

PLATO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2016

DCS Office, 21 North Park, Madison, WI

Present: Frank Power (President), Greg Bell for Mary DeWolf, Sybil Better, Lewis Bosworth, Mary Boyd, Janet Cabot, Patricia Herrling, John Koch, Scott Kolar, Aleta Murray, Tim Otis, Don Reeder
DCS: Louise Fowler

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME** – Power called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- II. **MINUTES** – On a motion by Reeder seconded by Boyd, the minutes of the November 20 meeting were approved.
- III. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – Power indicated that PLATO’s committees would be the focus of Board dialogue over the next few months. Discussions are starting to identify a speaker for the annual luncheon.
- IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Otis reported that IBC Bookkeeping Solutions LLC will provide bookkeeping services for PLATO. The second quarter reconciliation with DCS has been completed. PLATO now uses only a few University services.
- V. **PLATO’S COMMITTEES** – Power distributed proposed guidelines for “Constructive Board/Committee Dialogue.” Committees will be encouraged to concentrate on goals, leadership, and other issues where Board input, clarification or support is needed. The leadership of the committee, including subcommittee chairs, should attend and other committee members are also invited. Prior to the meeting focusing on a specific committee, the committee members should review process materials and determine if changes are needed. Committee materials should be sent to Fowler prior to the meeting so that they can be distributed as part of the Board packet.

The February board meeting will focus on the Curriculum Committee.

- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Bell requested that Board members take copies of the new membership brochure and distribute them in places where seniors gather. A new letter has been prepared to welcome members. A copy of this letter will be sent to the Board

Cabot reported that the Special Events Committee has six new members, thanks to the information provided by the Membership Committee. The committee is planning a trip to Chicago in the fall to see Hamilton.

Murray congratulated Herrling on the new issue of the Persimmon.

- VII. **OLD BUSINESS – DIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORT** – *On a motion by Bosworth seconded by Murray, section (6) dealing with the committee and its charge was accepted.*

On a motion by Reeder and a second by Otis, the report of the PLATO Diversity Committee as amended at the November and January board meetings was approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Power invited board members to a luncheon to be held at the Fluno Center prior to Global Hot Spots lectures on February 19 and March 18. Fowler will handle luncheon reservations (\$15) for Board members. PLATO has co-sponsored Global Hot Spots for the past two years.

Jim Campbell is the new PLATO liaison. He is an Associate Dean and Professor of Social Work.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sybil Better, Secretary

Approved by the PLATO Board on February 19, 2016.