

At a regular meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan (the "College"), held at the College on September 21, 2020

PRESENT: Trude Braine, Bristol, Bruinsma, Crosby, Siegel, Williams, and
Chairperson Koetje

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Crosby, and seconded by Trustee Williams:

Whereas, Grand Rapids Community College is a community college duly constituted under Act 94 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1979;

And Whereas, the State of Michigan, through Public Act 94 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2020 has indicated that the appropriation noted in Section 201(1) of the same Act shall be allocated to each community college that certifies to the state budget director, through a resolution adopted by a board of trustees, that the college has met 4 out of 5 best practices listed in each category described in Section 230, subsection (3);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Community College:

The Board hereby certifies that the College has met all 5 of the best practices described in Public Act 94, Section 230, subsection (3) and offers the following examples of practices currently in place at the College in order to demonstrate compliance:

Best Practices by Category	Examples of Adherence
Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	GRCC currently has 131 signed clinical agreements with medical and dental professionals in the region. Additionally, through our grants and apprenticeship work we have over 800 company partners sponsoring both credit and non-credit apprentices.
(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.	GRCC has provided customized training to 68 companies through 241 classes, reaching 2,806 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 392 companies were served through workforce training, job training, and continuing education/professional development.

<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>GRCC supports small businesses in west Michigan by offering several classes and programs in partnership with the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, LINC Up, and West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In addition, we have partnered with Start Garden and the City of Grand Rapids to assist with small business information sessions to gain contracts from the City of Grand Rapids. We offer 86 online classes through Cengage Learning's Ed2Go that range from QuickBooks and budgeting, to how to build a business plan, staffing plan and leadership development and many other titles.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.</p>	<p>The College operates two technical education centers.</p> <p>The Tassell MTEC is located in Grand Rapids and offers hands on training programs i manufacturing, automotive repair, certified nursing assistant, phlebotomy, construction trades, sustainability, computer support, sterile processing technology, medical assistant, masonry, mechanical, concrete, ironworkers, public works, and CDL training. Most programs contain national credentials to validate learning. The Tassell MTEC, at the request of industry partners, has added integrated language and technical skills training to meet local talent needs in construction, builders license and certified nursing assistant.</p> <p>The Thompson MTEC is located in Holland and operated in partnership with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. It is a main hub of operations for the college's Lakeshore Campus. This center also hosts our open entry-open exit coursework in welding, CNC machining, hydraulics/pneumatics, and electrical/electronics. These courses support GRCC's apprenticeship efforts in Ottawa County. This facility also supports the programming for the Tooling & Manufacturing Middle College certificate in partnership with Ottawa Area ISD.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.</p>	<p>GRCC has active partnerships with a number of local and regional workforce and economic development agencies, including West Michigan Works, The Right Place, Lakeshore Advantage, The Source, Talent 2025, City of Grand Rapids Economic Development Department, Downtown Development Authority, SmartZone, Start Garden, Hello West Michigan, Discover Manufacturing, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center- West, West Michigan Health Career Council, West Michigan Tech Talent and the Michigan Manufacturing Association.</p> <p>In addition, there are partnerships with non-profits working in workforce development (e.g., Goodwill of Greater Grand Rapids, Hope Network, LINC Up, AmplifyGR, Bethany Christian Services, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Grand Rapids, Urban League of Greater Grand Rapids, KConnect and the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan) and the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce and West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.</p>

Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)

<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.</p>	<p>GRCC currently has more than 70 active partnerships in place with public, non-public and charter regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and technology centers through dual enrollment.</p> <p>We have 10 – 14 active concurrent enrollment sites and seven early/middle college partnerships in place.</p> <p>GRCC also has three active regional sites whereby we partner with a local high school to host evening college courses.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-school programming, or science Olympiad.</p>	<p>GRCC partners, hosts, and participates in outreach and enrichment programs that are designed to engage and encourage area K12 students to pursue community college and higher education educational opportunities. Programs include middle college and concurrent enrollment, High School Open House at GRCC and tours, Workforces Friday's - skilled trade specific career experiences, Financial Aid expert assistance and information sessions, Black Males and Youth conferences, Job shadow days and tours for students interested in Child Development Careers, Art, Girl Scouts USA healthcare, and Theater camps, and more</p>
<p>(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>GRCC continues to partner with Grand Rapids Public Schools and Grand Rapids Community Foundation on Challenge Scholars at Union High School. This year, GRCC will work with the freshman, sophomore junior, and senior classes to prepare them for successful entry into GRCC or other higher education institutions.</p> <p>GRCC also offers FastTrack services to incoming traditional age and non-traditional age students, allowing them to brush up in reading/writing and math. This program allows students to bypass remedial coursework, saving time and money.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>GRCC provides a vibrant ESL program to support adult learners. Serving approximately 250 learners each year. The program includes ABE and Citizenship classes for some of the learners.</p>

<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.</p>	<p>GRCC currently has 34 active partnerships with 4-year colleges and universities, including articulated programs and seven reverse transfer agreements. The articulated programs can be separated into the following categories, with the number of each indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articulated Pre-Majors (2+2 agreements): 21 • Articulated Pre-Professional programs (2+2 agreements): 1 • Articulated Career Programs (2+2 agreements): 5 <p>In addition, GRCC promotes successful transfer through offering pre-majors in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Pre-Majors: 35 • General Pre-Professional Programs: 4
<p>Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>GRCC provided 193 continuing education courses serving 4281 students during 2019-20. IN addition, 46 students participated in high school workforce Fridays and skilled trade learning programs. Partnerships with the Kent ISD and the Ottawa ISD gave students skilled trades experiences and company partner tours during this time period. Our older learner activities included fitness classes and financial literacy topics.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<p>GRCC held 8 separate visual art events in the Collins Art Gallery. Both the Collins Art Gallery and Spectrum Theater have been venues for ArtPrize since its inception. Fourteen separate productions were presented in GRCC's Spectrum Theater, and approximately 30 separate musical recitals or concerts were held on campus and at local facilities. GRCC Spectrum Theater (in partnership with Circle Theatre and GRCC Dept of Occupational Support) produced a special performance of SNOW WHITE for deaf and hearing-impaired children and their community to showcase the new hearing loop system at Spectrum Theater. GRCC also sponsors the Kent Philharmonic Orchestra, a community ensemble. All arts events and performances are open to the community.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.</p>	<p>GRCC operates the Collins Art Gallery and held 4 separate visual arts shows. GRCC's Spectrum Theater is home not only to the College's Theater program, but also two community theater groups: Actor's Theater and Jewish Theater Grand Rapids . GRCC Spectrum Theater (in partnership with GRCC ODEI and Actors' Theatre) produced a special introduction to the GRCC LGBTQ+ Think Tank with a pre-show reception before the production of HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH.</p> <p>Both the Collins Art Gallery and Spectrum Theater have been venues for ArtPrize since its inception. The Albert P. Smith Music Center provides rehearsal space for the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys. Our Applied Technology Center Tutorial and Open Computer Lab, along with the Sneden Open Computer Lab, provided over 50 programs and served more than 4,500 students and community members last year. Programs included: Noorthoek Academy Computer class, APSS Learning Day, ESL Testing, International Student Orientation, GRPS - Raider Nation Day, Cruisin to College, WorkKeys testing, Report Writing seminar, Empco Testing for</p>

Police Academy, New Student Orientation, Nursing Program Testing, Fast Track, Library Instruction sessions, Police Academy Licensing Exam, MCOLES Testing, MiCup/LI-LSAMP PowerPoint and Illustrator Trainings, Admissions Fall & Spring Open Houses, Innovation Central HS and Union HS NSO, Accuplacer & ALEKS placement testing, Blackboard Training, Promise Zone Outreach, Tutorial Labs and Student Groups. In addition, GRCC hosts an annual "Diversity Lecture Series" that features national speakers on a variety of topics.

In 2019-2020, the 25th annual series featured Dr. Yaba Blay and Jordan Daniel. This series is free to the community.

<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<p>GRCC operates a gymnasium, a fitness center, and an aquatic facility that are all open to the public and available for community use. As required due to pandemic mandates, the facilities have been closed to all users since March 2020.</p>
<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>The College supports a range of programs, both curricular and co-curricular activities aimed at connecting faculty and students to our community including: several sections of courses integrating service learning, Martin Luther King Junior Day celebration activities, Community Science Day through the Biological Sciences Department, a variety of student organizations and clubs that are active in our community, a strong partnership with United Way as well as our Alumni Association coordinates several opportunities for alumni to serve our community.</p>

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2020

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Grand Rapids Community College, County of Kent, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on September 21, 2020, the original of which is on file in my office and available to the public. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for said meeting.

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State of Michigan

By: 
David Koetje, Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Countersigned:

By: 
Cynthia Bristol, Secretary, Board of Trustees

