

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, August 8, 2011**

MINUTES

Chair Alex Vasquez called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, August 8, at 4:33 p.m. in the Burns Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room.

Members Present: Alex Vasquez (Chair), Joe Spivey, Randy Lawson, Mark Lundy, Ric Clifford, Johnny Haney

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Recognition of Volunteers at Joplin

Dr. Steve Gates told the Board that about 40 NWACC employees and students volunteered in the Joplin, Missouri cleanup efforts several weeks ago. He thanked those that participated and explained that Mr. Aaron Divine had a large part in planning the event. Mr. Vasquez thanked Dr. Gates and those that volunteered their time. Mr. Spivey also applauded the volunteers for giving their time to help.

Enrollment Update

Mr. Todd Kitchen explained that enrollment numbers have moved over the past few days. He said that as of August 1st, 3,777 students had been awarded financial aid. He told the group that this number was about 30 days ahead of where the numbers were last fall. Mr. Kitchen said that new student enrollment was up 12.4% from last year but the SSCH numbers are not moving as fast as normal.

Mr. Kitchen told the Board that he is staying with the earlier projection of 3.5% growth in headcount and credit hours for the fall. Mr. Vasquez thanked Mr. Kitchen for keeping track of the changing numbers.

Staff Council Update: Laura Cates

Ms. Laura Cates said that she was excited to lead the Staff Council this year. She explained that nine years ago she was on the steering committee to create Staff Council and it's great to still have an active role with the group. She said that education and fun would be the focus for the year. She listed the upcoming events scheduled for the group which included a line dancing class and the annual chili cook-off.

Social Media Update: Dr. Shauna Sterling

Dr. Shauna Sterling told the Board the College had been selected to take part in the Community College Students "Get Connected" in Social Media Technology Research Project. She said funding for this

project was from the League for Innovation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She showed a brief video explaining the process for implementing the program.

Dr. Sterling said that the goal of this program would be to use social media technology to help create student success. Dr. Paneitz applauded Dr. Sterling and the group that wrote the grant. Mr. Spivey congratulated the group.

Introduction

Dr. Paneitz introduced Mrs. Brandi Peters, new Student Trustee. Mrs. Peters introduced the new Student Government Association (SGA) officers. Mr. Vasquez congratulated Mrs. Peters and the SGA leadership. He welcomed the group to sit in on the Board of Trustee meetings.

Mr. Vasquez asked the students in the audience to stand and introduce themselves. He invited the students to come to the Board meetings.

Dr. Paneitz introduced student Mr. Michael Curran to the group. She said that Mr. Curran had recently returned from Washington, D.C. where he was an intern for Congressman Steve Womack. The Board congratulated Mr. Curran.

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Board Meeting – June 13, 2011

Mr. Lawson moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting on June 13, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Board Meeting – July 22, 2011

Mr. Lundy moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on June 22, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Facilities

Mr. Spivey explained that Mr. Shupe chaired the last Land Use meeting in his place. He said that there were two action items discussed at the meeting. The committee approved recommending the Board approve the naming of the health professions building and the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Mr. Spivey said the Land Use Committee recommends the Board approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount of \$12,413,014 for the new health professions building. Mr. Haney asked why a maximum number was set. Mr. Jim Lay explained that the maximum price was determined after the last review of the drawings and factoring in the alternative delivery method. Mr. Haney asked why the price was more than the original \$12 million. Mr. Lay answered that the College has since added additional items that were unknowns in the beginning.

Mr. Spivey told the Board that a subcommittee was formed to recommend a name for the new health professions building. He said the subcommittee came forward with the recommendation to name the building the Center for Health Professions. Mr. Haney asked if naming the building would interfere with a donor naming opportunity. Mr. Vasquez said that the planning of the signage will easily allow for easy addition of a donor's name on the building. Mr. Vasquez appreciated the group for their assistance in coming forward with a name.

Approval of Naming the Health Professions Building: Center for Health Professions

Mr. Lawson moved and Mr. Lundy seconded the motion to approve the naming of the Health Professions Building: Center for Health Professions. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)

Mr. Lundy moved and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price. The motion passed unanimously

Foundation Board

Mr. Clifford said the Foundation Executive Committee met on June 9th. He said during the meeting Mrs. Meredith Brunen shared a PowerPoint explaining the direction of the Foundation for the year. He said there was also discussion on the budget and lottery scholarships. He added that the Foundation Board will meet later in the week.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz told the Board about the loss of two members of the College community. She explained that Mr. Frank Bailey and Dr. John Story had both passed away recently. She said the College had been going through a difficult time and asked the Board to keep the faculty and staff in their thoughts. Mr. Vasquez sent condolences to those touched by the loss of Mr. Bailey and Dr. Story.

Dr. Steve Gates went through the Five Year Strategic Planning document with the group. He reiterated that the document would be changing. He discussed the pillars that the Five Year Plan would be formed around. He explained that the next step would be for the Five Year Strategic Planning Committee to meet and provide a progress report at either the September or October Board meeting. Dr. Gates said the full plan would be presented at the January Board Retreat.

Dr. Paneitz said she recommended reporting out on the plan four times per year beginning in January. Mr. Lawson said that her recommendation sounded appropriate. Dr. Gates reminded the Board that the plan would be a living document.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Vasquez said the Board did not add diversity to the One Year Goals at the July Retreat. He said the Board should add diversity back into the goals for the year. He said that diversity has to be intentional and start at the top. He challenged the Board to make diversity an area of focus for the College.

Mr. Clifford said that diversity can take a lot of forms. Mr. Haney added that accessibility tags along to diversity. He said he is pleased that Dr. Paneitz and the Cabinet have made diversity important to the College. Mr. Spivey said that since diversity takes so many forms, the College should create their definition of diversity.

Mr. Vasquez asked Dr. Gates to integrate diversity into the One Year Goals. Dr. Paneitz said that the College would use data on the diversity trends to address diversity in the plan.

Mr. Vasquez reminded the Board to let Mrs. Miranda Smith know which upcoming events they planned to attend. He thanked the staff that put together the July Board Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Chairperson

Mr. Randy Lawson, Secretary