

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2008**

MINUTES

Chair Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, April 24, 2008, at 4:35 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Student Trustee Tim Payne

Recognition: The Golden Eagle was presented to Sheryl Slaughter who is working on her degree in business. She has also received an Academic All Star Scholarship. She noted that she had exceptional experiences while attending NWACC and said the Dr. Susan Holmes was the best teacher that she had ever had. She also said that she will be attending Franklin University online after graduation. She also said that 90% of her classes were “good to outstanding” and she appreciated the free tutoring. Her suggestion for the future was to expand the use of technology.

Miranda Moore and Tim Payne were recognized as PTK All-USA Academic Team Nominees and they were presented with certificates. Ms. Moore thanked the Board for recognizing her. She mentioned that she liked the atmosphere that NWACC provided and how she liked the diverse age range of her classmates. Mr. Payne explained that attending NWACC had been a wonderful experience and he was honored to be recognized.

Dale Montgomery, Viviana Pagan, and Amy Robertson-Gann from The Global Community Center spoke about their Step-by-Step program, Summer Bridge Program, and DisAbility Services. They noted that 10% of the students at NWACC are non-English speaking and has the highest retention rate in the nation. Also, Ms. Robertson-Gann mentioned that 375 students were served my DisAbility services.

Miles Fish gave a presentation on his upcoming sabbatical. He will be researching and writing about Vivaldi, composer of “The Four Seasons”, and Siena’s Vivaldi Festival of 1939. He gave the board members a handout regarding various information regarding his travels and Vivaldi. He also mentioned that he would like to hold a festival next year with the Civic Symphony at NWACC.

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Joan Clifford moved and Robert Teague seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on March 10, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT(s): EL - 201 FINANCIAL CONDITION

Dr. Paneitz said that since Debi Buckley has resigned, Dr. Linda Dayton will be filling in for her position. Dr. Dayton said that she appreciated the support she’s received from NWACC staff and thanked Gulizar Baggson for her hard work. In reviewing the Executive Limitation, Dr. Dayton

reported that we are 80% current with student accounts and where we need to be. There were no questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Spivey reported that the Land Use committee met on April 3, 2008. He said that the roof will be completed on June 10th if they use all of their weather days. The interior firewall is built and the exhaust fans will be removed. The total expenses for this project will be 4.1 million. Dr. Paneitz said that Mr. Carnine had asked that we keep 10% held back. Furniture and other things will be purchased after the main remodel.

The groundbreaking for the new Shewmaker Center will likely take place in June. The hiring of contractors will be done by a committee. They will take four proposals and three of those will be selected for bidding. The 8th street interchange project will move the building about 30 feet east of the existing Shewmaker Center. The building will be catty corner rather than adjacent. There will however be a walkway connecting the two buildings.

Mr. Spivey mentioned that Dr. Holmes gave an outstanding presentation of the Master Plan and also thanked Patti Mocivnik for her work with the Master Plan. He noted the repeated comments from community members praising the quality of faculty and staff. Millage was also brought up as an item of interest in Washington County discussions.

Mr. Spivey also thanked Meredith Brunen for her work on the Art sub-committee, and noted the sub-committee will recommend a president's advisory council for art be formed. The group will also recommend that up to 1% of the cost for each new building will be set aside for art.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz said that Ms. Brunen had sent out an e-mail to the foundation board letting all know that \$100,000 was raised for student scholarships at the Gala. She also mentioned that our funding cut for the next fiscal year is being forecast at \$413,000. A standard memo will be sent out asking not to spend much until the year rolls over. She also said that it was good that tuition was raised for next year.

The late Rev. Dr. Donald E. White will receive the NWACC Honorary Degree, Sue Ann Pekel will receive the Dick Trammel Outstanding Alumni Award, and Joyce Abrams will receive the NWACC Distinguished Graduate Award at the May 9th graduation ceremony. Dr. Paneitz noted that 597 students had applied for graduation and 315 had signed up to walk in the ceremony. Joan asked how many were graduating from the homeland security program and Dr. Paneitz told her that Joyce Abrams will be the only graduate. Mr. Teague asked if this is the largest graduating class and Diana Johnson answered yes.

Dr. Paneitz lastly mentioned the Johansen stud, stating that eight colleges were being used for benchmark study. And finally, the Board Retreat has been rescheduled for July 11th and 12th 2008.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mr. Peterson discussed the Fayetteville Corporate Learning ribbon-cutting ceremony and the college's Gala. He noted the video shown at the Gala was excellent and illustrated the value of the college and the quality of the faculty. He said that when he speaks to students, they always have positive comments about the faculty. Mr. Peterson thanked all those who worked on the Gala.

Dr. Paneitz presented Mr. Peterson with a picture of him with Mr. Bozeman on a recent trip to Washington, DC. The meeting moved to executive session at 5:40 pm and returned at 6:44pm.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DR. PANEITZ ANNUAL SALARY IN EXCESS OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT-2% INCREASE:

Mr. Spivey moved and Ms. Khone seconded the motion to approve the resolution to approve the annual salary for Dr. Paneitz in excess of maximum amount. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION:

Mr. Spivey moved and Ms. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Robert Teague, Secretary