

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Cook County Workforce Development Center
Room 113
12:00 Noon

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

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Dr. Mark Sutton.

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

Special Guest:

Sabrina Cox, Dean of Distance Education and Academic Success, introduced GOAL student winner, Ms. Madison Garcia. Ms. Garcia then spoke briefly to the board about her educational journey and her experiences as a military wife and non-traditional student.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from February 7, 2024 meeting were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Ronnie Dean and properly seconded by Lisa Sumner. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Departmental Updates

Academic Affairs Update (April McDuffie)

Discussed changes to Pell Grant program and subsequent changes to program curriculum.

- Will embed some core level components into program content.

- Some diplomas changing to TCCs to minimize financial aid impact on students.

- Changes will take 1-2 years to fully implement and will allow students in the pipeline to

- Finish under current standards, depending on program.

Presented new programs to the board.

- Associate in Science in Allied Health Professions

- Cosmetology for Licensure

A motion to approve the programs as presented was made by Matt Seale and properly seconded by Lisa Sumner. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Administrative Services (Keren Wynn)

Financial services update represents 69.6% of revenue spent and 59% of total expenses.
Total revenue remaining is \$15,381,622.
Total expenses are \$18,826,895.
WGTC has experienced a 44% decrease in personnel costs.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

Unduplicated student count is 6297, up 2.2% over previous academic year.
Applications submitted for Spring 2024 total 3,255, of which 56%, 1,813, were accepted.
A large percentage of applications were incomplete, numbering at 1442.
Highest five programs include early College Essentials, Cosmetology, Nursing Technician, Salon & Spa Support Specialist, Welding & Joining Technology.
Presented AY25 calendar t board for approval.

A motion to approve the AY25 calendar as shown was made by Matt Seale and properly seconded by Ronnie Dean. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Economic Development Update (Joshua Whittingham for Michael Williams)

Goodwill training is doing well. Had 10-11 students complete 150 hours construction training.
PLA (prior learning assessment) is conducted to minimize repetitive training.
DOC remains largest % of training contract hours.
Drone class was very successful and will be repeated.
Conducted on CFE campus end of this month.
Destiny 1 is the new software platform for Continuing Education course registration.

Adult Education Services Update (April McDuffie for Kelly Peacock)

Grant renewal pending.
IET met benchmarks for graduates.
MSG per educational functioning level was 37.52%.
HSE FY24 total number of students was 196.
FY24 Student count was 749.

Foundation/Fundraising Update

March 14th conducted Corks n Forks fundraising event with 153 attendees.
Total cost was \$18,244 and net profit was \$15,954.
CFE Topping Off ceremony in planning stages.
Invitations have been sent.
Employee Recognition event upcoming.
Spring scholarships have been awarded.
New donor tracking software to be implemented.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

Wiregrass has a new mascot pending.
Campus Directors for CFE and BHI have been hired.
Employee Engagement position for VLD pending.
Intended to reduce turnover and improve employee morale.
Facilities Ugliest Lab competition pending
Topping Off Ceremony for CFE campus scheduled for April 18th.

New Capital Outlay request to be submitted.

EDA bid process in progress for BHI bathroom renovations.

Fifty restrooms to be renovated to meet ADA compliance.

Legislative updates include:

SB 399 for 2+2 agreements and transferable credits.

SB 440 for the accredited degree programs has changed from a pilot program to official.

HSB 942 generates a high demand career list and codifies that list among multiple agencies.

Governor Kemp has implemented a 4% raise for all state employees, up to a \$3000 limit.

Formula funding was increased due to higher enrollment.

Up \$9.4 million system-wide.

Wiregrass is #4 in state for enrollment.

Upcoming events:

Spring Break.

Strategic Planning April 8th.

President's Roundtable scheduled for April 18th on Coffee Campus.

Topping Off Ceremony April 18th, following Roundtable event.

June Washington DC Fly-In event with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce.

Will join June board meeting remotely.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman COMMENTS:

Next meeting is August 7, 2024 on the Ben-Hill Irwin Campus, Charles Harris Learning Center, 12 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:13 pm was given by Ronnie Dean and properly seconded by Matt Seale. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Jones