

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, April 25, 2011**

MINUTES

Chair Alex Vasquez called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, April 25, at 4:37 p.m. in the Burns Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present: Alex Vasquez (Chair), Joe Spivey, Joan Clifford, Ric Clifford, Johnny Haney, Mike Shupe, Hadley Hindmarsh

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction

Dr. Paneitz introduced and thanked Ms. Debbie Clevenger, who was filling in for Ms. Miranda Smith taking minutes.

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Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use Committee

Mr. Spivey recognized Mr. Rick Mayes on his progress with the bays in the Shewmaker Center for Workforce Technologies. Mr. Mayes told the Board that a lot of grand funded dollars were used for the equipment and diagnostic tools in the bays. He added that the overhead doors had been modified to make the space more energy efficient. Mr. Mayes told the group the grand opening for the new bays was planned for July 18th.

Mr. Spivey said that the ground breaking ceremony for the new Health Professions/Health Sciences building is planned for June. He said the Land Use Committee has been discussing the type of cooling system to purchase for the building. He said the group has to keep a balance between installation expense and operating expense. He added that the system would be in line with LEAD Certification.

Mr. Spivey asked Mr. Jim Hessler to explain the approval of renaming Eagle Way. Mr. Hessler said the College was contacted by the City of Bentonville about renaming the street for 911 emergency reasons. He said during the discussions with the city it was decided to rename the East/West portion of Eagle Way to NWACC Parkway. He told the group that this name could be changed at a later date if needed.

Approval of Renaming Eagle Way

Approval of renaming Eagle Way was approved by the Board with no objection.

Advocacy Committee

Mr. Haney told the Board that work is just beginning on the new funding formula. He said there is not yet a standard established and that there will be a lot of work to do before it is finalized. He said all thirty two schools would be coming together next week to start the process. Mr. Haney added that the goal of this process would be to get the seven underfunded institutions up to 75% funding.

Foundation Report

Mr. Clifford said that the Foundation Board does very important work for the College and he is happy to be the Board representative. He told the Board that the Foundation Gala this year was very successful. He said that \$50,000 was raised, which included \$20,000 from Becky's Book Club.

Ms. Meredith Brunen told the Board that there were about 470 attendees at the Gala this year. She said that she received positive feedback regarding the tribute to Jack Shewmaker. Mr. Vasquez thanked Mr. Wyley Elliott and his group for a job well done.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz reminded the Board of the upcoming Legislative Appreciation Reception. She said the College would like to have Board representation at this event. She also gave an update on the March 11th NWACC Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon. She said that representation was good and it was a great event.

Dr. Paneitz told the Board the College was looking at alternative food service options for the College. Dr. Steve Gates explained that Aramark, the current food service provider, had been given preliminary notice that the College is looking a different direction. He said that current discussion is looking at dividing food service into two different sections. The first area would include the Food Court and the Shewmaker Global Business Development Center. He said the second area would be catering for College and outside events to allow the NWACC Culinary Art students to become more involved. He explained that the next steps would be to issue an RFQ and to send out a survey to Faculty, Staff and Students.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Vasquez thanked everyone for changing their calendars to allow the meeting date changes. He also let the group know that the May Board meeting would move back to its original date of Monday, May 9th.

Mr. Vasquez recognized Dr. Adam Arroyos for his work at the College. He said that Dr. Arroyos would be leaving the College on May 13th to begin working for ALPFA. He also recognized Dr. John Tuthill whose last day will be June 3rd.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Tuition/Fee Discussion and Vote

Alex said that on April 4th, the Board had a work session to consider several different models or factors as to whether the College could have an increase in tuition and fees. Dr. Paneitz then told the Board that the College administration recommends that the Board approve in increase for in district tuition, from \$70 to \$72.50 per credit hour; an increase for out of district tuition, from \$110 to \$117.50 per credit hour; and an increase for out of state tuition, from \$155 to \$167.50 per credit hour. She added that the administration also recommended that the Technology Fee be increased to \$8.00 per credit hour and the Learning Fee be increased to \$7.75 per credit hour.

Ms. Hindmarsh asked where the Technology Fee funds are used. Mr. Parsons explained that these fees are used for upgraded technology for student use. Mr. Spivey said that as a student advocate, he hoped that the tuition and fee increases would keep the class size small and the high quality of instruction the College currently offers students.

Ms. Hindmarsh asked how the College would relay the increase to the students. Dr. Paneitz explained that the information will be placed into the student brochures. She added that the next student newspaper would be a good place to help relay this information as well.

Mr. Vasquez reminded the Board that they will come back in June to approve the Budget. He said that the College will continue to look at the budget and tuition process and work to create a five year longer term plan.

Approval of Increase in Tuition and Fees for FY 2012

Mr. Haney moved and Mr. Clifford seconded the motion to approve an increase for in district tuition, from \$70 to \$72.50 (3.57%) per credit hour; an increase for out of district tuition, from \$110 to \$117.50 (6.82%) per credit hour; and an increase for out of state tuition, from \$155 to \$167.50 (8.06%) per credit hour; it is also the recommendation that the Technology Fee be increased to \$8.00 per credit hour and the Learning Fee be increased to \$7.75 per credit hour. The motion passed unanimously.

MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:00 PM

RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Chairperson

Mr. Randy Lawson, Secretary