

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2010**

MINUTES

Chair Coleman Peterson called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, March 8, at 4:34 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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz and Satira Silva

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

February Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Shawn Rogers

Mr. Todd Kitchen presented Mr. Shawn Rogers with the February Golden Eagle Award. Mr. Rogers was pleased and surprised to receive this award. Noting this was a great honor, he thanked the Board.

MINUTES

Board Meeting – February 15, 2010

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Vasquez seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on February 15, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT

EL-207 Compensation and Benefits

Mrs. Gina Miller highlighted the compensation and benefits report. She said that in respect to employment, compensation, and benefits to employees, consultants, contract workers and volunteers, the President cannot cause of allow jeopardy to fiscal integrity or public image. Mr. Vasquez said that transparency and accountability seem to be in place at the college.

EL-207 Compensation and Benefits

Mr. Spivey moved and Mrs. Clifford seconded the motion to approve the EL-207 Compensation and Benefits report. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Facilities

Mr. Spivey said that the Land Use committee had met and discussed major projects and funding requests. Discussion included the new Allied Health building, the Global Business Development Center progress, campus parking enforcement, and the President's Advisory Council on Art activities. Mr. Spivey said the meeting also included discussion of construction of a temporary lot, remodeling of Burns Hall 3rd floor, and the campus technology and disaster recovery plan.

Mr. Spivey explained that the temporary parking lot discussed would add 120 parking spaces. He added that the lot would cost about \$40,000 as opposed to about \$160,000 for an asphalt lot. The cost of sidewalks and lights for the parking lot had been included in the cost of the project.

Mr. Spivey said that Mrs. Miller had given a presentation about the campus technology and disaster recovery plan. Mrs. Miller told that board that the plan has a focus on business continuity. Mr. Spivey added that the college is required by legislative audit to have a technology and disaster recovery plan.

The next item that Mr. Spivey discussed was the Burns Hall 3rd floor remodeling project. He said that Mr. Galen Hunter had brought forth plans for a remodel that would add a Board Room and four offices to the 3rd floor of Burns Hall. Mr. Spivey explained that the Board Room could be used for various meetings, classes, and conferences. Mr. Spivey told the Board that moving these sort of meetings out of the Student Center Multipurpose room would allow students the opportunity to utilize the room more. Dr. Paneitz added that the meeting rooms are constantly booked and more meeting space is needed.

Approval of Funding Request for Major Campus Projects and Upgrades

The funding request for major campus projects and upgrades was approved by the Board with no objection.

Mr. Spivey said that the Land Use committee had also discussed the Adult Education Facility. Dr. Tuthill told the Board that there is not enough parking at the current facility to allow for expansion of the program. Mr. Spivey added that the NWACC Adult Education program has the highest GED pass rate in the state and works with approximately 3,500 students per year. With the growth of the Adult Education program, Mr. Spivey said that the Land Use Committee had recommended to the Board that the College Administration begin final negotiations with representatives from the Center for Non Profit's at St. Mary's for use of facility space to support the college's Adult Education program and services.

Mr. Vasquez told the Board that he was very impressed with the numbers that have come from the Adult Education program. Mr. Peterson praised Mr. Ben Aldama for dedication to the program.

Approval to Begin Final Negotiations for Adult Education Facility Space

The approval to being final negotiations for adult education facility space was approved by the Board with no objection.

Mr. Spivey then said that the Land Use Committee had discussed leasing space from the Farmington School District. Dr. Paneitz explained that the Fayetteville Schools would need the space that NWACC currently occupies at the RTC building. Mr. Spivey said that the Land Use Committee recommended to the Board that the college administration begin final negotiations with representatives from the Farmington School District for lease of classroom facility space at Farmington High School.

Approval to Begin Final Negotiations for Leased Classroom Space

The approval to being final negotiations for leased classroom space was approved by the Board with no objection.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz announced that a manager had been hired to run Ginny's Café at the Non Profit Center. She said that soft openings are being planned with a large opening being planned for April.

Dr. Paneitz asked Mrs. Miller to discuss the Tuition Rate Planning process. Mrs. Miller told the Board that the budget process will wrap up very soon and that the information that she had handed out was not concrete. Dr. Paneitz added that this year the college wants to plan for a possible reduction in state funding.

The Board discussed several tuition rate planning options. Mr. Peterson asked for a 10% increase to be shown on the next grid that is presented to the Board as well as variables for in and out of district tuition. Mrs. Clifford asked if they could also have a list of current fees for the next conversation.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Joe Spivey, Secretary