

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, August 9, 2010

MINUTES

Vice-Chair Alex Vasquez called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, August 9, at 4:31 p.m. in Peterson Auditorium at the Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development.

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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Enrollment Update: Dr. John Tuthill

Dr. John Tuthill said that Cabinet had been watching the enrollment for the Fall semester very closely. He said that this year the trends are different due to the lottery scholarships and a different advising process. Dr. Tuthill added that currently, around 7,000 students had registered for classes and the goal is to enroll 8,800. He added that his group is prepared to open late classes if needed to accommodate more students.

Mrs. Bisbee asked how the large number of students left to register would be processed. Dr. Tuthill said that he has prepared by ensuring advising sessions are open for students until registration ends. He added that they would be prepared to create late start classes as well. Mr. Haney asked if the College could process a 15% increase in students. Dr. Tuthill said that his group is ready to help all students.

Program Update: Tiphany Hall

Ms. Tiphany Hall told the Board that House Speaker Robert Moore had asked the College to help create an Entrepreneurship program for fifth graders in McGehee, Arkansas. She said that the University of Arkansas-Monticello will assist with the program. She added that this has been a busy summer for the SIFE program. She said that a lot of small businesses have been looking to the group for assistance and that a night SIFE class has been created to allow more students to participate in the program. Mr. George Tanner told the Board that Ms. Hall is now a SIFE Fellow.

Ms. Hall also addressed the internship program. She said that many of the internship students are working on major projects such as helping with construction design. Mr. Peterson asked if the internships are paid. She replied that about half of them are paid. Mr. Spivey asked if there was an opportunity for students to do semester long paid internships. Ms. Hall said that as the program grows she sees more opportunities for such internships.

Staff Council Update: Christy Reynolds

Ms. Christy Reynolds told the Board that she came to the College five years ago to take a computer class and ended up enrolling as a full time student. She said that as a student she started working as a work study employee. She then applied for and was offered a full time position with the College. She told the Board that working for NWACC had been a pleasure and that she is very excited to be the Staff Council Chairperson.

Ms. Reynolds introduced the Staff Council officers and talked about some of the upcoming events to be hosted by the group. She talked to the Board about the creation of the Staff Council website, the 2010-11 focus for the group, and listed the college committees that were represented by members. The Board thanked Ms. Reynolds for her service to the college.

MINUTES**Board Meeting – June 14, 2010**

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Lundy seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 14, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Land Use and Facilities**

Mrs. Clifford told the Board that the committee had met last Thursday. She said that updates had been given on the Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development, the Burns Hall 3rd Floor Remodel, the new Health Professions Building, and the Walton Arts Center proposal. She said that there were no actions taken at this meeting.

Mr. Shupe said that he had heard that NWACC's proposal for the Walton Arts Center was one of the best. He said that it was a real complement to the college. Dr. Gates said that he had worked with Dr. Ricky Tompkins, Dr. Shauna Sterling, Mrs. Danielle May, and Mr. James Brown with HDR on this proposal. Dr. Gates said his team did a wonderful job. Mr. Vasquez said that the outcomes of the proposal will help us moving forward. He appreciated the group for their work on this project.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz went over the Calendar of Events with the Board. She highlighted the Fall Forum and the New Employee Luncheon. She said these would be great events for the Board to attend. Mrs. Jill Wagar told the Board about the Golden Years of Radio event. She said that the culinary students will be catering this event.

Mr. Wyley Elliott told the Board about the NWACC 20th year Anniversary Celebration. He said the signature event will be on September 20th. He said the celebration will be a casual family oriented event with a live band. He added that articles will go out during the week about the College and its 20 years in northwest Arkansas.

Dr. Paneitz also mentioned that Dr. Tompkins, Mr. Vasquez, and Mr. Arroyos had attended the ALPFA conference in Orlando. She said that Dr. Tompkins and Mr. Aldama will be co sponsors of the new student chapter. She said that the organization has intentionally reached out to the community college to reach Latino students. Dr. Paneitz added that she had reached out to the President of ALPFA to speak at the commencement and Adult Education ceremonies.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Vasquez congratulated Dr. Paneitz for her leadership in working with the ALPFA group. He also thanked Dr. Paneitz leadership team for their service to the College. He encouraged the Board to attend any of the upcoming events that their calendars would allow. Mr. Haney told the group that the Arkansas Legislative House and Senate Education Committee would be on campus September 4th. He asked that any Board member with an interest in attending to contact him beforehand. Dr. Paneitz added that Pulaski Tech would be working with NWACC to present on underserved learners at this event.

Mr. Peterson thanked the faculty and staff for making the Board Retreat a meaningful experience. He said that he thought the material presented would give the Board clarity in what is happening at the college in the coming months. Mr. Haney said that he agreed with Mr. Peterson.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

2008-2009 Audit Report

Dr. Gates went through the Management response section of the audit approval. He said that this report is used as closure to the audit. Dr. Paneitz said that we are still working to hire a new CFO. She said that the College is working to bring a candidate in for a second visit. Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Lundy again for his involvement with this search.

Approval of 2008-09 Audit Report

Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the approval of the 2008-09 Legislative Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Joe Spivey, Secretary