

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, February 16, 2009**

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, February 16, 2009, at 4:37 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

Members Present: Coleman Peterson (Chair), Robert Teague, Alex Vasquez, Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Mike Shupe, and Joe Spivey

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Student Trustee Kelly Henderson

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Diana Johnson introduced Golden Eagle Award Winner, Laura Eidson. Ms. Eidson told the Board that she was excited to graduate and was working toward a 4.0 GPA. She will be graduating in May and plans to pursue her bachelor's degree with Harding University. Ms. Eidson showed appreciation for her teachers and all the support they had shown her.

Dr. John Tuthill spoke to the Board regarding Early College Experience. Dr. Tuthill explained that the enrollment for the Early College Experience classes have declined in the recent semesters overall. He explained that the only exception was Cosmetology, which has increased. Dr. Tuthill went on to highlight that between Fall of 2006 and Fall of 2008 there was a significant decrease in students enrolled in these classes from Fayetteville.

Dr. Paneitz told the Board members that the Cosmetology students leave the program ready to be a cosmetologist which may be a big draw. She also told the Board that the college contracts with a Cosmetology school. Mr. Spivey added that two people he knew had joined the Cosmetology program after leaving a title company.

Dr. Tuthill continued, telling the Board that there was no real trend in the Step Ahead numbers. He stated that NWACC is currently seeking accreditation for high school concurrent enrollment. Also, he said that the college is repackaging all high school programs as NWACC's Early College Experience. The repackaging will allow students to earn college credit. He said that the three programs the students can earn credit are on campus in concurrent, at the high school in concurrent, or through college level career and technical. Dr. Paneitz noted a couple of superintendents brought up bussing, but it is just not an option.

MINUTES:

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Teague seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Annual Board Meeting on January 12, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on January 12, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

ENDS MONITORING REPORT

ENDS 103 Owner (Taxpayer) Community

Dr. Steve Gates introduced the staff from the Foundation office and Institutional research before giving the floor to Dr. Ricky Tompkins to discuss the ENDS report. Dr. Tompkins then began by listing the goals of the ENDS 103 Owner Community. Goal one is to implement the Master Plan. Goal two is to finish the Capital Campaign. Goal three is to increase grant, private, and other funding. Goal four is to achieve maximum utilization of space and distance learning. Goal five is to expand Corporate Learning deliverables and transition the division to a profit center. Goal six is to pursue new partnerships.

APPROVAL OF ENDS 103

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the ENDS 103 Owner (Taxpayer) Community monitoring report. The motion passed unanimously.

ENDS 104 Pre-K—16 Community

Dr. Tompkins began by listing the goals of the ENDS 104 Pre-K—16 Community. Goal one is to enhance the opportunity for learners to achieve their educational and personal enrichment goals. Goal two is to deliver programs that promote professional growth opportunities for P-16 learning professionals. Goal three is to develop a collaborative approach to curriculum design and delivery which aligns with P-16 programs. Goal four is to improve and expand mutually beneficial linkages with educational partners.

APPROVAL OF ENDS 104

Mr. Teague moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the ENDS 104 Pre-K—16 Community monitoring report. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT

EL-206 Asset Protection

Dr. Rodney Showalter told the Board that there were no changes to this report.

APPROVAL OF EL-206

Mr. Shupe moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the ENDS 104 Pre-K—16 Community monitoring report. The motion passed unanimously.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 12, 2009

Mr. Spivey told the Board that the Land Use and Facilities Committee had last met on February 12th. He said that the Burns Hall renovation and rededication had been discussed. Mr. Spivey commended the staff for a great event. He said that Flint Co was hopefully moving equipment this week to begin work on the GBDC and the closing on the loan will hopefully be done this week as well.

Mr. Teague asked the group if the donation that was announced by the non-profit center will affect the college. Dr. Paneitz answered no. She added that other tenants will be moving into the non-profit center around the same time as NWACC. Mr. Teague asked if the college had a lease set up with the non-profit center. Dr. Paneitz answered that the college does not yet have a

lease because the ABA must first approve. She also told the Board the UAMS facility would not be ready for classes until 2010.

Mr. Spivey said that the Sustainability Task Force is working with the energy company. He said that the state may have money to make buildings more energy efficient. The committee is working to get a cost estimate on what changes could be completed.

Mr. Spivey said the last thing the Land Use Committee discussed was the Capital Construction policies and procedures. He said that the procedures were the same as the ABA. Mr. Peterson added that he would like the Land Use Committee to look more at diversity.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 12, 2009 LAND USE MINUTES

Mr. Teague moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the February 12, 2009 Land Use minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Clifford told the Board that a request for nominations had been sent out in December. She said that from the nominations the committee agreed on Judge Dave Bisbee as the recipient of the Honorary Associate Degree. She noted that Judge Bisbee had been very active in the community and had fought hard for NWACC over the years. Mr. Peterson added that Judge Bisbee is a good friend of the college.

APPROVAL OF HONORARY ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the Honorary Associate Degree Committee report. The motion passed unanimously.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Mr. Robert Teague told the Board that Dr. Paneitz and Mr. Peterson will be meeting with the Legislature and having dinner with Preston Bynum while at Trustee's Day in Little Rock. He said that the Lottery Scholarship will be a major issue that will be discussed with Legislature. Mr. Teague also showed picture of the trip that he, Dr. Paneitz, and Mr. Peterson took to Washington, D.C. for the ACCT Legislative Conference.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 17, 2008 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion to approve the December 17, 2008 Advocacy Committee minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz told the Board that they each have a copy of the most recent student newspaper. She said that on Wednesday, she, Mr. Peterson, and Dr. Gates will talk with the Governor regarding money. She also said that the college needs to put together a wish list for some of the stimulus funds.

Dr. Kater told the Board that the Rapid Response Team was working to put a plan together to help those who are unemployed.

Dr. Showalter passed out information to the Board regarding a tuition increase for information only. Mr. Peterson told the Board that he would like for them to look through the information and bring it back to discuss during the next meeting. Mr. Haney said that it would be helpful to have information regarding the past increases.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mr. Peterson said that the speakers at the ACCT Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. were probably the best he had seen since he had been going. He said that one of the speakers reported that 50% of dropouts come from 12% of high schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Teague moved and Mr. Haney seconded the motion to adjourn; the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Secretary