

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, September 8, 2008**

MINUTES

Chairman Coleman Peterson called the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees of Northwest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, September 8, 2008, at 4:36 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Student Center.

Members Present: Coleman Peterson (Chair), Dr. Les Carnine (Vice-Chair), Robert Teague (Secretary), Joan Clifford, Johnny Haney, Krista Khone, Mark Lundy, Joe Spivey, and Alex Vasquez

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

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Dr. Diana Johnson introduced Golden Eagle Award Winner Eileen Wright. Ms. Wright is a business major and came back to school after being dislocated from her job. She thanked everyone and expressed her appreciation to everyone at the college. When she is finished with school she plans to help run her family business.

Dr. Paneitz introduced new Student Trustee Kelly Henderson. Ms. Henderson said that she is glad to be at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. She told the Board that she is starting a new life and NorthWest Arkansas Community College has been her stepping stone.

Dr. Chris Huggard spoke about his sabbatical researching the history of Pea Ridge Military Park and the history of San Rio, New Mexico. He told the Board that in the next year or so he would like to present the college with a copy. He also said that he would like the royalties from the book to go to scholarships for the college.

Denise Nemecek is the Faculty Newspaper Advisor and spoke about her sabbatical taking classes at the University of Arkansas. She said that her experience is helping her greatly with her work this semester on the newspaper. She thanked the Board and Anita Jones for the opportunity.

Victor Chalfant gave an overview of his sabbatical which was spent taking pictures in the Mediterranean. He presented the Board with a slideshow of some of the photos he took. He said that the experience will help him in teaching art history and graphic design.

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Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Lundy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on August 11, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT(S) EL-202

Dr. Paneitz had talked to Dr. Johnson who was unable to attend the meeting regarding EL-202. The last paragraph of this Limitation said that the students were 90% satisfied on the Graduation Survey. Dr. Paneitz also wanted to mention that the state will be asking for more of the Public and Consumer Information Reports.

APPROVAL OF EL-202

Dr. Carnine moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve EL-202. The motion passed unanimously.

LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Carnine said he has a lot of information but little action. He was asked to be on the Board for the contractor, land use has approved it but no action was needed since financing is being done by the Foundation office. Mr. Spivey said that they had completed a thorough search and interviewed six contractors and decided to go with FlintCo. He thanked Richard Alderman and Jill Wagar for their help. He noted it was a difficult decision because all contractors were good.

Dr. Carnine spoke about the September 11th groundbreaking ceremony for the new Global Business Development Center. He also noted that Burns Hall looks nice.

Dr. Carnine said that they were still reviewing information regarding the old Mercy Hospital. He noted that it still looks positive. Dr. Gates said that the goal was to have more information for the Board by the next Board meeting. He noted that the non-profit groups using the hospital are responsible for the renovations. Dr. Paneitz said that Dr. Gates and Jim Lay have done a lot of work regarding the hospital.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Paneitz told the Board about a League of Innovation publication that featured an article by Dr. Holmes and Dr. Paneitz. She also mentioned that the parking garage would have visitor spaces back by the next Board meeting. She announced that Donna Hanson is the interim VP for Workforce Development. Ms. Hanson said that she is excited and ready to bring her corporate background to the college.

Dr. Paneitz informed the Board that the ADHE Coordinating Board has discussed the need to get Arkansas out of 50th place, and will discuss the process of program review at the October ADHE Coordinating Board meeting. That meeting will take place at the Hammonds Convention Center at noon Tuesday, October 14th. Board members are invited to attend.

In other updates, Dr. Paneitz informed the Board that Dr. Linda Dayton had been in the hospital in Houston two weeks ago for a pacemaker.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

Mr. Peterson told the Board that the November meeting would be a Joint Meeting with the Foundation Board. He also mentioned that the Nurse Pinning Ceremony was powerful.

Mr. Haney moved and Dr. Carnine seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Robert Teague, Secretary