

At a public retreat the members of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan (the "College"), held at the College on September 21, 2016

PRESENT: Trustee Bristol, Trustee James, Trustee Verburg  
Trustee Stewart + Chairperson Blake

ABSENT: Trustee Bailey + Trustee Koetje

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Stewart, and seconded by Trustee Bristol:

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 249, Section 230 (2) of the Michigan Public Acts of 2016 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 249, 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
<b>Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	GRCC currently has 105 signed clinical agreements with medical and dental professionals in the region. Additionally, through our grants and apprenticeship work we have over 150 company partners.
(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.	GRCC has provided customized training to 62 companies through 427 classes reaching 2,520 people during the past fiscal year. In addition, 340 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, 41 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, computer support, food processing, medical assistant, personal trainer, renewable energy, masonry, mechanical, 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. It is a main hub of operations for the college's Lakeshore Campus. 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, Lakeshore Advantage, The Source, Talent 2025, Hello West Michigan, Discover Manufacturing, Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center- West, and the Michigan Manufacturing Association.
<b>Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
(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 through dual enrollment. We also have 10 – 14 active concurrent enrollment sites and three early/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, cosponsors, or provides instructional support/tutoring for a number of events and programs for area K-12 students including a Music Technology Day, Community Science Day, Gel Electrophoresis lab for 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students, Girl Geniuses STEM Event for area 6-8th graders, interactive hands-on biology laboratory activities, teen mentoring program with hands-on science night and mini-campus tour. Camps for 6th-9th grade

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	<p>students in skilled trades. Manufacturing Week activities held for 14 schools in west Michigan, along with a Hispanic Center Youth skilled trades day. SkillsUSA statewide competition, CareerQuest 2016 served 7,000 students to inform them about careers in IT, Construction, Healthcare, and Manufacturing. Cruising to College for rising Juniors and Seniors, FastTrack for High School Students, and Challenge Scholars works with 9th grade students at Union High School.</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 has partnered with Grand Rapids Public Schools and Grand Rapids Community Foundation on Challenge Scholars at Union High School. This program will work with freshmen starting in Fall 2016 and each class after that to prepare them for successful entry into GRCC or other higher education institutions.</p> <p>In addition, GRCC provides FastTrack services in 13 area high schools to seniors, allowing them to brush up in reading, math or writing. This program allows students to bypass remedial course work, saving time and money. FastTrack received the Ruffalo Noel-Levitz Retention Award.</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 an ESL program to support adult 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 28 articulated programs with other institutions, including six reverse transfer agreements.</p> <p>GRCC offers 44 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Pre-Majors (19)</li> <li>• Articulated Pre-Majors (22)</li> </ul> <p>Pre-Professional Programs (3)</p>

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<b>Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)</b>	
(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.	GRCC provided 374 continuing education courses serving approximately 13,836 members during the 2015/2016 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 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 4,500 students and community members last year. Programs included: OLC Senior Computer Club, Empco Testing for Police Academy, Upward Bound, Skills USA, Library Instruction sessions, Police Academy Licensing Exam, MCOLES Testing, Adult Ed Computer Lab, GRPS First Scholars, GRCC Summer Learning Academy, Student Athlete Orientation, TRIO Resume Workshop, MICUP Powerpoint Training, Admissions Fall & Spring Open Houses, Blackboard

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	<p>Training and Tutorial Labs and Study Groups. In addition, GRCC hosts an annual "Diversity Lecture Series" that features national speakers on a variety of topics. In 2016-2017, the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual series features political correspondent Jamelle Bouie, author Ethan Watters, author Counsuela Ward, and filmmaker Dawn Porter. This series is free to the community.</p>
<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. GRCC also maintains a large green space and a walking/running track that are also available for community use.</p>
<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>GRCC's Department of Experiential Learning supports a number of programs including the following: Community Science Day, Crossroads Alternative High School's 4<sup>th</sup> Career Fair, United Way's School of Hope program, GRCC Exercise Science's Ride for Refuge event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in partnership with Feeding America, Make A Difference Day with our community partner Feeding America West Michigan. During this event they packed and sorted fresh carrots, meat, and cereal to be shipped out to food pantries for those in need.</p>

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2016

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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, 2016, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Blake*  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Countersigned:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*Cynthia Bristol*  
Secretary, Board of Trustees