

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College was called to order by Chair Mark Lundy at 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2006, in the Trammel Trustee Board Room.

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mark Lundy read letters of retirement from Dr. Linda Dayton and Jerry May. Dr. Dayton will retire on July 31, 2006, after 11 years with NWACC. She was awarded a plaque from the Board in appreciation for distinguished service. Jerry May will retire June 30, 2006, after 16 years with NWACC. He also was awarded a plaque from the Board in appreciation for distinguished service. Both Dr. Dayton and Jerry May expressed thanks for their opportunities to work at the College, and they extended their best wishes for continued growth and success.

Becky Hudson, student trustee, announced that she has accepted a full-time position at the College working in the Foundation Office and that she is now a part-time student; therefore, she cannot continue to be a member of SAAB. Becky introduced the new Student Ambassador President and Student Trustee, Li Mounce, effective July 1, 2006. Becky Hudson also announced that there will be a new SAAB team beginning in the fall. Li Mounce is the only returning student. She also mentioned that the SIFE team received a trophy for finishing in the top 8 at the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Paneitz added that the group did an outstanding job at the competition.

Steve Pelphrey presented an update on the NWACC Ethics Taskforce activities and distributed related information and taskforce recommendations. He announced a new initiative for a workplace ethics program and plans to implement this program in September 2006. He reviewed the ethics policies and procedures handout with the Board, which included an NWACC Code of Conduct Employee Agreement for all College faculty and staff.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Les Carnine (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Krista Khone, Mark Lundy (Chair), Howard Slinkard, Joe Spivey, Robert Teague

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnny Haney, Coleman Peterson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Becky Paneitz, Becky Hudson, Li Mounce

MINUTES:

Chair Mark Lundy accepted the motion by Joan Clifford to approve the minutes for the May 8, 2006 Board Meeting. Joe Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GOALS MONITORING REPORT:

Discussion followed Dr. Paneitz's status report on the Serving Under-served Learner initiative. In response to the four board questions, it was recommended to include data on potential learners and identify the percentage of people that NWACC is serving using census data information.

Mark Lundy called for a motion and Joe Spivey moved to approve the recommendation of the College Administration to approve the Goals Monitoring Report. Joan Clifford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz did not have any additional comments regarding Executive Limitations Monitoring Report – Policy #24.

Howard Slinkard moved to approve the recommendation of the College Administration to approve Executive Limitations Policy #24. Joan Clifford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Howard Slinkard gave a brief update for Land Use and Facilities. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. to approve the selection of materials and colors. All Board members are encouraged to attend the meeting. Howard Slinkard also stated that they have received the final landscaping master plan. Dr. Paneitz extended an invitation to the Trustees to tour the new facilities, and, if interested, contact Jim Lay.

Les Carnine reported that the Policy manual updates are on schedule and will be given to the Trustees for review approximately one week prior to the Board Retreat.

OTHER BOARD ACTION:

Joan Clifford moved to approve the recommendation of the College Administration to approve the Sabbatical Leave Plan, the Faculty/Emeritus Plan, and the Phased Retirement Plan. Krista Khone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Paneitz began a discussion regarding the sabbatical leave plan. She explained that in anticipation of the Board's approval, two individuals had applied for sabbatical leaves next year: 1) Cindy Hammons discussed her plan to use her one-year sabbatical to develop an online Environmental Regulatory Science AAS degree; 2) Jerry May read a letter from Dr. Steve Cooper who is presently in Europe doing preliminary work on his planned sabbatical for Spring 2007 semester to tour Europe and compose an original piece of music, have it published, and performed by NWACC students when he returns. Dr. Paneitz announced that Jerry May will be NWACC's first faculty emeritus.

Mark Lundy addressed the Legislative Audit Report agenda item and reported that the state audit committee in Little Rock, Arkansas has already approved the report.

Les Carnine moved to approve the recommendation of the College Administration to approve the Legislative Audit Report. Krista Khone seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:

Dr. Paneitz began her discussion with the announcement of Dr. Clarence "Chip" Ates has accepted the position of Executive Vice President for Learning Services. Dr. Ates will join NWACC beginning July 17, 2006.

Dr. Paneitz gave an enrollment update for the fall semester stating that the head count is up 14.5% and the student semester hours are up 14.3% over this time last year. We are on track to meet the targeted 7% increase which would put the College enrollment at approximately 6,000 students.

CHAIR'S UPDATE:

Mark Lundy distributed the agenda for the Board of Trustees Retreat and reviewed the items that will be discussed.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION:

Mark Lundy asked and it was agreed that they are operating as a policy board and we are serving our constituents.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.