

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2009**

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the Annual Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, January 12, 2009, at 4:04 p.m. in Student Center room 108.

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

Also in Attendance: Student Trustee Kelly Henderson

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009:

Mr. Lundy announced that Mr. Peterson would be the Chair, with Mr. Teague nominated for the Vice Chair, and Mr. Vasquez for Secretary.

APPROVAL OF ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Teague moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the Election of Board Officers. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL MEETING DATES FOR 2009

Mr. Peterson set the official meeting dates as follows: February 16, March 16, April 13, May 11, June 8, August 10, September 14, October 12, and November 9th. Mrs. Clifford asked Mr. Coleman if the dates for the Annual Board Retreat had been set. Mr. Peterson responded that July 17 and 18 had been set for the retreat.

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Secretary

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2009**

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, January 12, 2009, at 4:10 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

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

Also in Attendance: Student Trustee Kelly Henderson

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Diana Johnson introduced Golden Eagle Award Winner for December, Dustan Lutz. Dr. Johnson mentioned that he left his full time job to come back to school and has a 4.0 GPA. Mr. Lutz recognized his instructors who were instrumental in helping him with his career choice. He said he had an exemplary experience at NWACC. Mr. Lutz plans to pursue an Engineering Degree.

Dr. Johnson then introduced Golden Eagle Award Winner for January, Kelly Henderson. Ms. Henderson is the President of the Student Ambassadors and is a student trustee. She told the board that it was frightening to come back to school but NWACC welcomed her with open arms. Mr. Henderson would like to go on and receive her doctorate in psychology.

Dr. Steve Gates introduced Dr. Chuck Kater, new Vice President for Workforce Development. Dr. Kater came from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska. Dr. Gates told the board that he was very happy to have Dr. Kater join the team. Dr. Kater said that he was pleased to join an outstanding community college. He then introduced his leadership team and thanked the Board members for their service.

Mr. Phil Pumphrey with Ozark Regional Transit was introduced and told the board that he was excited about the partnership they have with the college. He said that nationally, ridership has gone up as the price of gas has gone down. Mr. Pumphrey told the Board that year to date there is an average of 22.9 free trips for NWACC students or employees per day, 841 trips total. He told the board that the number seems low now, but he expects for the number to grow. Mr. Peterson added that he thinks students are still finding out about this service and asked what the college could do to get more students riding. Mr. Pumphrey told the Board that they needed to voice to the community what was happening and get the word out. Dr. Johnson added that the students receive information on the service at registration and more information is posted on the website and My NWACC Connection.

MINUTES:

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

ENDS MONITORING REPORT**ENDS 102 Business Community**

Dr. Ricky Tompkins reported that the college is looking at partnerships and collaborations. He went over the report handed out and mentioned that in the benchmarking study NWACC was 4th among business and industry in market penetration for non credit students. He explained that the year 2 measurable is set by the college and could change since the college will continue to grow Goal 2. Dr. Tompkins explained that goal 3 is to drive profit driven institution and is hard to measure due to the uniqueness of the program. Mrs. Clifford asked if the college was optimistic about meeting goals due to the economy. Dr. Donna Wood answered yes because displaced worker certification and degree programs can be paid for by the state. Mr. Peterson thanked Dr. Tompkins for updating Board members on the details of this report.

APPROVAL OF ENDS 102

Mr. Lundy moved and Ms. Henderson seconded the motion to approve the ENDS 102. The motion passed unanimously.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 13, 2008

Mr. Spivey informed the Board that they have two sets of Land Use minutes. He said that the major discussion at the November 13th meeting had been the deactivation of programs. He asked if the Board had any questions.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 2008 LAND USE MINUTES

Mr. Peterson moved and Ms. Henderson seconded the motion to approve the November 13, 2008 Land Use Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE JANUARY 8, 2009

Mr. Spivey said that Dr. Les Carnine had been appreciated at this meeting. At the January 8th meeting Mr. Jim Lay and Mr. Brian Palmer had given a report on Burns Hall. Also discussed were the February Burns Hall rededication and the groundbreaking which could happen as early as next Wednesday for the Global Business Development Center. Dr. Steve Gates gave a report on the leased facilities. Mr. Spivey thanked Dr. Susan Holmes for all of her hard work on the Master Plan.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2009 LAND USE MINUTES

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve the January 8, 2009 Land Use Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Holmes gave the Master Plan update. She started by thanking David Swearingen, Jim Lay, Patti Mociwnik, and Linda Monroe for all of their help. She began by explaining that the board had CD copies of the entire master plan and it will also be on the college website. She said that this document is an

update, not a brand new document. The focus of the plan is to project student growth, programs and services and what the strengths and weaknesses are based on data from Institutional Research, 150-200 community leaders, taxpayers, and students. Additional data was collected from more than 900 respondents to a community survey. She told the group that assumptions driving the process included that the college would maintain or exceed student numbers, social space, keep class sizes optimal, preserve land, and have a minimum of 3-story buildings on campus.

Dr. Holmes went on to say that the map included in the Master Plan will likely change, in part because it remains unclear where the proposed interchange will be located. Mr. Lay joined Dr. Holmes to discuss projected enrollment growth and the probable impact to classroom space, parking, and other factors. If student growth continues to grow at a rate of 7%, 46 more classrooms will be needed by 2015; at 12% growth, 91 new classes will be needed. Mr. Peterson asked how many parking spots there are currently. Mr. Lay answered that there were 820 usable spots. The only way to save space when making more parking spots is to construct another parking garage.

Dr. Holmes told the Board that during the focus groups it was noted that faculty, staff, and students at NWACC were held in high regard. It was also mentioned that more classes in workforce areas, transfer classes, healthcare, transportation, skilled trades, and culinary and hospitality were wanted. She added that it appeared that some individuals may not be aware of what we have to offer. Also mentioned in the focus groups were a need for increased use of technology, cooperative relationships, and to explore the opportunity of private public partnerships.

Mr. Swearingen showed the Board a map of the NWACC campus with proposed future buildings. He said that Eagle Way would be removed in the future and the railroad crossing walkway either above or under the railroad. Mr. Swearingen also showed a map of a proposed Washington County location. He said the exact location is unknown and that the buildings would look the same as those built on campus. Mr. Haney asked if it was right to assume that 8 new buildings were needed at 8 million dollars. Mr. Swearingen said yes.

Mr. Teague appreciated the work put into the master plan. Mr. Haney thanked the Land Use committee for their work. Mr. Peterson appreciated Mr. Spivey's leadership. Mr. Spivey said that Land Use was an active and involved group.

APPROVAL OF THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Peterson moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve the January 8, 2009 Land Use Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Mr. Teague told the group that the minutes from the last Advocacy Committee meeting would be presented at the next Board meeting. He said that Mr. Haney and Mr. Spivey were on the committee as well as Deanne Witherspoon, Horace Hardwick, Dr. Gate, Mike Malone, Preston Bynum, and Jim Hall. Mr. Teague told the Board that there were about 90 bills that could affect NWACC and there was no surplus. He added that it is anticipated that by 2010 northwest Arkansas could get 2 more senate seats and 5 more representatives. Mr. Peterson asked the Advisory Committees to have points ready for legislative session.

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Mr. Peterson said he was bringing up the issue of the Capital Construction Policy and Procedures Manual only for discussion. He said that this would be moved to Land Use for approval. He also said that there seemed to be a push to repeal the alternative delivery of construction materials. Mr. Vasquez asked if supplier diversity was something the college looked at when doing the alternative delivery method. Mr. Lay said that it was not but they did use an American-Indian owned firm. Mr. Peterson referred the discussion of the manual to the Land Use Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mr. Peterson said that the board had enjoyed hearing Dr. Purcell and Mr. Brown at the board retreat. Mr. Haney said that it was fitting that Mr. Brown had worked at ACCT for 9 years before becoming president. He said that Mr. Brown had met with President-Elect Barack Obama's transition team. He added that the college needs to take action to ensure that our college gets help from the recovery plan.

Mr. Teague told the Board that he, Dr. Gates, Mr. Peterson, and Dr. Paneitz would be going to the ACCT conference in Washington in February and would report back with more details.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Secretary