



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Valdosta Campus
Lowndes Hall, Connell Board Room

August 10, 2017

OFFICIAL MINUTES

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT Sandy Sanders,(acting Chair); Barry Bloom, Paul King, Andi McWhorter, Ronald Mitchell, (teleconferenced); Jennifer Powell, Steve Sumner, Mark Sutton
MEMBERS ABSENT Chase Daughtrey, Steve Sirmans, Freddie Broome, Jason Manley, Bradfield Shealy, Steve Sirmans
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT Dr. Tina Anderson, Lisa Tomberlin, Dr. Ron O'Meara, Angela Hobby, Shalonda Sanders, Dr. Alvin Payton, April McDuffie, Cheryl Acree
SENIOR STAFF ABSENT Brandy Wilkes, Dr. Shawn Utley, Lidell Greenway, Holly Greene, Keren Wynn, Ken Strickland

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 pm by acting Chairman Sandy Sanders. Ronald Mitchell called into the meeting by teleconferencing. The Board of Directors recited the pledge to the American flag.

New board members Paul King and Mark Sutton were sworn in by Tim Allmond, WGTC Chief of Police.

Steve Sumner seconded by Jennifer Powell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 8, 2017 the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Acting Chairman, Sandy Sanders recognized special guest Shandolyn Smith from USDA. Shandolyn gave a summary of a letters of condition for USDA grants. She summarized the \$25,000 grant agreement for CDL trucks and a \$41,000 grant agreement for Mechatronics and asked for approval from the board to proceed. A motion was placed by Steve Sumner, seconded by Jennifer Powell to proceed with the grant and have Dr. Anderson sign the letters of condition on their behalf. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department Updates

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

- Fiscal year-end report for 2017 was presented at 100% complete. Under expenses there were several figures in the negative, but Dr. Anderson explained that there was no overspending in the budget, there was plenty of funds to cover. Several of the amounts were due to Dept. of Corrections memorandum of understandings with Economic Development. No shortages, overall we are in good shape to close out the year.

Enrollment Management (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment is listed as 1,522 for summer semester 2017 but the corrected enrollment for summer according to Angela Hobby was 2,617 students. We finished the summer enrollment with an increase of 3.6%. The goal for high schools for the year is approximately 1,400. The increase of 35% of enrollment is MOWR.

Academic Affairs (Kathryn Ogletree in the absence of Dr. Shawn Utley)

- Graphic Design Assistant TCC was presented to the board as a MOWR/Dual Enrollment program for the high schools. Three of the classes will continue into the diploma/degree program. The program is 12 credit hours and the approximate enrollment is 50 students. Barry Bloom, seconded by Steve Sumner made a motion to approved the program for MOWR/DE students. The motion carried unanimously.

Adult Education Services (April McDuffie)

- Currently have 353 students enrolled with 12 hours.
- 574 students have been served
- Total GED Graduates are 208 for FY17.
- We will begin evening classes at Ben Hill County Pre-K in September.
- Offering GED classes in the afternoon at Goodwill through GED connect.

Presentation on Military and Veterans Affairs by Tabor Temple, Military and Veterans Affairs Coordinator

A presentation on the services that Wiregrass offers for the veterans. She explained that we have a testing satellite on Moody AFB and a veteran's lounge set up USO style for the veterans on the Valdosta campus.

- We offer veterans a safe place when classes get to be too much and they need to unwind.
- WGTC has increased its veteran's population 19% and is the 13th nationwide for taking care of veterans.
- The testing center at Moody AFB is considered one of the top 5 centers by offering CLEP and other testing to active duty, military dependents and retired veterans.
- We also offer the CCAF fast track program.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Dr. Anderson thanked Tabora for working with the veterans.
- Dr. Anderson stated that her evaluation with the commissioner was coming up and discussed the benchmarks.

- Wiregrass had three winners at the National SkillsUSA, gold, silver and bronze. We are putting training in place to work with students that come back with winning in their programs.
- CDL trucks will receive new wrap on trailers with help from the Foundations of \$50,000.
- Starting a Behavioral Intervention Team, called BLADE (Building Links Against Destructive Events) to help students, faculty and staff deal with stressful situations. Shalonda Sanders will be the lead.
- World Class Labs – three years ago TCSG asked the technical colleges to make a list of equipment that would be needed for the programs. Mechatronics, welding
- Cocktails with Tina – event by Angela Crance at 5:30 pm in Brooks County.
- Aging Well Symposium – September 18, 5:30 PM
- Corks & Forks – October 12, 6PM

Old Business

New Business

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting will be September 14 at the BHI Campus, Economic Development.
 - Meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.
- Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree