

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 14, 2008

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled NWACC Board of Trustees meeting to order on Monday, November 14, 2008, at 4:03 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose Room.

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

Absent: Johnny Haney

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Tim Payne

RECOGNITION:

The Golden Eagle Award was given to student Angela S. Bingham for December, and to Sharon Luedecke for January. Board Chair Coleman Peterson presented Mark Lundy with a plaque in recognition of his service as Chair. Mark Lundy thanked the Board and President Becky Paneitz for their support during his term.

MINUTES:

Joe Spivey moved and Mark Lundy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on November 12, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

GOALS MONITORING REPORT(s): ENDS 104 (Pre-kindergarten Through Grade 16 Community)

Dr. Paneitz explained that ENDS 104 was being presented to the Board at this time instead of later this year because the same information would be presented later that day to the meeting of the NWACC Board of Trustees and the Rogers Public School Board. Dr. Steve Gates presented the report, and drew the Board's attention to several key figures, including Step Ahead enrollment, transfer agreements, and P-16 collaborative initiatives. Dr. Paneitz commended the Learner Support Services staff for their work in bringing minority students, such as the Marshallese students, to campus.

Dr. Paneitz reminded the Board that we are moving toward a model that allows students to earn secondary and postsecondary credit. University partnerships were also discussed; Dr. Paneitz reminded the Board that the new Shewmaker Global Business Development Center will include a University Partnership Institute.

Mark Lundy asked that we share the ENDS 104 report with the Rogers School Board and let them know we're open to their feedback. Joan Clifford made a motion to do so, and Joey Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT(s):

There was no report in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use and Facilities Committee

Dr. Les Carnine reported on the Land Use meetings held earlier that month. He requested Dr. Derek Crews share information about the RealPlanIT facility in Fayetteville. Dr. Crews explained that, because both

RealPlanIT and NWACC have adjunct faculty and course content in common, that we proposed to lease the facility to establish a Corporate Learning presence in Fayetteville. Dr. Crews emphasized our intent was to lease the facility, and not to acquire the company. All courses currently offered by NWACC Corporate Learning will be made available to Fayetteville, which should prove attractive to those companies who had previously said they could not send employees to NWACC because of the long commute to Bentonville. This facility includes a testing center, which moves us toward our goal of becoming a Microsoft Certified Academy.

Joan Clifford questioned the cost of the lease, and Debi Buckley provided information about the size and cost of the facility. Dr. Crews noted that, while the lease is an additional expense, the facility will also generate additional revenue. He noted the testing center alone would likely become a very good revenue source for the College. Coleman Peterson mentioned that he had toured the facility the previous week and was impressed. Dr. Carnine moved and Mark Lundy seconded the motion that the Board approve the contract to lease the facility. The motion passed unanimously.

Coleman Peterson reported on behalf of the Honorary Associate Degree Committee, and brought the Board's attention to a minor wording change in the criteria. He also reminded the Board that the committee had previously nominated Dr. Donald White, whose family had previously declined the nomination due to the poor health and eventual passing of Dr. White. However, the family was approached in December and was now in favor of the honorary degree award. Dr. Carnine moved and Mark Lundy seconded the motion that the minor wording change be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Carnine also moved, with Joan Clifford seconding, that Dr. White be approved as our honorary recipient this year. That motion passed unanimously as well. Coleman Peterson noted that he and Dr. Paneitz had met with the family in early December, at which time the family decided to have a plaque installed in White Auditorium. The family is considering who they would like to speak on the family's behalf at graduation.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Dr. Ates introduced Tami Scrivner to the Board, who provided an overview of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Certificate of Proficiency. He noted that students pursuing an AAS degree found the certificate very attractive. The existing facilities will accommodate this Certificate, and no new course would be needed for completion of the Certificate of Proficiency. The certificate will be a step toward and count toward the AAS degree in Homeland Security/Emergency Management currently offered by NWACC.

Coleman Peterson praised the College for their rapid response in developing this curriculum. Jerry Vervack, Dean of Social & Behavioral Sciences, noted that Arkansas Tech has a 4-year degree in this subject, but we are the only two-year college offering this. Dr. Paneitz noted this is another example of offering a certificate that can lead to a degree, and this can positively impact our "completion" rate. Student Trustee Tim Payne noted that, as a member of the law enforcement profession, he knows that personnel had previously had to travel out of state to obtain this type of training. Joan Clifford moved and Alex Vasquez seconded the motion that the certificate be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Debi Buckley presented a request for the Board to approve 80 provisional positions at the suggestion of the Office of Personnel Management. She noted that, once approved, this will allow the College to approach the state more quickly once we have funding secured for the position. After some discussion, she clarified that the Board would be approving the balance of the 80 provisional positions for the biennium. Dr. Carnine moved and Joan Clifford seconded a motion to approve this request. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz discussed the upcoming activities at the college, circulated a COMBASE article and the Celebrate Arkansas magazine article featuring our \$600,000 gift for the Retail Management program. She reported that enrollment was holding steady and projected we would be ahead of the targeted 7% increase.

Dr. Paneitz also noted that we are examining workforce development models from community colleges across the nation. Two-thirds of states offer some type of reimbursement for workforce development, but Arkansas does not.

Dr. Paneitz requested Dr. Steve Gates deliver a legislative affairs update, which had been previously scheduled for the January 12th Board work session. He shared information about NWACC's involvement in the Arkansas State Task Force on Higher Education Remediation, Retention, and Graduation. He identified emerging legislative and policy initiatives including the statewide transfer of AA & AS degrees. Currently, there is not statewide umbrella for course transfer, and having such a standard would facilitate students' educational goal attainment. Dr. Gates previewed the agenda for the Feb 11-13 legislative trip to Washington, DC.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Coleman Peterson praised the College for the increased enrollment and new initiatives, and stated he is looking forward to another busy and productive year. He reminded the Board that the next regular Board meeting will be February 18, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. in SC108.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Robert Teague, Secretary