# Kalamazoo Valley Community College Administrators Plus Meeting Summary October 20, 2025, 8:30-11:30 a.m. TTC 4370-4380

### To Members:

Aaron Hilliard	Charles Heidelberg	Karen Rivard	Rachel Bair
Aaron Snead	Dannie Alexander	Kate Miller	Russ Panico
Aliah Lavender	Denise Lindsley	<del>Lori Orr</del>	<del>Sara Herrmann</del>
Alisha Siebers	Dr. Washington	Louis Thomas	Sarah Hubbell
Amy Reynolds	Erin Bishop	Mark Dunneback	Sarah Mansberger
Angela Marsh-Peek	Elizabeth Washington	Mark Walters	<del>Sean Gordon</del>
Ben Herbert	Gabrielle Vernon	Mike Thompson	Tom Hamann
Bill McElhone	Gail Fredericks	Nizora Haitova	Trice Batson
Billy Reynolds	Ian Salo	Nkenge Bergan	Valerie Bustillos
Brian Lueth	James Valliere	Paige Eagan	ALC Leadership Rep
Brittany Clark	Joel Larson	Patrick Nelson	

**From:** L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

## Items discussed:

- 1. Hristina Petrovska presented an update on the Food Share Committee
- 2. Dannie Alexander presented an update on the Facilities Master Plan & BP 409/412
- 3. Dr. Washington provided the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Year Three Update
- 4. Dr. Washington presented on the 2024-2025 Board End Policies Report
- 5. Standing Items:
  - a. The September 15, 2025, Summary was approved as presented
  - b. Angela Marsh-Peek provided updates on the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process
  - c. Announcements & Updates (Dr. Washington)
    - i. Recruitment, Outreach & Student Engagement
      - 1. Recruitment Success: This month saw more personal interactions than any other month this year to date.
      - 2. College Night: Registration increased by over 50% compared to last year.
      - 3. Adult Advantage: Registrations have doubled compared to the previous cycle.
      - 4. Second Student Success Breakfast: Registered attendees have doubled since the last event.
      - 5. Valley Advantage: 13 students are currently enrolled in the active cohort.

- 6. Kalamazoo Promise: 720 Promise students enrolled this semester, with new engagement initiatives planned.
- Reconnect Event: 57 participants registered for this Wednesday,
  October 22, 2–7 p.m. session, featuring informational presentations on
  Reconnect, Community College Guarantee, KVAAP, and Valley
  Advantage.
- 8. FAFSA Events: Additional student support sessions coming soon.
- 9. Winter Orientation: Sessions are now in full swing for the upcoming semester.

## ii. Academic & Program Updates

- 1. Culinary, Automotive & Dental: Undergoing specialty accreditation reviews.
- 2. Language Deprivation Conference: Hosted on campus Saturday—Sunday.
- 3. Women's Volleyball: Season ends next weekend currently ranked 2nd in the conference.
- 4. Winter Summit: Call for proposals now open.
- 5. SNAP-Ed Funding: The College awarded program funding for the year.
- 6. Marcel "Fable" Price: Poet on campus for workshops on October 20 and October 22, 2025

### iii. Administrative Announcements

- 1. Budget & Capital Requests: Next year's budget and capital request forms will be released next month, with detailed instructions and timelines.
- 2. Media Services: Experiencing multiple vacancies please extend patience as restaffing continues.
- 3. Marketing: Operating with limited staff; allow for extended turnaround times until fully staffed.
- 4. Valley Hub Case Study: Report and pamphlet available digital and print copies upon request.
- 5. Opportunities for Education Event: Raised \$105,000 for scholarships.
- 6. Capital Campaign: Achieved 30% of goal to date.
- 7. Institutional Research (IR): Completed large-scale reporting and is now focusing on student-centered surveys.

#### iv. Events & Activities

- 1. DiversiTEA event October 23, 2025
- 2. Registration Blitz: October 28–29, 2025, student registration event.
- 3. Learning Center & Libraries: Halloween Open House planned.
- 4. Halloween Hair Showcase: Cosmetology and Barbering departments, October 27, 2025, TTC Room 4240.
- 5. GradFest: December 3, 2025, at Anna Whitten Hall, December 4, 2025, Texas Township Campus
- 6. Petition to Graduate closes to students on October 31, 2025
- 7. Friday Focus: Refocus on communication intent and size requirements
- 8. Achieving the Dream Coaches' site visit: November 13–14, 2025
- 9. Valley food share and CircleK: Ongoing collaborative programming in the works, and more information to come
- 6. Dr. Washington presented updates on KPI work, and the groups were allotted work time