

CABINET MINUTES

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

Office of President

To: Cabinet, Archives
From: Patricia Niewoonder
Subject: Minutes of August 26, 2008 Cabinet Meeting
Date: August 26, 2008

Members Present: Anderson, Bertch, Bohnet, Cannell, Collins, DeHaven, Horton, Hutchins, Kocher, Niewoonder and Schlack

TBO Discussion

- a. Personnel items:
 - o Kari Benjamin has been hired to fill a part-time, replacement, position at the museum as a planning assistant.
- b. Reality Checks:
 - o No new items reported.
- c. Kudos! were given to:
 - o No kudos.
- d. Other TBO Items – No other items shared.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 19, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

Other

- Reminded everyone that seminar days begin today at 10 a.m. and the President's update to the faculty is scheduled for this evening in the cafeteria.
- The Siemens phone upgrade has been delayed until Friday, September 26.
- Terry reported on delays in getting new laptop computers and on challenges with some I.T. equipment.
- The new VIP will be going "live" this week.
- Enrollment for fall is slightly less than last year; it is being monitored and we are still within budget.
- Reported that there will be a press conference tomorrow to announce KVCC's wind energy center and the partnership with WMU.
- Reported that there was a commentary on NPR yesterday which seemed to disparage community colleges.
- An article entitled: "Back to Basics: Improving College Readiness of Community College Students" was distributed – this ties into our gateway to college initiative.
- Reported that KVCC's capital outlay project is still in the bill but the State legislature may not act on it until September or later.

- Discussed the recent announcement by the Allegan/RESA and its partnership with another community college and what our response should be.

Other Discussion Items

- **Travel – the following travel items were reported for the record:**
 - Amy Louallen will attend the Michigan Community College Human Resources Association fall conference to be held in Petoskey, October 8-10.
 - Elizabeth Barker will attend the Michigan Museum Assoc. Annual meeting to be held in Traverse City, September 23-26.
 - Kathy Johnson and Rob Kilkuskie will be meeting with representatives from Eli Lilly sometime in September – they will need to stay over one night in Indianapolis for that meeting.
- **Grants**
 - No grants brought forward.

Next Meeting – The next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5 and will begin at 8 a.m. – please plan for four hours.