

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, September 13, 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 the Peterson Auditorium at the Shewmaker Global Business Development Center.

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 and Ariel Smith

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Introduction of New Employees

Dr. Paneitz introduced new CFO, Mr. Marty Parsons. Mr. Parsons told the Board that he was looking forward to joining NWACC. He said that he had spent more than 29 years with the University of Michigan and is currently working at the University of Delaware. He said that he will officially join NWACC on October 18th. Dr. Paneitz and the Board welcomed Mr. Parsons to the College.

Mrs. Gina Miller introduced new Executive Director for Talent Management, Mr. Bill Luce. Mr. Luce said that he had previously worked at J.B. Hunt and Wal-Mart. He told the Board that he is glad to be at the College and is looking forward to working with his team on a talent management program.

Dr. Adam Arroyos introduced new Executive Director of Public Relations, Mr. Mark Scott. Mr. Scott said that he had previously worked with Hendrix College and Governor Huckabee. He told the Board that he is excited to work at NWACC. He added that he already sees the opportunity for many positive stories to come from the College.

September Student of the Month Golden Eagle Award: Theresa Faulk

Mr. Todd Kitchen presented Ms. Teresa Faulk with the September Golden Eagle Award. Ms. Faulk explained that she had moved to the area from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She said that coming to NWACC had been a positive experience. She added that she plans to go on to law school. She thanked the Board for their support.

Welcome SAAB President & Student Trustee: Ariel Smith

Dr. Paneitz introduced Ms. Ariel Smith as the new Student Trustee. Ms. Smith said that she was very excited to work with the Board. She said that she hopes to represent the students well. She thanked the Board for this opportunity and for being so welcoming to her.

Sabbatical Report: Judy Tobler

Ms. Judy Tobler told the Board that for her sabbatical she spent time at the Supreme Court. She said that in addition to spending time watching cases at the court she was able to do research at the Library of Congress. She played some video clips and previewed information she had posted on her website for students to view. She thanked the College and the Board for the opportunity.

Faculty Senate Report: Curtis Harrell

Mr. Curtis Harrell told the Board that Faculty Senate is looking forward to a productive year. He said this year the group plans to conduct training and implement the faculty performance review. He said that Foundations of Excellence is also something that they will be working on this year. He will also work with Mr. Mark Scott to find Faculty experts that could be go-to people for media topics. Mr. Peterson appreciated Mr. Harrell for his service to the college and to the Faculty Senate.

MINUTES**Board Meeting – August 9, 2010**

Mrs. Clifford moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on August 9, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS MONITORING REPORT**EL-202 Treatment of Students**

Dr. Paneitz told the Board that the graduate opinion survey was administered this year. She said that 92.5% of those responders said that they were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” about their overall educational experience at NWACC. She said that that the college continues to see that its students are treated well. She told the Board that the College was reporting in compliance with the Executive Limitation.

EL-202 Treatment of Students

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve the EL-202 Treatment of Students report. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Land Use and Facilities**

Mr. Spivey appreciated the work of those on the committee. He said that some of the topics highlighted at the last meeting were the Burns Hall third floor remodel, the HVAC upgrade, and the College Community Garden. He also noted that the Health Professions Building contractor and architect interviews were planned for next week.

Advocacy Committee

Mr. Haney said that the Advocacy Committee met last week. He said that the group recapped the Senate/House Education meeting that was held on campus. He told the Board that the college presented with Pulaski Tech. He said the focus of the presentation was student diversity

and serving students from rural areas. He applauded Dr. Tuthill for his part in making the presentation successful. Mr. Peterson said that he had heard great things about this event. He thanked Mr. Haney for his help in making the event a success.

Mr. Haney told the Board that on December 1st Pulaski Tech would be holding a meeting with Legislators to discuss equitable funding. He asked the Board to attend this event if possible. He asked Mrs. Smith to poll the Board to see how many could attend.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Discontinuation of Designation as Regional Technology Center Provider

Dr. Diana Johnson presented information to the Board about the Early College Experience and the programs at the Regional Technology Center. Dr. Gates said that the College had reviewed these programs and found that there is strong support for concurrent enrollment course and outreach activities, but low support for secondary career programs associated with the Regional Technology Center. He said that state support for these secondary programs has not kept up with the costs for their delivery. He added that some high schools are expressing interest in more concurrent enrollment opportunities for students interested in pursuing career and technical fields.

Dr. Gates told the Board that the high school programs that would be affected by the discontinuation of the Regional Technology Center would include Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, Medical Professions, Criminal Justice, and Food Production Management and Service. He said that the College would work to find another provider to help the students affected by this change. Mr. Peterson told the Board that this change would not be implemented until July.

Approval to Discontinue Serving as a Regional Technology Center

Mr. Shupe moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the recommendation to discontinue serving as a Regional Technology Center with the Arkansas Department of Career Education, effective July 1, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Paneitz said that at the July retreat the Board spent time looking at the strategic goals for FY 2010-11. She said that this year the college would be working with one year goals rather than two. She reminded the group that some of these goals will continue past the first year.

Dr. Paneitz asked Dr. Gates to give a brief update on the Systems Appraisal Feedback Report. Dr. Gates said that the assessment made by the college was very close to what was reported back in the feedback. He said that they have already started working on the response and how Cabinet can give feedback and review with the College community. He added that in March a team from the College will go to a strategy forum prepared to discuss the Colleges initial priorities for goals and objectives.

Dr. Paneitz reminded the Board that Conversation Day will be held on Friday afternoon. Dr. Paneitz said that it is an exciting process and she asked that anyone interested in the process to attend the Conversation Day event. Mr. Peterson said that 2011 will be an important year for AQIP moving forward. He asked for the Board members to think about if they would be interested in working with the AQIP committee.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Coleman Peterson, Chairperson

Mr. Joe Spivey, Secretary