

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 15, 2014

PRESENT: Anderson, Bailey, James, Ryskamp, Verburg & Bleke

ABSENT: Stewart

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee James, and seconded by Trustee Bailey:

Whereas the Grand Rapids Community College is a community college duly constituted under Act 331 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1966, as amended ("Act 331");

And Whereas the State of Michigan, through Public Act 196, Section 230 (2) of the Michigan Public Acts of 2014 has indicated that the appropriation noted in Section 201(2) 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 196, 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 GRCC Adherence
Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	GRCC currently has 42 signed partnership agreements with local partners and 140 signed clinical agreements with medical and dental professionals in the region.
(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees or both.	GRCC has provided customized training to 49 companies through 472 classes reaching 3,325 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 592 companies were served through continuing education and professional development.
(iii) The community college supports	GRCC supports small businesses in west Michigan

	entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.	by offering several offerings such as a small business accounting certificate, 20 on-line classes through ed2go that range from QuickBooks to how to build a lean staffing plan, and continuing education offerings in personal networking, social media use and many other titles. GRCC partners with the Region 7 Small Business Technology Development Center, hosting classes and offering support in training and assessment.
(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.	The College operates two technical education centers. The Tassell MTEC is located in Grand Rapids and offers hands on training programs in manufacturing, automotive repair, construction trades, sustainability and deconstruction, medical assistant, personal trainer, renewable energy and concrete and iron worker training. The Thompson MTEC is located in Holland and operated in partnership with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.
(v)	The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.	GRCC has active partnerships with two Michigan Works agencies (Michigan Works Kent/Allegan, and Michigan Works Ottawa County); the regional leader of economic development for region 4 (The Right Place Inc.), and five regional workforce and economic development boards and organizations.

Category B: Educational Partnerships		Examples of GRCC Adherence
(i)	The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.	GRCC currently has more than 60 active partnerships in place with regional high schools and intermediate school districts and technology centers. We also have 15 active early college/middle college partnerships in place.
(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.	GRCC Hosts and cosponsors a number of events and programs for area K-12 students including annual Middle School and Latino Youth conferences designed to expose 7th and 8th graders to the college process, college awareness and information sessions focusing on financial aid resources and academic preparedness coordinated in area High Schools, Global Leaders Program, Youth leadership conference for middle and high school students to learn about careers in law enforcement, Forensic Chemistry Summer Camps,

	STEM awareness event for 5th-8th grade girls, 9th and 10th grade mathematics competition and arts outreach programs.
(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, included grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.	GRCC sponsors an Upward Bound program serving approximately 100 9th through 12 th grade students annually. The College also partners with Grand Rapids Public Schools to operate the Grand Rapids Learning Center. This high school credit recovery program is housed on our campus, allowing students to experience college campus life while completing high school requirements. Students also have the ability to be dual enrolled and many graduate from high school with college credits earned.
(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, GED testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.	GRCC provides both GED and ESL programs to support adult learners
(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.	GRCC currently has six reverse transfer agreements as well as 18 articulated programs with other institutions.

Category C: Community Services	Examples of GRCC Adherence
(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.	GRCC provided 642 continuing education courses serving approximately 12,500 community members during the 2013/2014 fiscal year.
(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.	GRCC held 5 separate visual art events in the Collins Art Gallery. Fourteen separate productions were presented in GRCC's Spectrum Theater, and 36 separate musical recitals or concerts were held in campus or local facilities. GRCC also sponsors the Kent Philharmonia Orchestra, a community ensemble. All arts

	events and performances are open to the community.
(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing art centers, museums, art galleries or television or radio stations.	GRCC operates the Collins Art Gallery and held 5 separate visual arts shows last year. GRCC's Spectrum Theater, is home not only to the College's Theater Program, but also three community theater groups: Actors' Theater and Jewish Theater Grand Rapids and Heritage Theater. Our Applied Technology Center Tutorial and Open Computer Lab provided 30 programs and served more than 2000 students and community members last year.
(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.	GRCC operates a gymnasium, a fitness center and an aquatic facility that are all open to the public. GRCC also maintains a large green space and a walking/running track that are also available for community use.
(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff or community members	GRCC's Department of Experiential Learning supports faculty in the integration of service learning into academic courses. During the 2013-2014 academic year 59 faculty teaching 80 sections provided service learning to 700 students. Examples of current projects include: a Business & Technical Writing course partnering with the Covenant House, an Introductory German course partnering with Palmer Elementary School, a Biology for Educators course partnering with Immaculate Heart of Mary School, a Community Transcultural Nursing course partnering with South End Community Outreach Ministry, an Automotive Job Training course partnering with Mel Trotter Ministries, a Personal Health course partnering with the American Cancer Society, and an Office Ethics and Etiquette course partnering with Gilda' Club.

Adopted this 15th day of September, 2014

YEAS:

NAYS:

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 15, 2014, 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:  _____

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Countersigned:

By:  _____

Secretary, Board of Trustees

