



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Valdosta Campus
Lowndes Hall, Connell Board Room
June 8, 2017
OFFICIAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hal Wiley, Vice-Chair; Barry Bloom, Freddie Broome, Jason Manley, Terrell Jacobs, Jennifer Powell, Florence Staten, Steve Sumner, Ronald Mitchell, Brad Shealy,

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Chase Daughtrey, Andi McWhorter, Steve Sirmans, Sandy Sanders

SENIOR STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tina Anderson, Dr. Shawn Utley, Lisa Tomberlin, Dr. Ron O'Meara, Angela Hobby, Lidell Greenway, Shalonda Sanders, Dr. Alvin Payton, Holly Greene, April McDuffie, Keren Wynn, Cheryl Acree

SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT

Brandy Wilkes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m. by Vice Chairman Hal Wiley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES

- Jennifer Powell, seconded by Jason Manley, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2017 the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department Updates

Financial Summary (Keren Wynn)

- Financial Report was submitted as of May 31, 2017 which is 92% of the fiscal year. Revenue is \$29,636,055, which is 85.3% versus 88.8% of the revenue last year. Expenses for FY2017 are \$27,215,943 and the same time last year were \$21,156,837. We are closing out the year in a good position with only a few weeks left.
- Proposed Operating Budget FY 2018 was submitted, the revenue budgeted for FY2018 came in at \$34, 531,079, which is slightly more than last year's budget. We have an increase in Dept. of Corrections funds with the new agreements. State funds increase of \$258,505 and local funds increase of \$1,091.325. The total increase for this coming budget comes out to be \$1,127,344. We will bring the actual completed figures in July.

Enrollment Management (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment is listed as 1,903 for summer semester 2017. We have the highest high school attendance for summer this semester. BHI campus has 28% increase in enrollment, CFE has an increase of 45%. Military enrollment is up 5%. This is the last day to drop students as we purged approximately 75-100 students last week.

Adult Education Services (April McDuffie)

- Currently have 1,650 students enrolled with 12 hours.
- 2,074 students have been served
- Total GED Graduates are 213 for FY17.
- Contract with Goodwill for GED classes, ESL and will provide childcare and help students find a job.

Economic Development (in the absence of Lidell Greenway)

- We have finished the DOC contract meeting our goal of 1,540 OSHA and ServeSafe. We will start back up in July.
- Working with Dr. Payton on a softskills program GROW (Get Ready for Outside World). The program is very well received.
- Drivers Education – we are the top driver’s education in the state.

Presentation on Distance Education by Sally Dorminey, Exec. Director of Distance Education.

- Back in 1999, at VTI, we offered 2 courses, now we have over 320 online courses
- Blackboard earning services
 - Web enhanced courses, enhanced by the internet, 1,800 college-wide
 - Hybrid courses are part time online and part time face-to-face.
 - Over 2,500 courses in Black Board
 - Spring of next year Black Board and Banner will automatically connect information with each other.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

- We have three new board members coming aboard soon.
 - Dr. Mark Sutton – Fitzgerald High School, Ben Hill County
 - Paul King – King HVAC, Echols County
 - Alfalene Walker- Georgia Dept. of Labor, Coffee County
- Dr. Anderson will be on annual leave next week
 - House Higher Ed committee will be here on Thursday morning. Amy Carter is leading some local legislators around the South Georgia area colleges.
- Dr. Anderson is doing something new called Talks with Tina, where she sits down with a focus group and discuss what is new at WGTC. She answers questions about anything that we are doing and ask what we should be doing. Hal Wiley discussed being and advocate for the college and Barry Bloom stated that WGTC has a big impact on the community.
- A new marketing campaign at the Governor’s office level. Angela Hobby and the marketing team are looking at ways to improve our processes.

Old Business

New Business

- Dr. Anderson presented certificates and a framed photo of the Wiregrass Fountain to Terrell Jacobs, Florence Staten, and Hal Wiley for their dedication to the local board as their terms ended.
- Proposed meeting dates were discussed. The options were 2nd, 3rd or 4th Thursdays in the month for eight meeting per year. Ronald Mitchell, seconded by Freddie Broome, made a motion to approve the dates of the second Thursday of the month, meeting at 12 noon except for November 5-8 Annual Leadership meeting in Savannah, GA. The motion carried unanimously.
- A nominating committee made of the three members: Terrell Jacobs, Florence Staten, and Hal Wiley discussed nominations for next year's chairman and vice chairman. The nominations were: Chairman: Andi McWhorter and Steve Sirmans; Vice Chairman: Col. Ronald Mitchell and Steve Sumner. After contacting each member regarding their nominations, Andi McWhorter declined the nomination for Chairman and Steve Sirmans accepted the nomination. Col Ronald Mitchell accepted the nomination for Vice Chairman. They will be voted into office at the beginning of the July meeting.
- Graduation will be in Tifton at the UGA Center on Thursday, July 13 at 10 am. The board members were invited to attend the ceremony and have the next board meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting will be July 13 at the UGA Center in Tifton after graduation.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 1:22 pm.
- Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree

Addendum to Minutes:

The academic calendar was not get presented to the board in time. It was sent to them and a vote to approve the academic calendar was done by teleconferencing. Barry Bloome, seconded by Hal Wiley to approve the academic calendar. The motion carried unanimously.