

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2010**

MINUTES

Chair Coleman Peterson called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, April 12, at 4:37 p.m. in room 108 at the Student Center.

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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Satira Silva

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

March Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Rachel Frisby

Dr. Mike Hartman introduced Ms. Rachel Frisby. Ms. Frisby thanked the Board for appreciating the hard work of students. She added that she is a nursing student and that NWACC had been a positive experience. Mr. Vasquez asked why she chose to enter the nursing field. She answered that she wanted to have an impact on others.

April Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Sheri Jarvis

Director of Respiratory Therapy, Mr. Alan Clark, introduced Ms. Sheri Jarvis. Mr. Clark told the Board that when Ms. Jarvis started at NWACC she was very shy. He said that she has turned into a star student. Ms. Jarvis said that she started school in 2004 and will graduate next month. She said that she plans to attend the University of Arkansas and study respiratory therapy. She thanked the Board and her instructors.

Student Recognition: Hilberto Gonzalez

Ms. Jan Muetzel with the Water Safety Council to recognize Mr. Hilberto Gonzalez. She explained that Mr. Gonzalez, a student at NWACC, witnessed two men drowning and was able to rescue one of the men. He was presented a trophy from the Water Safety Council. The Board praised Mr. Gonzalez for his heroic act.

Student Trustee Update

Ms. Satira Silva told the Board that the Student Ambassadors and Activities Board had been very busy this semester. Ms. Silva said the group had already held Black History Month events, the Spring Fling and Pizza with the President. She added that the group had several other events planned for the rest of the semester.

Ms. Silva said that students are telling her that there are not enough advisors to work with students. Mr. Peterson asked how many advisors the school currently has. Dr. Hartman replied that there are currently two full time advisors. He added that it takes quite some time for an advisor to meet with each student.

Ms. Silva added that students had also told her they would like more concerts on campus. She said that she had also received questions regarding the printing allowance of each student and they saw a need for behavioral counselors.

Mr. Peterson complimented Ms. Silva on her feedback from the students. Dr. Tuthill told the Board that he would come back to the Board shortly with more information regarding the advisor situation.

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Board Meeting – March 8, 2010

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on March 8, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

ENDS MONITORING REPORT

ENDS-105 College Community

Dr. Ricky Tompkins highlighted some of the points within this area. He said that in regards to the AVP/Controller position for business services, there is an active search going on currently. He also told the board that the college had exceeded the student percentage in recruiting African American employees and directly matched the student percentage in American Indian or Alaskan Native employee growth. In regards to goal five, Dr. Tompkins reported that a summary of the Systems Portfolio will be coming soon.

Mr. Peterson asked Ms. Miller how often the Board receives a diversity report. She said that Human Resources is working on a new score card so that diversity can be tracked on a quarterly basis. Mr. Peterson suggested that a report come to the Board twice a year. Mrs. Clifford suggested that diversity be reported on at the end of each semester. Dr. Tompkins added that the student diversity report could be reported on at the same time.

ENDS-105 College Community

Mr. Shupe moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the ENDS-105 College Community report. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT

EL-201 Financial Condition

Ms. Gina Miller told the Board that the Financial Condition report was nothing new. She said that the information listed in this report has been discussed in the recent weeks in budget discussions and handouts.

Ms. Miller asked the Board for any questions they may have regarding this report. Mr. Spivey asked if all colleges hold reserve money. She responded that some do, but it is not a universal application. She added that the number given in the report for the reserve money would add enough money to allow for two months of full time faculty and staff pay in an emergency situation. Mr. Peterson said that after discussion at the Board retreat, the group was comfortable with a 7.5% reserve rather than an 8% reserve.

EL-201 Financial Condition

Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the EL-201 Financial Condition report. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advocacy Committee

Mr. Haney said that the Advocacy Committee met last week. He said that he would bring the minutes and do a full report at the May Board meeting.

Land Use and Facilities

Mr. Spivey said that the Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development had been discussed at the last meeting. The final punch list should be completed and the Foundation is currently working on interior and exterior signage. He added that the construction as well as audio visual and furniture costs is under budget. The dedication ceremony for the building will be held in August when students return for fall semester.

Mr. Spivey said that the new Allied Health and Science Building had also been discussed. He said that the Allied Health and Nursing programs will now be known as Health Professions. He said that the new location of this building could be north of the railroad tracks, but they were not recommending a location at this time.

Mr. Spivey then asked the Board to approve the National Child Protection Training Center as a Capital Project. Dr. Paneitz said that the Board had seen this before. She added that the college needed to approve this to mirror the policies of the Arkansas Building Authority. She said that this is something that the college will need to have on the books as a formal policy.

Approval of the National Child Protection Training Center Facility as a Capital Project

The approval of the National Child Protection Training Center as a capital project was approved by the Board with no objection.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Proposed Increase in Tuition and Fees for July 1, 2010

Ms. Miller said that after discussions with the Board, the proposed fee increases were \$40 for Distance Learning, \$20 for Distance Learning Hybrid, and \$35 for Labs. She added that an in district increase of tuition to \$70, out of district to \$110, and out of state to \$155 had been discussed.

Mr. Spivey asked what the impact of this increase would be on a student. Mr. Peterson said that for an entire year, the cost would be an additional \$68 for an in district student. Mr. Spivey said that in the past two years the tuition will have gone up 11-12% with this increase. Mr. Haney added that with funding cuts, millage not moving, an increase in students and the need for more faculty, staff, and space, the increase is needed. Mr. Spivey said that he has struggled with the idea of a tuition increase.

Mr. Peterson said that the numbers that Ms. Miller had given were discussed at the work session. Dr. Paneitz said that the college is seeing an increase in those applying for financial aid and scholarships. She added that the college staff is working with students to find financial assistance.

Mr. Shupe said that he had been impressed with the information that Ms. Miller and her team had given to the Board and the constructive conversation regarding tuition increase at the work session. Mr. Spivey also said that he appreciated the work that the college administration is doing. Mr. Peterson added that he appreciated the time that the Board had put into going over all the tuitions and fees information over the past few weeks.

Proposed Increase in Tuition and Fees for July 1, 2010

Mr. Haney moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion increase for in district tuition, from \$66 to \$70; an increase for out of district tuition, from \$103 to \$110; an increase for out of state tuition, from \$145 to \$155; it is also the recommendation that fee changes be approved to \$40 Distance Learning, \$20 Distance Learning Hybrid, and \$35 Lab. Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Lundy, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Bisbee, Mr. Haney, and Mr. Shupe voted yea. Mr. Spivey voted nay. The motion was approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz told the Board about the press conference NWACC had held with the University of Arkansas regarding an agreement with the Walton College of Business. She commended Mr. Tim Cornelius on his leadership on this project. Mr. Peterson said that the press conference was great and that the student speaker was wonderful.

Dr. Paneitz also told the Board that Mr. Shewmaker hosted five Woolworth executives at the Shewmaker center over the weekend. She thanked the SIFE members, Mr. Cornelius, and the workforce staff that helped plan this event.

Dr. Paneitz added that Dr. Gates represents the College on the National Child Protection Training Center Board and had attended their first meeting. She also reminded the Board that the Foundation Gala is next week.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Peterson asked Ms. Miranda Smith to send out a reminder to the Board for the upcoming ceremonies surrounding Commencement. He added that he would like as many Board members to attend these events as possible.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:50 P.M.

RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Joe Spivey, Secretary