

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, May 9, 2011**

MINUTES

Chair Alex Vasquez called the Board of Trustees of NorthWest Arkansas Community College meeting to order on Monday, May 9th, at 4:31 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, Mike Shupe, Hadley Hindmarsh

Also in Attendance: Dr. Becky Paneitz

RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Coca Cola New Century Scholar: Ms. Sharon Fox

Dr. Paneitz introduced and played a video about Coca Cola New Century Scholar, Ms. Sharon Fox. Ms. Fox said thank you to the Board and to the NWACC College community. She said that she hopes to someday come back to teach at NWACC. Dr. Paneitz and Mr. Vasquez presented her with a plaque and certificate.

Sabbatical Report: Mr. Carey Chaney

Dr. Paneitz introduced Mr. Carey Chaney, sabbatical recipient. Mr. Chaney thanked the College for the opportunity to take a sabbatical. He said that he took this time to enroll in three courses at the University of Arkansas. He presented a PowerPoint on the Forest Ecology, Cell Physiology, and Special Topics in Microbiology courses he completed. He explained to the Board that took a lot from these courses and has already used information in his classes this semester.

Mr. Chaney said that the second part of his sabbatical was to learn microscope photography. He explained that he created a database of about 200 photos that could be used by College faculty and students. He said the database had already been helpful in making up lab classes due to snow days.

Ms. Hindmarsh asked Mr. Chaney if he enjoyed taking courses. He answered that he was anxious at the beginning, but really enjoyed being in the library and studying. He said it reinforced his love of learning. Mr. Vasquez thanked Mr. Chaney for his report. Dr. Paneitz told the Board that Ms. Cindy King would be the next faculty member to take a sabbatical.

Recognition: Dr. John Tuthill

Dr. Paneitz and Mr. Vasquez presented Dr. John Tuthill with a plaque. Dr. Tuthill told the group that he has had an amazing four years at NWACC. He said he learned a lot during his time at the College. The Board thanked Dr. Tuthill for his service.

Recognition: Dr. Adam Arroyos

Dr. Paneitz and Mr. Vasquez presented Dr. Adam Arroyos with a plaque. Dr. Arroyos thanked the group. He said his group accomplished a lot over the past year. Mr. Vasquez appreciated Dr. Arroyos for his service.

MINUTES**Regular Board Meeting – April 25, 2011**

Mr. Spivey moved and Mr. Shupe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 25, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Advocacy Committee**

Mr. Haney told the Board the Advocacy Committee sponsored Legislative Reception went very well. He added that they also held a lunch with Senator Kim Hendren to show appreciation for his work with the College.

Mr. Jim Hall said the Advocacy Committee met on April 28th to discuss the new funding formula. He said the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) Coordinating Board will vote on the need based funding formula in October. He added that the ADHE is creating committees consisting of College employees from across the state to help put together the formula. He told the Board that the names of 25 NWACC employees were submitted to volunteer to serve on committees.

Mr. Vasquez said the reception was a great event for the College. He thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Haney for their work with the Legislators. Mr. Spivey added that the reception was a great opportunity to be engaged with the Legislators.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Paneitz asked the Board to keep Dr. Steve Gates in their thoughts and prayers. She explained that his mother passed away. Mr. Vasquez asked that Dr. Paneitz send Dr. Gates condolences from the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Vasquez appreciated the Board for their involvement and engagement in all the events currently happening at the College. He added that there has been terrific media coverage surrounding the events. Dr. Paneitz said Mr. Clifford had attended all ceremonies surrounding commencement so far. Mr. Clifford told the group the events show the wide path that the College makes in the community.

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS**Approval of Provisional Positions**

Mr. Marty Parsons explained that approving the provisional positions is a standard yearly process. He said the Board's approval creates placeholders for externally funded positions.

Approval of Provisional Positions

Mr. Shupe moved and Mr. Lawson seconded the motion to approve provisional positions. The motion passed unanimously.

MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:12 PM

RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM

OTHER BOARD ACTION ITEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS**Approval of Resolution to Approve Dr. Rebecca Paneitz's Annual Salary in Excess of Maximum Amount**

Mr. Lawson moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve Dr. Rebecca Paneitz's annual salary in excess of maximum amount. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Resolution to Adopting Use of Act 1404 of 2001 Authorizing Dr. Paneitz's Salary

Mr. Shupe moved and Mr. Spivey seconded the motion to approve the resolution adopting use of act 1404 of 2001 authorizing Dr. Paneitz's salary. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Mr. Alex Vasquez, Chairperson

Mr. Randy Lawson, Secretary