

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2010**

MINUTES

Chair Coleman Peterson called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College Annual meeting to order on Monday, January 11, at 4:15 p.m. in the Wal-Mart Auditorium in the Shewmaker Center for Workforce Technologies.

Members Present: Coleman Peterson (Chair), Alex Vasquez, Joan Clifford, Linda Bisbee, Johnny Haney, Mike Shupe, Joe Spivey

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz

MINUTES

November Meetings

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on November 16, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Raye DeSpain

Dr. Mike Hartman introduced the December Student of the Month, Ms. Raye DeSpain. Ms. DeSpain thanked said that she came to NWACC after being laid off from a position she held for 9 years. She said that she is halfway through the nursing program and is proud to have been at NWACC.

Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Mark Dillard

Dr. Mike Hartman introduced the January Student of the Month, Mr. Mark Dillard. Mr. Dillard said that he did not believe he would have been ready to attend a university and that NWACC was what he needed to get back into college. He said he would like to finish his education and become a history professor.

Recognition of Trustee Robert Teague

Mr. Robert Teague addressed the Board and expressed his appreciation to the College and the Board for their work. Mr. Spivey thanked Mr. Teague and said that in the future he would be able to look back and see the significant contribution he made to the college. Mr. Shupe told Mr. Teague that he would be sorely missed.

ENDS MONITORING REPORT

ENDS 102 – Business Community

Mr. Wyley Elliott introduced several members of his staff: Ms. Teresa Whitmire, Ms. Susan Pike, Ms. Melodie Marcks, and Mr. Rick Mayes, who each summarized projects underway in their areas. Mr. Elliott also introduced Mr. Rob Hanlon, the new Marketing Director.

Dr. Ricky Tompkins presented the ENDS 102 – Business Community report to the Board. He went through the Strategic Goals and highlighted that NWACC has moved from fourth to third in the benchmarks for the first and second strategic goal.

Approval of ENDS 102 – Business Community

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve ENDS 102 – Business Community. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Facilities Committee

Mr. Spivey updated the Board on the work of the Land Use and Facilities Committee, and asked Dr. Gates to share information about the Highlands Oncology building, which is currently owned by the NWACC Foundation with tenants in place until January or March 2011.

Highlands Oncology Facility

Dr. Gates noted this facility is an appropriate location for the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), with classes offered by the fall of 2011. The Board discussed the potential to accommodate anticipated program growth and the process to transition the facility to an educational facility. Dr. Gates noted that Mr. Jim Lay is working with an architect and engineers with renovations to begin upon the tenant's departure

Approval of Designated Use of Highlands Oncology Facility

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve of designated use of Highlands Oncology facility; however, there was some procedural uncertainty which resulted in an incomplete vote. Following a brief discussion in which procedure was clarified, Mr. Spivey again moved and Mr. Shupe again seconded the motion to approve the designated use of Highlands Oncology facility for the NCPTC. The motion passed unanimously.

Facility Lease Negotiations

Dr. Gates told the Board that for the past few months, he and others had been working with Mr. Steve Clark with the Fayetteville Chamber to discuss a location for the Center of Excellence. He said that a University of Arkansas facility had been identified in close proximity to project partners with minimal renovation costs. Mr. Spivey added that the Land Use Committee had discussed the readiness, parking, lighting, access by vehicle, and safety of this location.

After some discussion regarding the potential location, Dr. Paneitz informed the Board that she has communicated with Chancellor Gearhart, who expressed approval for NWACC to house the Center of Excellence in a university building. Mr. Peterson added that this would be a good statement that we are willing to work with the university.

Approval of Authorization to Enter into Facility Lease Negotiations

Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve authorization to enter into facility lease negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

Honorary Degree Committee

Mrs. Clifford said that the committee had met earlier in the day to review the award criteria and nomination process. The committee has been expanded to include Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and Alumni Association representatives in addition to representatives from the NWACC Foundation, Board of Trustees, and the Rogers and Bentonville/Bella Vista Chambers of Commerce. Nominations are due in early February, and Mrs. Clifford will bring forward the committee's decision to the February Board meeting.

Advocacy Committee

Mr. Haney provided an update of the Advocacy Committee, noting he was pleased with the conversation of the first meeting. He expressed his appreciation of the president's support for the Advocacy

Committee, and encouraged all the trustees to come forward with any questions or input they may have for the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Paneitz recognized Mrs. Jill Wagar and Mrs. Meredith Brunen for completing the Capital Campaign and expressed her sincere appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

In other news, Dr. Paneitz told the Board that the Governor's office had announced a 2.3% decrease for all state agencies this year. She explained the college is studying the impact of the budget reductions and will submit a statement to the state describing how the college will absorb this additional cut in funding. She concluded her report by inviting the Board to the January 15th Spring Forum event on campus.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Peterson recognized Mrs. Wagar, who in turn credited her team for the success of the campaign and noted that Dr. Paneitz was "always there as an amazing fundraiser." She added that the Foundation staff, Mr. David Thrasher, and the Foundation Board members had been an important part of the campaign. Mr. Peterson congratulated all involved.

Mr. Peterson reminded the Board that the ACCT National Legislative Conference was coming up. He also reminded the members of the upcoming Board Retreat, noting the Retreat agenda was in the Board packet. He requested the trustees review the list of Board Committees and be prepared to discuss committee engagement at the Retreat. In addition, trustees were asked to bring their copy of the NWACC Fact Book to the Retreat.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Approval of AAS Culture & Heritage Administration Degree

Dr. John Tuthill said that this program grew out of conversations with the Crystal Bridges Museum staff. The staff indicated they did not want an art museum training program but rather a program that would allow graduates to move into an entry level position. Dr. Tuthill told the Board that he had spoken with Dr. Purcell and that this could be a transferable degree.

There was discussion about prospective enrollment numbers, program costs, and the potential that this degree might attract students who would not otherwise attend college. Dr. Paneitz told the Board that Crystal Bridges had approached NWACC with this program. She noted that, while the program might not cost much to run, funds would be required for marketing and recruiting students for the program. She asked if the Board would like to defer the vote on this degree program. Mr. Peterson agreed and asked Dr. Tuthill to come back with hard numbers as well as a breakdown of costs associated with the program.

Table Approval of AAS Culture & Heritage Administration Degree

Mr. Vasquez moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to table the approval of AAS Culture & Heritage Administration Degree. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Provisional Positions

Mrs. Gina Miller asked the Board to release five of the provisional positions for use. She said that three of the positions were in conjunction with the Title III grant and two were related to the Center of Excellence. She reminded the Board that these positions were grant funded.

Approval of Provisional Positions

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the provisional positions. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:31p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Joe Spivey, Secretary