

**JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE
ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 525
1125 W. ROMEO ROAD
ROMEORVILLE, IL
Room 1018
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP MEETING
SUMMARY NOTES
August 24, 2022**

Chairman O’Connell called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Board of Trustees Present: Maureen Broderick
 James Budzinski
 Nancy Garcia Guillen
 Michelle Lee (5:49p.m.)
 Alicia Morales (5:44p.m.)
 Dan O’Connell

Student Trustee Present: Josh Stamborski

Board of Trustees Absent: Jake Mahalik

Chairman O’Connell called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Summary Notes

The workshop notes of April 27, 2022 were reviewed with no comments made.

2.1 President’s Updates – Dr. Namuo welcomed the trustees and guests to the Romeoville campus. He acknowledged the start of the fall semester. Dr. Namuo thanked Cyndi Vasquez-Barrios, DeAndre Butler, and Dr. Amy Kuspa Sims for creating and planning all of the activities for “Welcome Week” at the main campus. Dr. Namuo acknowledged President Biden’s student loan debt forgiveness. Dr. Namuo stated a recommitment to serving as many students as we can within our service areas and the communities we serve that rely on our graduates.

2.2 Academic Program Growth
Dr. Amy Gray gave an academic affairs update. Dr. Gray discussed how the academic departments are looking at how to do things different and better. She is also preparing faculty and staff to make sure JJC is preparing students to be able to work successfully in a changing workforce.

2.3 DEI Annual Update

Dr. Escortina Ervin presented the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Compliance update. First Dr. Ervin presented on the minority hiring trend increase at Joliet Junior College. Dr. Escortina gave highlights from the DEI events from the summer. She continued with highlights of upcoming programs for the fall 2022 semester. Dr. Ervin presented information on the Cultural Competency Workshops for employees. Dr. Ervin reviewed the books being read for the fall DEI book club and talked about the peace circles. Dr. Ervin discussed the newest initiative, the affinity groups which create another space for inclusion and a place for employees who have common interests. Dr. Ervin reviewed the faculty development survey. The top concern of the faculty is not knowing all of the resources available to the students. She spoke about the work being done with Dr. Gray and academic affairs to get the faculty the information they need to better serve the students. The next steps for DEI are to grow the affinity groups as well as faculty and professional development, use data and analytics reporting to track successes and areas of improvement and to hire a DEIC student employee.

2.4 Enrollment Trends

Dean Bob Morris presented the Fall 2022 Pandemic Impact and Enrollment Report. Dean Morris spoke about the nationwide trend of an increase of female to male student ratios and the increase in the younger age enrollment. Dean Morris presented the numbers of students who are returning to campus. He presented information on the new strategies they use to get to recruit students and the trends for the fall 2022. Dean Morris spoke about continuing to increase enrollment and ways to improve the various experiences for the various student group ages. Dean Morris shared he has more ideas and has presented them to members of the cabinet on recruitment, enrollment and retention.

3. Board Business

None

4. Closed Session

None

5. Adjournment

Trustee Broderick moved, seconded by Trustee Morales that the meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m. A voice vote was taken and carried unanimously.