

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barry Bloom-Chair, Sandy Sanders-Vice Chair, Sam Allen, Steve Sirmans, Steve Sumner, Guy Daughtrey, Hal Wiley

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Terri Lupo Ronald Mitchell, Andi McWhorter, Terrell Jacobs, Jennifer Powell, Jennifer Powell, Florence Staten

**SENIOR STAFF PRESENT**

Dr. Tina Anderson, Dr. Ron O'Meara, RaMona Paulk, Keren Wynn, April McDuffie, Dr. Shawn Utley, Lidell Greenway Angela Hobby, Lisa Tomberlin, Brandy Wilkes

**SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT**

Dr. Bonnie Kelly, Roxane Gay, Holly Greene, Shalonda Sanders

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by Chairman Barry Bloom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

The Board of Directors recited the pledge to the American flag.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** *Breanna Kelch, WGTC GOAL Winner; Lydia Hubert, GOAL Coordinator; Jesse Davis, WGTC Rick Perkins Winner; Nicole West, Rick Perkins Coordinator*

**APPROVE MINUTES**

- Sam Allen, seconded by Guy Daughtrey, made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2016 board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Department Updates**

**Financial Summary** (Keren Wynn)

- We are in about 75 percent of the year for our financials. The comparison of revenue for FY 2015 and FY2016 indicates that we have taken in slightly more than in FY2015. Revenue is \$22,856,633 versus \$21,392,918 last year. Expenses for FY2016 are \$18,705,340 and the same time last year were \$18,258,365. We have spent approximately \$450,000 more this year. The board members expressed their amazement at how Wiregrass and other technical colleges were able to maintain their budget knowing that they were working with less.

**Enrollment Management** (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment is 3,508 for the spring semester. High school enrollment is 1,016. We are -1.1 percent lower enrollment from last spring semester. We have begun new retention efforts for future semester enrollment. Summer goal is 1,900 students, we are currently at 1,370 students.

**Adult Education Services** (Alvin Payton, Jr. turned the report over to April McDuffie)

- Mr. Payton has graciously accepted the new assignment as VP for Community Relations and Minority Enrollment. April McDuffie will lead our Adult Education/GED group under the leadership

of Dr. Shawn Utley in Academic Affairs. The AES group has been reassigned under Academic Affairs.

- April McDuffie reported enrollment of 1,217 in area counties. High percentage of completions in Berrien, Ben Hill and Lowndes counties. Total level completers are 560.

#### **Continuing Ed & Economic Development** (Lidell Greenway)

- In June, Wiregrass will have awarded 700 scholarships and certificates to area students in Driver's Education, totaling \$245,000.
- Next week is the Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon in Atlanta. Our nominees are Southern Veneer Products and Elixir Industries #24.

#### **Academic Affairs Update** (Dr. Shawn Utley)

- Four new programs were sent to TCSG for approval.
  - Fundamentals Skills of Culinary TCC for Valdosta campus
  - ASN for Coffee campus
  - Railroad Repair and Welding Technician I for BHI campus
  - Railroad Repair and Welding Technician II for BHI campus
- We will begin a Diesel Tech program for the detention center in Nichols. We have already established 15 slots to do internships. We hope to start in August.

#### **Research and Strategic Initiatives** (Dr. Ron O'Meara)

- Presented the Academic Calendar for FY2017.

#### **Campus Operations** (verbal report from Lisa Tomberlin)

- Coffee Building- show pictures of new completed building on a PowerPoint.
  - Dr. Anderson signed and accepted the building last Friday, April 15.
  - July 21 is the ribbon cutting at 10 AM.
  - We will be the only technical college that has a career academy on the campus.

#### **Institutional Advancement – Foundation North** (RaMona Paulk)

- Received funds to add to Marion Massee scholarship, we are at \$8,250.
- Wilcox State Bank is investing in our lending library. They will purchase five History, English and Psychology books.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

- Introduce GOAL/Rick Perkins/EAGLE winners to the local board.
- Breana Kelch, GOAL student, and Jesse Davis, Rick Perkins Teacher of the Year, did their speeches for GOAL/Rick Perkins.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

- Keep these dates in mind. We will send an invitation out. July 21 will be the ribbon cutting at the Coffee Center. The Governor and Commissioner will hopefully be here for a luncheon at 12 noon on that day. We will then do a name change ceremony for Irwin Hall at 1:30 pm.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT**

- Florence has asked to establish a nominating committee, the members are Guy Daughtrey, Florence Staten and Hal Wiley.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree