

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, 2015

PRESENT: Trustee Bailey, Trustee James, Trustee Stewart,
Trustee Verburg, Trustee Bristol, Trustee James, Chairperson Blete

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Bristol, 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 85, Section 230 (2) of the Michigan Public Acts of 2015 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 85, 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 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 54 companies through 526 classes reaching 4,462 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 583 companies were served through continuing education and professional development.
(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business	GRCC supports small businesses in west Michigan by offering several offerings such as a small business

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assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.	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 West Michigan Small Business 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 Tassell MTEC, at the request of industry partners, has also added training in industrial sewing, as the sewing industry makes a resurgence in West Michigan after a noticeable absence. The Thompson MTEC is located in Holland and operated in partnership with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District. This center also plays host to several training programs mentioned above.
(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.	GRCC has active partnerships with a number of local and regional workforce and economic development agencies, including West Michigan Works, The Right Place, The Source, Talent 2025, Hello West Michigan, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center- West, and the Michigan Manufacturing Association.
Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
(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.	GRCC currently has more than 60 active partnerships in place with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and technology centers. We also have 20 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 the Latino Youth Conference which encourages West Michigan 8 th graders to strive for educational excellence and to look beyond high school to higher education. Planned educational connections are offered on campus and at local schools to provide experiences in 9 th and 10 th grade challenges in mathematics, skilled trade camps, skillsUSA state competitions, Global Leaders Program, Forensic Chemistry Camps, STEM awareness event for 5 th -8 th grade girls, business programs and careers, To College Through

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(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.	College initiative (TCTC), and arts outreach programs. GRCC sponsors an Upward Bound program servicing 88 9 th 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 the GR 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 and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.	GRCC provides an ESL program 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. GCC offers 24 transfer pathways for students which are outlined in our academic catalog as program offerings. These pathways can be separated into the following categories, with the number of each indicated in parenthesis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Pre-Majors (9) • Articulated Pre-Majors (12) • Pre-Professional Programs (3)
Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)	
(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.	GRCC provides 691 continuing education courses serving approximately 14,234 members during the 2014/2015 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. GRCC also participated in the Grand Rapids ArtDowntown event by offering a student exhibition 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

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	presented in GRCC's Spectrum Theater, and 39 separate musical recitals or concerts were held in campus or local facilities. GRCC also sponsors the Kent Philharmonic 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 arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.	GRCC operates the Collins Art Gallery and held 5 separate visual arts shows last year, including participation in Grand Rapids ArtDowntown. GRCC's Spectrum Theater, is home not only to the College's Theater program, but also three community theater groups: Actor's Theater, Jewish Theater Grand Rapids and Heritage Theater. Both the Collins Art Gallery and Spectrum Theater have been venues for ArtPrize since its inception. The GRCC Music Center provides rehearsal space for the Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys, the Schubert Male Chorus, the Grand River Winds, and the West Michigan Flute Ensemble. Our Applied Technology Center Tutorial and Open Computer Lab, along with the Sneden Open Computer Lab, provided over 50 programs and served more than 4,100 students and community members last year. Programs included: Phlebotomy Skills for Healthcare, PC Basics, Fast Track and On Track sessions, OLC Senior Community Club, Empco Testing for Police Academy, 25Live User Training, AFP Learning Day, Upward Bound, and Tutorial Labs and Study Groups.
(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 2014-2015 academic year 44 faculty teaching 60 sections provided service learning to 506 students. Examples of current projects include: the Mobile Application Development and Security course partnered with the Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts to create a mobile application allowing event patrons to learn about the event happenings, students in the Table Service course created a fundraising event benefiting the Make a Wish Foundation, partnering with Hospice of Michigan, students in the Introduction to Journalism course wrote a series of stories to educate the public and document the lives of those who seek hospice services, students in the Introduction to computer Programming

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	course worked with 5 th grade students at Orchard View Elementary on the fundamentals of coding, students in the Community Transcultural Nursing course partnered with North End Community Ministry to assess their food pantry needs primarily focused on health promotion and disease prevention intervention

Adopted this 21st day of September, 2015

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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, 2015, 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.

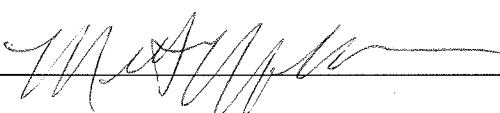
GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

State of Michigan

By: 

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Countersigned:

By: 

Secretary, Board of Trustees