



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Ben Hill- Irwin Campus
Economic Development Center, Room 705
May 18, 2017
OFFICIAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Sanders-Chair, Barry Bloom, Freddie Broome, Jason Manley, Andi McWhorter
Jennifer Powell, Steve Sirmans Florence Staten, Hal Wiley

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Chase Daughtrey, Ronald Mitchell, Brad Shealy, Steve Sumner

SENIOR STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tina Anderson, Dr. Shawn Utley, Lisa Tomberlin, Dr. Ron O'Meara, Angela Hobby, Lidell Greenway, RaMonna Paulk, April McDuffie, Shalonda Sanders, Dr. Bonnie Kelly, Dr. Jammie Wilbanks, Roy Warren, Jim Goodson, Cheryl Acree

SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT

Brandy Wilkes, Holly Greene

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by Chairman Sandy Sanders.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

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

SPECIAL GUESTS: Ben Copeland, TCSG State Board Member; Dr. Jammie Wilbanks, Dean, Advising and Retention Center; Roy Warren, Dean, Advising and Retention Center; Jim Goodson; Department Chair, Professional Services/Program Coordinator, Fire Science Technology; Tim Allmond, WGTC Chief of Police.

Jason Manley was sworn in as a local board member by Tim Allmond, WGTC Chief of Police.

APPROVE MINUTES

- Freddie Broome, seconded by Steve Sirmans, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 9, 2017 the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department Updates

Financial Summary (Dr. Tina Anderson in the absence of Keren Wynn)

- Financial Report was submitted as of April 30, 2017 which is 83% of the fiscal year. Revenue is \$27,165,922, which is 78.9% versus 82.1% of the revenue last year. Expenses for FY2017 are \$23,709,228 and the same time last year were \$21,156,837. We are looking good overall. The Georgia DOC grants are slowing coming in.

Enrollment Management (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment has gone up since this report was submitted it is listed as 1,911 for summer semester 2017. Since the Dept. of Corrections contracts we have had a 3% increase in enrollment.

Academic Affairs (Dr. Shawn Utlely)

- Presented four programs for approval. One degree in Automotive Technology and three technical certificates of credit: Automotive Collision Mechanical/Electrical Helper; Basic Machinist; Mill Operator. Jason Manley properly motioned to approve the four programs, seconded by Barry Bloome. The motion carried unanimously.

Adult Education Services (April McDuffie)

- Currently have 1,576 students enrolled with 12 hours.
- 2,022 students have been served
- Total GED Graduates are 96 for FY17.

Economic Development (in the absence of Lidell Greenway)

- By the end of March, we exceeded our goal for this year. WE had 47,475 training hours
- The DOC has invited us to come back next year to teach more ServSafe and OSHA classes.
- We nominated First String as our Manufacture of the Year.

Institutional Effectiveness (Dr. Bonnie Kelly)

- Current mission statement discussion to see if anything needed to be added or taken out. Jason Manley, seconded by Florence Staten, made a motion to approve the mission statement as it is written. The motion carried unanimously.
- Update on Accreditations, currently have 9 programs accredited within 24 months.
- Will submit NACEF application in 14 days.
- Within 30 days ACEN self-study is due; visit will be in September.
- Begin PAR visit
- Dr. Anderson stated that we have not had a single misstep for any of the accreditations. All Allied Health program levels will be accredited.

Foundation North Update

- Audit completed by Clenny, Powell and Rentz from Albany. There were no findings.
- Awarded 108 students with tuition/fees and/or books Spring semester.
- Created a lending library. Purchased books and students have to sign for them.
- Fisherman's Fund- anonymous donor given \$5,000 over time for additional student expenses like transportation, childcare or educational expenses.
- A Talk with the President, breakfast or luncheons scheduled to discuss "What's Happening at Wiregrass".

Jim Goodson, Department Chair for Professional Services and Fire Science Program Coordinator presented the letter congratulating him on achieving Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) recognition. Prior to 1999 fire science was stagnate but now with backing from HLS and FEMA students will have a state and national credential. This is an important step for our fire science students. It is a nationally recognized achievement and will benefit the program as well as fire sciences students when they graduate. Thirty-one of fifty states participate in this opportunity.

Dr. Jammie Wilbanks, Dean of Advising and Retention Center (ARC), and Roy Warren, Dean, ARC presented a PowerPoint to discuss what the ARC does to help students and what the mission is for the ARC.

Ben Copeland, TCSG State Board Member and Valdosta Lowndes Hospital Authority Board Member spoke about the uniqueness of being on the state board to promote Tech Education. He has been on the board since 1988 and the service of being on the board. He serves as the chairman on the Adult Education Committee and Academic Affairs Committee and how pleased he was about the progress of WGTC.

He spoke about:

- The new allied health building slated for the Valdosta campus.
- The Hospital Authority pledged \$1 million toward the building. It is on the list of the top three in the state, projected as a \$28 million project. A goal has been set to raise \$5 million. Wiregrass also has another \$1 million donor. The hospital has 89 unfilled positions that will advocate for this building.
- He also spoke about how important MOWR was to students across the state.
- Apprenticeship opportunities for students.
- How important Adult Education is to the community.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Dr. Anderson thanked everyone for their part in the board meeting.
- Campus Carry Act bill has passed; we will receive a lot of training but will refer all questions to TCSG as we follow the law. Chief Allmond will work to inform faculty, staff and students about CCA.
- Four of our RN students pass the boards

Old Business

New Business

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting will be June 8, 2017 on the Valdosta Campus at 12 noon.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree