

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BI-MONTHLY MEETING
Southwestern Community College

September 24, 2019 – SCC Macon Campus

Attending:

Trustees

Jeff Cloer Jeremy Hyatt
Doug Cody Luke D. Hyde
Vance Davidson Libby Knight
Jean Ellen Forrister Gary Shields
Karl Gillespie Lambert Wilson
Ken Henke

College Staff

Don Tomas
William Brothers
Nan Coulter
Cheryl Davids
Johnathan Dean

Guests

Luke Gillespie, Brett Rogers

Absent

Mark Jones, Stephen Steen

The Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College (SCC) met for their bi-monthly meeting on September 24, 2019 in the Entegra Bank Board Room of the Cecil L. Groves Center on the Macon campus.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lambert Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and read the Ethics and Conflict of Interest statement.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS' MINUTES

Mr. Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of July 23, 2019. Mr. Cloer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Ms. Forrister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Tomas gave a review and timeline of the events precipitating locking down the Jackson Campus on Monday, September 16, 2019, and the results of the employee and student debriefings. The College anticipates a joint debriefing with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office and Jackson County Emergency Management.

Dr. Tomas introduced Mr. Brett Rogers, newly appointed to the Board of Trustees by the Macon County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rogers expressed his enthusiasm to join the Board.

Dr. Tomas reported that he had no new legislative or budget information to share with the Board.

Dr. Tomas, Ms. Knight and Ms. Forrister will be attending the NCACCT Western Region Trustee Training Seminar on September 30 at Lake Junaluska Conference Center, and Mr. Davidson and he are attending the 2019 ACCT Annual Congress in San Francisco Oct 16 through 20. SCC will not be making any presentations this year at the Annual Congress.

Dr. Tomas informed the Board that the College will be conducting a retreat for the Board of Trustees, and proposed scheduling this retreat for Friday, February 21, 2020, with a snow date of Friday, February 28. Following discussion, the Board affirmed the proposed retreat dates.

Dr. Tomas gave an update on the Boots, Blue Jeans and Bling Gala held on September 7 at Harrah's Cherokee Resort and Casino. This year's Gala netted approximately \$15,000 more than the 2018 Gala. Harrah's announced that they are giving the College a \$15,000 endowed scholarship, and an anonymous guest at the Gala pledged \$10,000 to student scholarships.

CURRICULUM AND STUDENT SERVICES

Ms. Libby Knight, the Chair of Curriculum and Student Services Committee, asked Dr. Cheryl Davids, Dean of the Macon campus, to report on Curriculum and Student Services.

Dr. Davids reported that Workforce Continuing Education FTE for Spring 2019 is up 12% due to Table Gaming/Dealer Training and Job Corps Culinary enrollment.

Dr. Davids introduced Mr. Luke Gillespie, currently enrolled in the SCC Nursing program. Mr. Gillespie related to the Board how SCC has dramatically improved his life and prepared him for a successful future.

FINANCE AND CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT

Mr. Cody, the Chair of Finance and Campus Improvement, asked Mr. William Brothers, Vice President for Financial and Administrative Services, to report to the Trustees on Finance and Campus Improvement.

Mr. Brothers reviewed the Local Revenue Analysis and State Budget Expenditures with the Board. The NCGA has not yet approved an annual budget.

There were no Action Items or Budget Transfers this period.

FACILITY UPDATE

Mr. Brothers presented the Facilities Update, informing the Board that the retaining walls and ramps have been poured on the Health Sciences building, and the backfill and footers are finished. The structural steel will start going up around the first week in October. Mr. Brothers reported that the water sampling conducted in August at the Firing Range revealed that the lead content was well below acceptable range, and another water sample will be tested in a few months. Mr. Brothers informed the Board that the College has met with the architects on the Fire Rescue Training Facility to review all potential sites, including the Macon Army National Guard Armory. The Macon County Commissioners accepted the Statement of Intent from the College to use the Armory as part of the site for the Fire Rescue Training Facility, and the Commissioners are awaiting final receipt of the property, which is estimated for January 2020.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Under Action Items, Mr. Wilson presented the Full Time and Part Time Employees Lists for review and approval. Following review, Mr. Gillespie made a motion to approve the Full Time and Part Time Employee Lists, which was seconded by Mr. Cloer and passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Wilson requested a motion to go into Closed Session under G. S. 143-318.11(a)(2) Honorary Awards. Mr. Davidson made the motion to go into Closed Session, which was seconded by Mr. Cody and passed unanimously. The Board went into Closed Session at 5:44 p.m.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 6:05 p.m., having taken no action in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Gillespie made a motion to accept a proposal from the WNC Bridge Foundation to donate \$400,000 to the College for naming rights to the lobby of the new Health Sciences building. Mr. Cloer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Cody made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hyde seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Lambert Wilson, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Don Tomas, Secretary
Board of Trustees