deal and "bang for their buck" were noted several times.

Trustee Jorgensen asked if the additional money generated covered costs of the program, and Vice President Dodge said the real driver for charging additional tuition dollars is to maintain the integrity of the overall system of funding and differentiate a B.S. degree from an A.S. degree. Trustee Day asked if the additional tuition would only be charged after students complete the associate degree, and Vice President Dodge said yes. Hearing no more questions, Chair Alder entertained a motion to approve the proposed tuition increase. Trustee Jorgensen so moved. Trustee Barton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

In other news, Vice President Dodge gave a quick update on the new student housing project and said how thrilled everyone was when students moved in in August. Vice President Mathie responded to questions about enrollment by reporting the College's numbers were slightly increased from last year, primarily due to changes in the concurrent enrollment program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.