

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Valdosta Campus
Connell Boardroom
12 PM

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Lane Hughes, Dr. Mark Sutton, Rebecca Corbett, Matt Seale, Amanda Ramshead Joe Brownlee, Ronnie Dean, Lisa Sumner, Dr. Rodney Green
MEMBERS ABSENT: Bradfield Shealy, Phaydra Crews, Alfalene Walker, Dr. Joi Williams
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements), April McDuffie, Lidell Greenway, Michael Williams, David Vanlandingham, Elizabeth Vickers, Shannon McConico, Shalonda Sanders, Keren Wynn, DeAnnia Edwards, Charmane Glenn, Susan Jones
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Tim Allmond, Casey Thompson, Brandy Wilkes, Ken Strickland, Mona MacKenzie, Kelly Peacock

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm by Sue Lane Hughes.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a blessing for the meal was given by Dr. Mark Sutton.

The minutes from the September, 6, 2023, meeting were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Joe Brownlee and properly seconded by Dr. Mark Sutton. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

Academic and Enrollment Highlights:

Introduced QEP presenters Charmane Glenn and Deanna Edwards.

Introduced David Vanlandingham, Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness.

Overall enrollment is up 9.6%; with an increase of 15.6% in traditional enrollment.

Placing Wiregrass #1 in the state in this category.

Recent Events/Announcements:

Discussed recent SACSCOC conference held the previous weekend.

Reported on critical hiring for Nursing and Automotive programs.

Douglas CDL project has broken ground.

1st class anticipated January 2025.

CFE Career Academy was a success.

Opticianry program on VLD campus is being closed due to persistent low enrollment.

Leaving only one such program in the state.

New programs are beginning on VLD campus.

Medical Tech.

Feeder program for Phlebotomy.

EDA Grant awarded.

Currently in bid progress.

Large Truist donation received for Aviation program equipment.

Department Updates

Academic Affairs Service Update: (April McDuffie)

Presented New program for approval.

Diesel Equipment Technology Diploma.

A motion to approve this program was made by Matt Seale and properly seconded by Joe Brownlee. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Presented New program for approval.

Medical Laboratory Assistant TCC.

A motion to approve this program was made by Ronnie Dean and properly seconded by Matt Seale. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Reported on SACS review due in February, considered a “graduated review.” The off-site SACS review will continue through May and the on-site SACS review is scheduled for September 16-19, 2024.

Quality Enhancement Plan Update (Charmane Glenn and Deanna Edwards)

QEP data showed that online students struggle more than those taking classes on campus.

Over 50% of students take at least one class online.

Often web enhanced or hybrid if not fully online.

QEP topics narrowed by topic committee and voted on by entire campus.

Data driven in all aspects.

Focus is on student success/student support and training and support for online instructors. Assessing effectiveness of intervention through pre-post student surveys, QA tools, data analysis, follow-up.

QEP structure will be adjusted as needed based on data.

Logo contest conducted to engage students, staff, and faculty.

Assessment and implementation committees decided on multi prong response.

My Math Lab.

Enhanced online tutoring.

Partnering with GA Tech to utilize AI tools for peer tutoring match.

Partnering with Vanderbilt to utilize AI to transition course materials & boost student engagement.

Administrative Services Update (Keren Wynn)

Report represents 33% of budget spent.

Overall budget is larger than prior academic year.

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams)

Reported on career days initiative.

Goodwill training continues to be a success.

Hazmat for CDL trainings planned for Spring.

Drone operation class planned for Spring.

Possible Fast Track Academy in Spring.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

High % growth in enrollment expected.

Expect to exceed enrollment goals.

Wiregrass is still 300-400 off of pre-Covid enrollment numbers.
Utilizing Static X and Navigate to boost outreach and recruitment.

Foundation Update (Elizabeth Vickers)

Foundation South issued \$118,000 in student scholarships.
Foundation North issued \$56,000 in student scholarships.
July – present Foundation South received \$227,000 in donations.
Donor event, “Corks n’ Forks” is scheduled for March 14, 2024.

Board Recommendations (Susan Jones)

Proposed an amendment of Local Board By-laws, Article V. Section 2, Teleconferencing: to restrict the number of meetings attended by teleconferencing counting as "present" to no more than two per calendar year, per member; and requiring any member joining virtually to provide their physical location prior to the meeting.

A motion to approve this proposal was made by Dr. Rodney Green and properly seconded by Joe Brownlee. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Chairman COMMENTS:

Next meeting: Valdosta Campus, Connell Boardroom, January 3, 2023.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 pm was given by Sue Lane Hughes and was properly seconded by Dr. Mark Sutton. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Jones.