

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2006
4:30 P.M.
TRAMMEL TRUSTEE CONFERENCE ROOM - BH 1469

Chairman Mark Lundy called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., November 13, 2006, in the Trammel Trustee Conference room.

Mr. Lundy introduced developer Ross Vogel who presented the Board with a map showing the location of the proposed traffic light and a retail development across from the college. Mr. Vogel stated it will require approval from the city of Bentonville state highway commission to put a light at the corner of EagleWay and Hwy. 102. Mr. Vogel introduced Greg Simmons of Peterson Associates Engineers who conducted a traffic impact study that has been submitted to the City of Bentonville for review. The City endorses this proposal and their independent traffic engineer states that this proposal would also address some safety issues for NWACC students. Dr. Carnine expressed concern that the proposed traffic light would divert traffic to Watertower Road, which would open our campus to direct traffic and in turn would create other safety issues. Dr. Carnine suggested that we meet with the City to think futuristically about what some of our traffic issues might be over the next 10 years. Mr. Joe Spivey expressed concern about identifying a solution to get students on and off campus safely.

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Diana Johnson introduced Julio Jimenez the Golden Eagle award recipient for November. Mr. Jimenez has a 3.82 GPA and he shared with Trustees that his experience with NorthWest Arkansas Community College has been a good one. Mr. Jimenez future plans are to return and contribute to his native country of Nicaragua after completing his education. His wife has taken an engineering position in Wichita, Kansas, so he will be leaving NWACC at the end of this semester.

Mr. Lundy introduced Ms. Dale Montgomery who talked about internationalizing NorthWest Arkansas Community College. Ms. Montgomery stated that globalization is a reality and it is critical to a good education. Currently 141 students from 38 different countries attend NWACC. Ms. Montgomery made the Board aware that this week was the seventh year for International Education Week, which is celebrated in 77 countries, at NWACC. Ms. Montgomery introduced Dr. Dale Howard, Dr. Conrad Craft, and Ms. Cindy King who also are working on the initiative to internationalizing NWACC.

Mr. Lundy asked Ms. Debi Buckley to speak about National Credit Management, the firm the College has contracted with to conduct student collection activities. Ms. Buckley confirmed that students would be turned over to the collection agency only after the purge process and only if they have an unpaid balance starting the next semester.

Mr. Lundy welcomed Audie Weatherford, the student trustee representative at this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Les Carnine (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Krista Khone, Mark Lundy, Coleman Peterson (Vice Chair), and Joe Spivey.

ABSENT: Johnny Haney, Howard Slinkard, and Robert Teague

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Audie Weatherford, representative from Student Ambassador and Activity Board.

MINUTES:

Mr. Joe Spivey moved and Mrs. Joan Clifford seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the October 10, 2006, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

ENDS MONITORING REPORT:

There was no report for November.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT:

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Executive Limitations Monitoring Report: Treatment of Staff – EL 204. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Land Use and Facility Committee Report

Dr. Carnine reported on the Land Use and Facility Committee minutes from their November 9, 2006 meeting and reviewed three recommendations from the committee:

- 1) Mr. Peterson moved and Ms. Khone seconded the motion to approve Wittenberg Deloney and Davidson as the architectural firm for the planned Entrepreneurial Center. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Mr. Carnine moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve Crafton Tull and Sparks as the on-call Architect for the College. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Dr. Carnine moved and Ms. Khone seconded the motion to approve MAHG as the architect for the renovation of Burns Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Carnine mentioned that following the December 7 meeting of the Land Use and Faculty Committee a tour of the first floor of the new Student Center would be given.

Dr. Carnine mentioned the traffic congestion issue. Dr. Paneitz stated that we are going to bring all of our neighbors together to address the issue of traffic and that this responsibility has been given to Ms. Buckley.

Dr. Carnine also mentioned two projects that the Land Use and Facility committee approved:

- 1) The Walton Art center sculptures located by the Shewmaker Center
- 2) The Heritage Trail markers to be set up on Eagle Way

Advocacy Committee Report

Mr. Spivey gave a report from Advocacy Committee meeting that was held October 18, 2007, and chaired by Mr. Robert Teague. NWACC would receive \$4 million for the renovation of Burn Hall if Referred Question #1 is passed by the voters at the November 7 general election. Mr. Spivey commended Jim Hall, students, faculty and staff that were involved in educating the public about this higher education bond issue. Mr. Lundy mentioned the January 29 and 30 Northwest Arkansas Legislative Day in Little Rock.

Honorary Associate Degree Committee Report

Mr. Coleman Peterson stated that the committee met at 3:00 p.m. today. The committee reviewed the guidelines and is satisfied with the nomination process. The committee agreed to allot more time for nominations this year. The committee will meet again January 8 and make recommendations, if any, to the Board at the February 19 meeting. Any recipients will be recognized at commencement on May 11, 2007.

OTHER BOARD ACTIONS ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Approval of Dr. Paneitz's Revised Contract

Mr. Lundy explained to the Board that Dr. Paneitz's performance review was changed from December to April to better align Dr. Paneitz's evaluation with the annual budgeting process and that the section of her existing contract that addresses retirement benefits needed to be deleted because this provision is no longer allowed by the state.

Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion that the Board of Trustees approve Dr. Paneitz's revised contract.

The motion passed, Krista Khone abstained from voting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz shared with the Board that NWACC's first college catalog on CD was produced and hard copies of the catalog are also available, but fewer will be printed in the future in response to how students prefer to access information.

Dr. Paneitz complimented Jim Hall for his leadership with the campaign held in Northwest Arkansas on the Higher Education Bond Issue. Mr. Hall stated that 104 information events were reported to Dr. Ed Franklin (AATYC President). Mr. Hall

thanked all of the students, staff and faculty who were involved. Dr. Paneitz stated that over all 70% of the state voted for the Higher Education Bond Issue.

Dr. Paneitz reported that NWACC has three years to spend the money from the Bond Issue and that we have received a Construction form to complete from the Department of Higher Education. In response to a question, Dr. Paneitz stated that she did not know but would find out what happens to the money if colleges do not use it during the time frame that is allowed.

Ms. Diana Johnson stated that spring registration began and some classes closed at 8 a.m. on the first day of registration as a result of having on-line registration. At this point enrollment is up 12% over the same time last year.

Dr. Paneitz presented the board with a 2006 Fact book that was prepared by Kim Purdy.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Lundy announced the appointment of the nominating committee, Mr. Slinkard and Mrs. Clifford (past chairs) and himself.

Trustee Update

Mr. Lundy thanked Dr. Carnine and Ms. Khone for attending the Association of Community Colleges Trustee in Orlando, Florida, October 11 also, Mr. Spivey and Mrs. Clifford attended Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges , October 15-17 in Hot Springs.

Mr. Lundy asked the respective parties if they had anything to say and Dr. Carnine distributed an information packet and noted that:

- 1) Community college student success is equal to or better than comparable students in their junior and senior years at four year colleges.
- 2) We have initiative and diversity, if you look at where students are rather it is low income, racial or ethnic it is more numerous in community colleges.
- 3) NWACC would become the college of choice for our service area, we would like at least 50% high school graduates attend our college.

Dr. Carnine also presented two research reports on college success.

Ms. Khone stated that this was her third year to attend Association of Community Colleges Trustee meeting and that this was by far the best year. She would like the college to use our technology and create a college blog site that could generate open communication between the students and the trustees.

Ms. Clifford stated this year's Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges conference had record attendance and that NorthWest Arkansas Community College was well represented. Outstanding Alumni was Becky Hudson, Outstanding Staff was Brenda Greene, and Outstanding Faculty was Kathryn Rameriz. Mr. Spivey was appointed to

finish a one year term as a trustee member of the board of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges.

Mr. Spivey stated that the community college role was shaping Arkansas, especially in the Delta and Southeast regions and the challenges they face. Mr. Spivey said that he enjoyed Mr. Marvin Galloway's presentation at the conference about EAST.

Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges is well represented by the Board and College: Joan Clifford, Susan Holmes and newly elected members Pam Belcher and Joe Spivey.

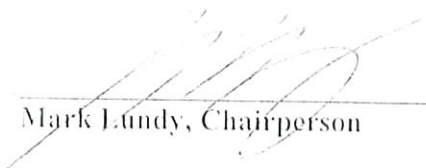
Mr. Lundy said the following trustees would attend the Association of Community Colleges Legislative Summit in February 14 that will be held in Washington, D.C.: Mark Lundy, Howard Slinkard, and Coleman Peterson.

Mr. Lundy reminded Trustees that there would not be a meeting in December.

Dr. Pancitz introduced NWACC's new Vice President of Advancement, Mr. Stephen Hofmann. Dr. Pancitz stated she was glad to have Mr. Hofmann with us and that Mr. Hofmann had already been to Little Rock with Dr. Chip Ates to attend a legislature committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



Mark Lundy, Chairperson

Dr. Les Carnine, Secretary