

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

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 4:35p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

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

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

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Peterson introduced Mrs. Bisbee. She said that she is very excited that the Governor chose her to be the new NWACC trustee.

Dr. Diana Johnson introduced Alissa Parker. The faculty member that submitted Ms. Parkers name said that she was a fun student that liked to be challenged. Ms. Parker told the Board that she would like to go on and get her masters in accounting. She wanted to thank all the teachers she has had at NWACC and went on to say that she had a very good experience here. After this summer, she will go to the University of Arkansas. The Board congratulated her.

Dr. Steve Gates spoke about the National Child Protection Training Center. He reminded the Board that this was brought up a couple years ago and the college has established a great relationship with NAPSAC and Wynona University. Dr. Gates reminded the Board that the college had requested and received a half a million dollars from congress for the start up of this center. The training center will allow for education and training of today and tomorrow's professionals. For today's professionals, the center would provide training, continuing education, conferences, and seminars.

Dr. Gates introduced Mr. Victor Veith with the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC). The NCPTC began in 2003 as a partnership between WSU and NDAA and was acquired by the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC) in 2007. They want to reform the undergraduate and graduate training of child protection professionals. Mr. Veith went on to say that since 2003, NCPTC has trained over 40,000 child protection professionals from all 50 states and 17 countries. The NCPTC takes over 1,500 calls a year.

Mr. Veith told the Board that undergraduate training of child protection professionals includes mastering investigative skills, the process of repairing families. They also research and market

the programs. They hope to have 100 universities doing this training by 2013, and 500 by 2018. They also have produced model curriculums for law schools.

Mr. Veith went on to say that NCPTC is committed not just to addressing child abuse at the margins but in ending child abuse forever. They hope that 10 years from now mandated reporters are trained in college, protection professionals will leave college with skills it would otherwise take 10 years. He said that NWACC impressed the center in Winona.

Mr. Teague asked how large the space was they use at Winona. Dr. Gates answered that it was about 16,000 feet. Mrs. Clifford asked how long it has taken to get the center set up. Mr. Veith answered that he thinks NWACC could be up and going in 5 years. Mr. Peterson said that it is an honor to be a part of the program.

Dr. Jerry Vervack introduced his team who would be teaching for the NCPTC. Dr. Paneitz said that sending Dr. Vervack on a Little Rock trip has turned into this large project. Dr. Gates introduced Ms. Beverly Engle from the Children's Advocacy Center of Benton County. Dr. Paneitz said if you see Senators Lincoln, Pryor, or Boozman, thank them for helping us get the money. Mr. Shupe asked how many feet would be needed from the design a couple years ago. Dr. Paneitz said 16,000. She said we would provide training for 15 states. She said that the Engles may bring potential donors to help with the space we may need for this program.

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Mr. Teague moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on February 16, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT

EL-207 Compensation and Benefits

Dr. Showalter told the Board that he was proposing the same limitations as the last year. Dr. Paneitz pointed out that Bruce Johanson will be discussing the compensation area at the April Board meeting. She went on to say that NWACC does not know what money it will have this year.

APPROVAL OF EL-206

Mr. Lundy moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the EL-206 Compensation and Benefits monitoring report. The motion passed unanimously.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Mr. Teague welcomed Mrs. Bisbee to the Board. He said the Advocacy Committee had an excellent time in Little Rock, and noted that he and the President had met with the Governor. He added that the Legislative session may end on April 10th. Mr. Teague said that the Rogers Phillips Transfer Act has passed and the college is looking forward to the transfer degrees

between 2-year and 4-year colleges. He added there will be another meeting after the session adjourns.

Mr. Spivey said it was good to see the Legislature in session. He said that it is interesting to see the large number of bills that go through and how one bill reflects on others. Mr. Spivey added that Mr. Jim Hall is doing a great job. Mr. Teague mentioned that Preston is also doing a really great job. Mrs. Clifford asked about NTI in relation to the Lottery Scholarship and how it would affect them. Dr. Paneitz said that NTI is not considered a higher education facility. She added that she was looking to see how we can work with NTI to ensure their students can get some of the lottery dollars. Mr. Vasquez said he was glad we were well represented in Little Rock and it was a good chance to interact with our local leaders and others statewide. Mrs. Bisbee said that being on the Legislature side, what a wonderful job Dr. Paneitz has done lobbying on the Community Colleges behalf and Preston Bynum as well. Mr. Haney said the participants all have different issues on different days and our presence cuts through some of the issues for the better.

TUITION RATE DISCUSSION

Mr. Peterson discussed the article on the University of Arkansas regarding Chancellor Gearhart deciding not to increase tuition. He said that we indicated that we would take this under advisement. Dr. Paneitz said that currently money for state budget next year is unknown. She added that a year ago the Governor took back money and there was talk of this year a refund of these funds. She said that hopefully by April we would know what to do, but we do not know right now. Dr. Paneitz told the Board that this will be brought back in April.

Mr. Haney stated that the majority of our students are in district. He said that if you compare to other areas of the state you would pay more. Mr. Haney added that the cost to attend NWACC is still well below 50% of University of Arkansas tuition and fee. He said that a tuition increase could help cap our enrollment numbers. Mrs. Clifford asked if Mr. Haney had looked at areas out of the state to see what their tuition is compared to NWACC. Mr. Haney said that he had looked at the Beebe area. Mr. Vasquez asked about the impact a tuition increase would have on students. Mr. Teague asked where NWACC crosses the line of being an affordable college. Student Trustee Ms. Henderson said that students do not see a tuition increase negatively, and noted many students get student aid to finance their education. Mr. Peterson asked if Ms. Henderson thought a tuition increase would hurt students financially. Ms. Henderson answered that she thinks that the students do not care, with the exception of a few, that the tuition increases. Mr. Spivey said that fundamentally during these times he would not like to even think about a tuition increase. He asked the Board if we were doing this correctly, should they be looking at alternatives? Mr. Peterson summarized that we do not know where the dollars will fall, however he would like for us to agree to bring what percent the proposal this reflects from the University of Arkansas tuition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Paneitz told the Board that she would like to plan to take a photo of the Board and the new members in April or May. She asked for the Board to look for e-mail from her office regarding photos. She also addressed the ACCT survey findings provided to the Board for their review. She also mentioned that Dr. Burns had sent a nice letter about the rededication ceremony that she passed around.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Peterson asked Ms. Henderson if she had anything to report. Ms. Henderson said that Dr. Paneitz will host Pizza with the President on Wednesday. She said that the parking garage will be packed because the annual Spring Fling will be going on the same day. She added that the student leaders were nominated to be celebrity waiters at the Gala. Ms. Henderson went on to say thank you to Dr. Paneitz. She said that Dr. Paneitz is out there and does it because she loves it.

Mr. Peterson said that Dr. Burns sent him and the Board a nice note for the President Emeritus. He also showed the Board a picture of Joan in Dancing with the Stars. He congratulated her on her success with the event. Johnny commended Peaches Peterson as well.

Mr. Peterson explained that the Trustees would move into executive session with the president. He said that tonight Dr. Paneitz will present her self-evaluation and share information with the Board ; between now and the next Board meeting, the Board will go through the evaluation process. He said that next month the Board will meet in executive session and provide feedback and closure.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:52 p.m.

RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to adjourn; the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Secretary