

**League of Women Voters COD  
Observers Report**

**Board meeting attended:** College of DuPage

**Date and Location of meeting:** 15 Aug. 2019, Room SRC 2000

**Meeting started:** 7:12 pm                      **Meeting adjourned:** 8:42

**League Observer(s):** Jan Dorner

**Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):**

Phone Frank Napolitano, Board Chairman

P Christine Fenne, Board Vice Chairman

P Daniel Markwell, Board Secretary

P Charles Bernstein

P Annette Corrigan

P Maureen Dunne

P Heidi Holan

P Jasmine Schuett, Student Member

**Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):** Over 300

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Shannon Toler, President of CODFA (College of DuPage Faculty Association), state that she was glad the COD Trustees are willing to go into mediation and suggested that they stop preparing for a strike and work on negotiating a fair contract.

Cheryl Kaplan, President of the adjunct staff association (CODAA - College of DuPage Adjunct Association) reported that the CODAA union voted overwhelmingly to reject the Board's contingency plan to work in place of the full-time teachers for a lot more compensation and healthcare (which they have been requesting since 1985).

Several more teachers and two COD graduates spoke in support of the teachers and encouraged the Board to give CODFA a fair contract.

After the public comments, only about 50 members of the public remained.

## **REPORTS (board members, staff, administrators)**

Jasmine Schuett, student board member, spoke of student orientation.

President Caputo spoke of many student, faculty and staff achievements that were awarded over the summer.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of New Faculty: Twenty-one new faculty members were introduced via power point presentation.

Student Services Update: The career services department gave an overview of what they are doing for students. Initially, this division worked 80% with the community and 20% with students. Now it works 10% with the community, 85% with students and 5% with alumnae. They work with staff to assure that every student is career ready by helping students with experiential learning. They have many different events, most recently a career and internship fair.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Personnel Items
2. Financial Statements
3. Gifts & Grants Report
4. Construction Change Orders
5. Monthly Construction Update
6. In-Kind Donations Report
7. Grants Report

**CONSENT AGENDA** The Board unanimously approved all of the following:

- a. Testing Services for Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Students – Elsevier Inc, not to exceed \$119,221.
- b. FY20 Contract with Educational Partner Bruce A. Sokolove for Continuing Education - for law enforcement training, not to exceed \$25,200.
- c. Annual Funding for Innovation DuPage - \$284,000
- d. BIC (Berg Instruction Center) Roof Replacements - L. Marshall Inc, \$59,300.
- e. Avaya Telephone System Upgrade & 3 years of software support – Integration Partners Corp, \$936,259.
- f. KITE (Kaplan International Tools for English) Test Assessments from Kaplan Inc.- \$80,000 for 2 years
- g. Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader & Attachments – Altofer Caterpillar, \$51,489.
- h. Cable, On Demand and Streaming TV Advertising through Comcast Spotlight - \$120,000
- i. Precast Roof Planks for Cleve Carney Gallery Expansion - \$27,766
- j. Proquest One Academic Subscription - 3 year subscription, for an additional amount of \$30,000 in FY20, \$71,238 in FY21, and \$73,019 in FY22 for a total of \$174,257
- k. WGSN Subscription for Library – 3-year subscription @ \$22,500 annually.
- l. Cleve Carney Expansion Construction Contracts – total expenditure of \$155,533.
- m. Faculty Data System – 3 year contract with Faculty Data Systems, not to exceed \$80,902
- n. FY20 Paper for College-wide Use – Total expenditure of \$101,704.
- o. Minutes of the July 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
  
- q. Reimbursable Expenses of Dr. Brian Caputo - \$687.31
- r. Financial Reports

Trustee Markwell removed the following from the consent agenda. He stated that he had not prepared these minutes and the board voted to table this item until the next meeting.

- p. Closed Session Minutes of the following:  
 a. July 18, 2019

**Approval of AlphaGraphics Wheaton Financial Reports** – Approved with Trustee Fenne and Trustee Dunne abstaining.

**TRUSTEE DISCUSSION**

Trustee Fenne presented Trustee Corrigan a certificate for completing her OMA (Open Meeting Act) training.

**Comments/Concerns:**

**General Features**

|  | Yes | No | Comments   |
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| Did the meeting start on time?                     |     | X  | 12 minutes late. Meeting had been moved to a bigger venue. |
| Were members attentive and prepared?               | X   |    |  |
| Were members courteous to each other?              | X   |    |  |
| Were members attentive to the publics' comments?   | X   |    |  |
| Was the facility adequate?                         | X   |    |  |
| Could the audience see and hear?                   | X   |    |  |
| Were visual aids easily visible to the audience    | X   |    |  |
| Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible | X   |    |  |

**Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements**

|   | Yes | No | Comments |
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| Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where | X   |    |          |
| Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?       | X   |    |          |

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| Were background materials made available to the public?   | X |   |  |
| Was there adequate discussion of the issues?  | X |   |  |
| Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?                                   | X |   | Before and after.  |
| If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action? |   | X | As the Board was going into closed session after the open meeting, Trustee Fenne stated that no action would be taken after the meeting. |

**Date Submitted: August 16, 2019**

**By: Jan Dorner**