



# Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2024  
Mathews Conference Center West, Fred L. Mathews Library  
8 a.m. Regular Meeting

## General Business

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Members of the Southwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees met on April 10, 2024 for a regularly scheduled meeting.

The meeting was convened at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chairman Tom Jerdon.

Members Present: Tom Jerdon, Becky Moore, Beth Cripe, Dr. Elaine Foster, Tracy Hertsel, Todd Obren, Skip Dyes

Members Absent: none

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the February 14, 2024 regular convened meeting and the March 12, 2024 special meeting required no changes and were placed on file.

Beth Cripe moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Jenkins and the Women's Basketball Team which qualified for the national tournament and Todd Hesson and the Wrestling National Qualifiers were recognized for their accomplishments this season.

Two individuals were recognized for their service at the College:

Mr. Andrew Wright was recognized for his years of service and Tracy Hertsel presented him with a 5-year pin.

Dr. Mary Young-Marcks was recognized for her years of service and Dr. Elaine Foster presented her with a 40-year pin.

## Public Input

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No Individual requested to speak.

## Other

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The Treasurer's Report for the months ending February 29, 2024 and March 31, 2024 were received and placed on file.

Dr. Odenwald gave his President's Report. Dr. Odenwald reminded the Board that it has been 2 years since predicting the re-launch of intercollegiate athletics which has led to full residence halls, increased enrollment and retention and championships. Dr. Odenwald shared his appreciation to the coaches and many others who have recruited, developed, mentored and seen our successful students to the finish line.

## **Discussion Items**

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Dr. David Fleming discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Faculty Association regarding a correction of academic calendars in the CBA.

The addition of Women's Wrestling and both Men's and Women's Track to the Intercollegiate Athletic Program was discussed.

Trustees reviewed the list of gifts given to the Foundation, with twelve individual donations for a grand total in the amount of \$14,190.

## **Action Items**

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Dr. Elaine Foster moved, seconded by Tracy Hertsel, to accept the Correction of Academic Calendars in the CBA. Motion passed unanimously.

Skip Dyes moved, seconded by Becky Moore, to accept the addition of Men's and Women's Track and Women's Wrestling to the Intercollegiate Athletic Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Moore moved, seconded by Dr. Elaine Foster, to accept with gratitude the gift to the College shown in attachment 5C, with one individual donation to the College in the amount of \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Review of Follow-up Requests**

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No follow-up requests were made of the administration.

## **Adjournment**

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Beth Cripe moved to adjourn at 8:47 a.m. Becky Moore seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Beth Cripe, Secretary

Thomas F. Jerdon, Chairman