

SAGINAW VALLEY COLLEGE

NOTES ON MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Monday, December 9, 1963

Delta College - Board Room - 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Bartlett, Bergstein, Brown, Chapin, Curtiss, Dow, Durman, Marble, Vaupre, Zahnow

In the absence of Chairman William Groening, Curtiss occupied the chair and suggested the appointment of Chapin as Temporary Chairman for the evening's meeting. This met with the approval of those present. Chapin took the chair and called the Informal Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. It was announced that a meeting would be held on Monday evening, December 16, at 7:30 p.m., and that meetings will be held on alternate Mondays thereafter.

Dr. Marble reported that Walter Megronigle, Vice President of Ketchum, Inc., a fund-raising organization, is expected to be on the Delta Campus Monday, December 16th, to meet with the Directors at 5 p.m., followed by supper, and an Informal Meeting of the Board to be held at 7:30 p.m.

A discussion of the objectives of the school was resumed. In view of the fact that the original committee report did raise some question in his mind, Chapin presented the following alternative: Accept S.V.C. as an integrated four-year institution with the possibility of receiving State aid in the future. A relationship could be worked out with Delta on a secondary basis. S.V.C. would need an Arts building and a science building for the third and fourth years. Funds would need to be raised initially to build a science building for the third and fourth years with the thought in mind that the first two years could be added later. A building would need to be constructed to house the balance of the program expecting that it will eventually become the campus library. The third and fourth year library should be within it and the balance of the building to be used as classroom space. This would enable the school to be

converted very readily into a private institution, a State institution, or part of another institution such as the UofM. It was indicated that junior-level courses would be offered in the fall of 1964, assuming that Delta would not have to give up any of its academic program.

Brown was of the opinion that the initial two years will be established for S.V.C. when Delta no longer can take care of the enrollment for the first two years, and on that basis the Community College should offer an academic program that is suitable for transfer.

Some individuals felt that only the third and fourth year offerings should be considered at this time, and others were of the opinion that a definite commitment should be made to the first two years so that the citizens of the Tri-County Area could be advised as to what is being done.

Dow indicated that a good community college should contribute to the area, and felt that if the six or seven point program that Lynn Bartlett talked about was considered, Delta would become one of the finest community colleges in the State. He agreed with Chapin's ideas.

From the standpoint of economy, Dr. Marble said that he felt it would be more efficient to operate S.V.C. as an independent four-year institution than a two-year school. A third and fourth year institution could be expensive and complicated. The question was raised as to whether the present Delta building is a practical building for a community college. Dr. Marble said that logic and economy would favor the use of the present building for degree purposes, but that emotion dictated that it be used for community college purposes and technical programs, and that a new building be constructed for the degree programs.

Zahnow felt that the emotions are just a temporary situation and that the most important question is, "How can we best serve the community with the least amount of dollars?"

Dr. Marble said that he felt the Directors of S.V.C. and the Delta Board should decide now if S.V.C. is to become a four-year institution. If the decision is made at the outset, the process of transition can come gradually. The second question is whether S.V.C. will have separate facilities, or use the present Delta building? Brown said that he felt the present building could be utilized, and suggested looking at the overall plan of the building to see if another wing might be added, eventually using it for a four-year school, or the first two years of a four-year program.

The following timetable was presented. In 1964, S.V.C. will ask the Delta Community College to offer a third-year program in Delta's Continuing Education Department. By 1965, it is expected that it will be known whether the fourth year offering should be left in Delta or in the degree institution. If this program is followed, then plans could be made for the construction of a third and fourth year science building and an academic building to be used in the future as a library.

Some individuals felt that it would be impossible to set up a timetable for the first two years due to lack of operating funds. However, it was felt that if a good third and fourth year program is offered at a reasonable tuition rate (hopefully \$600 / year), the enrollment for the first two years should increase rapidly.

The question was asked what is the difference between the first two years in the Community College and that proposed for the first two years in S.V.C. It was explained that if both programs were simultaneously available, the student who

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is clearly degree-minded would try to get into the four-year institution as there are a great many advantages in starting in an institution where you expect to graduate. About 50% of the present Delta student body would begin in the degree institution, as at least 90% want to get a college degree. About 60% are qualified at the present time to enter into a degree program.

It was indicated that if S.V.C. accepts 90 hour credit transfer from another institution, Delta students who wish to take their junior-level study at S.V.C. should receive the same recognition.

As a possibility to cut tuition costs for junior-year students, it was suggested that a study be made of the provision of the State aid law for community colleges to determine whether it is applicable on the Delta Campus. Under this provision, State aid could be paid on students who take 90 hours of work within two calendar years, which is possible under Delta's trimester pattern and would carry a student through the junior year with a saving in tuition costs.

In a discussion as to whether Delta's Continuing Education Department should be asked if they feel qualified to offer the third year program in September, 1964, thus eliminating the necessity of S.V.C. to hire a full faculty for fall, 1964, it was suggested that the Directors explore two lines: Ask the State Board of Education if they would permit S.V.C. to use the facilities and faculty of Delta College for two years to permit the raising of funds necessary to construct new buildings and secure a faculty. If the answer is "no", then a faculty could be obtained on a part-time basis. There was varied opinion, and in view of the necessity of an early announcement of the plans for the school, reference was made to the Report of Suggested Objectives for Senior College, dated November 26, 1963, Page 19 - Proposals for Action.

-13 2.) Herbert Dow moved that an administrator be asked to prepare plans for the offering of courses in September, 1964, and present a proposed budget at an early

date. Supported by Durman.

The roll was called. Yeas: 9 ; Nays: 0

Motion carried.

3.) The Directors were very interested in maintaining School of Nursing at their last meeting, and this information will be conveyed to the Delta Board.

4.) Re the suggestion to appoint a committee to make recommendations on the additional facilities needed for academic instruction, cost estimates, etc., Brown reported that the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for Delta College has offered his services outside of Delta time on a no-charge basis to assist in the preparation of plans, etc. (Announcement to be made at Formal Meeting of Board.)

5.) Walter Megronigle of Ketchum, Inc., will visit the Campus to discuss with members of the Board of Directors fund-raising proposal.

6.) Legislative action to be tabled for the present.

7.) Relative to Tri-County Cultural Center, it was decided to bring up matter after visit with Ketchum, Inc. (Remind Committee about report at next meeting.)

8.) At the suggestion that a committee be appointed to advise the S.V.C. Board on the merit of a research center, it was indicated that Dr. Wm. Collings has been investigating the possibilities, and it was suggested that S.V.C. should express to Dr. Collings its interest and willingness to assist in any way that it can.

Brown asked how much space available for 200 students in Delta and what would happen if the enrollment in Delta increased to 200 students? Dr. Marble said

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that Delta could absorb 200 students, although it may be necessary to reschedule some courses in late afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Charles B. Curtiss, Secretary

  
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