

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, April 9, 2007
MINUTES**

Chair Mark Lundy called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas community College meeting to order Monday, April 9, 2007 at 4:35 p.m. in the Multi Purpose of the Student Center.

Members Present: Dr. Les Carnine (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Krista Khone, Mark Lundy (Chair), Coleman Peterson (Vice-Chair), Joe Spivey, and Robert Teague

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Audie Weatherford, student trustee.

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mrs. Diana Johnson presented Elvis Cho, student of the month and winner of the Golden Eagle Award for April. Elvis is in his last semester at NWACC, and he plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas to major in electrical engineering.

Mr. Mark Lundy presented Mr. Howard Slinkard a plaque for his dedicated service over the last twelve years as a trustee.

Mrs. Jill Wagar thanked the trustees for their support and then gave a Foundation Gala recap: Over 600 people attended, with over \$100,000 being raised for scholarships and \$20,000 for Becky's Book Club for textbooks. Mrs. Wagar complimented Audie Weatherford for her testimonial presentation that she gave at the Gala and thanked everyone for participating in the live and silent auctions.

MINUTES:

Mr. Joe Spivey moved and Mr. Robert Teague seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2007, Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS: EL-201 Financial Conditions

Dr. Becky Paneitz asked Mrs. Debi Buckley to explain Item #7 in the Executive Limitations. Mrs. Buckley explained the remarkable 62% improvement in collections since purging the unpaid student receivables. Mrs. Donna Scanlan said that by using the third-party collection agency, it has helped the College increase the number of collections. Mr. Joe Spivey moved and Mr. Robert Teague seconded the motion that the Board of Trustees approve compliance of EL-201, Financial Conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use and Facilities Committee

Dr. Les Carnine gave the report and distributed minutes from the April 5, 2007, meeting. Dr. Carnine also reviewed the timeline for Burns Hall renovation. Dr. Carnine asked Mrs. Buckley to speak about the 1.9% overage in construction of the Student Center, which amounted to \$503,000. The Committee recommended the money be taken out of the pledged revenue account. Following discussion, Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Joe Spivey seconded the motion to approve to pay the overage. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of Dr. Carnine, Mr. Jim Lay reported on the Walton Art Project of Five sculptures from Bella Vista to Fayetteville visible from I-540, with one being located on NWACC property.

Mr. Robert Teague explained the concept of The Child Advocacy Center and the proposed regional training center that would be located on the NWACC campus. The training center would be the fourth such center in the country and would offer training to those who are obligated to report suspected child abuse. David and Beverly Engle of the Child Advocacy Center of Benton County have worked with the center since it began in 1989, and began Restoration

Village in Little Flock. Dr. Jerry Vervack explained NWACC's involvement and that a training center offers NWACC the opportunity to reach their Ends Goals while making a significant difference in Northwest Arkansas. The Engles said they would be responsible for raising funds for the building. Mr. Teague moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion to approve the **concept** to allow the project to go forward. The motion passed unanimously.

Advocacy Committee

Mr. Robert Teague said the final meeting with Mr. Preston Bynum would be held in May. Dr. Becky Paneitz asked Mr. Jim Hall to report on NWACC funding of \$10,749,744, a 21% increase from July 2006. This increase moves NWACC from 57% to 69% of formula need. The Third District Legislative Delegation agreed to use the General Improvement Fund money appropriated to them for two priorities, mental health facilities and NWACC. NWACC received \$975,000 in GIF funds for technology infrastructure upgrades. Governor Beebe recommended General Improvement Funds for NWACC as follows: \$1M for the expansion of the Shewmaker Center; \$400,000 for critical Maintenance and library needs; \$1.2 M for information technology infrastructure and \$2 M for Burns Hall renovation

Mr. Jim Hall reiterated that the 86th Legislative Assembly was an excellent session. Dr. Paneitz thanked Mr. Hall for his representation in Little Rock with Preston Bynum and said that Mr. Hall and Dr. Linda Dayton would be providing a full recap report on the session after it concluded.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Dr. Chip Ates and Mrs. Johnson reported on the Career Pathways Initiatives. Dr. Ates distributed a handout, then presented information and timeline for the Career Pathways Initiative Grant. The career areas that will be served are in health professions and building trades. Dr. Ates and Mrs. Johnson anticipate approximately 500 students being served by this initiative, including Upward Bound students. Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Joan Clifford seconded the motion to approve the three provisional positions requested for this grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Coleman Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of President's evaluation and Compensation was introduced by Mr. Mark Lundy saying Dr. Paneitz has had a positive impact on the college and the only area for improvement would be to continue her search for a quality staff. Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the resolution adopting use of Act 1404 authorizing a salary of \$154,027. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lundy appointed Dr. Carnine as the Chair of the Land Use and Facilities Committee and appointed Mr. Spivey to serve on the committee.

The President's Report and the Chairman's Report were not given due to the length of the meeting.

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Lundy, Chairperson

Dr. Les Carnine, Secretary

Date approved: _____ Aye _____ No _____ Abstain _____