



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
BHI Campus
Charles Harris Learning Center Auditorium
February 8, 2018
OFFICIAL MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Sirmans (Chair), Ronald Mitchell (Vice Chair), , Mark Sutton, Steve Sumner, Audrey King, Freddie Broome, Paul King, Andi McWhorter, Sandy Sanders, Al Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chase Daughtrey, Sandy Sanders, Jennifer Powell, Bradfield Shealy

SENIOR STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Tina Anderson, Keren Wynn, Lisa Tomberlin, Shalonda Sanders, April McDuffie, Dr. Ron O'Meara, Kathryn Ogletree, Angela Hobby, Lidell Greenway, RaMona Paulk, Dr. Bonnie Kelly, Cheryl Acree, Dr. Alvin Payton

VISITORS PRESENT: Kelley Wetherington, Adann-Kennn Alexandar, Nicole West, Leigh Ingra, Monica McKenzie, Sierra Ely, Betty Smith

SENIOR STAFF ABSENT

Brandy Wilkes, Ken Strickland, Dr. Shawn Utley

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Steve Sirmans.

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

Special Guest: Monica McKenzie (EAGLE Nominee) was presented to the board by April McDuffie. Monica gave her speech to the board. Special Guest Sierra Ely (GOAL student) was presented to the board by Lydia Hubert. Sierra gave her speech to the board. Special guest Leigh Ingra (Rick Perkins, Teacher of the Year) was introduced by Nicole West and gave her speech to the board.

A motion to accept the previous meeting minutes (January 11, 2018) was set by Ronald Mitchell, seconded by Mark Sutton. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department Updates

Financial Summary (Keren Wynn)

- The report for the month of January was presented. The financial report for January 31, 2018 reads as follows: for January 31 revenue is \$20,099,608 which is 52.9% versus \$16,007,266 and 53.5% last year. Expenses are \$17,946,858 which is 51.8% for the year versus last year at \$16,349,652.

Enrollment Management (Angela Hobby)

- Enrollment is listed as 3,818 for Spring semester 2018. Enrollment is down 0.9% from previous spring. MOWR enrollment is 1,416. Military enrollment is up from last year.

Adult Education Services (April McDuffie)

- Currently have 1,142 students enrolled with 12 hours.
- 1,464 students have been served
- Total GED Graduates are 65 for FY18.

Academic Affairs_(Kathryn Ogletree in the absence of Dr. Shawn Utlely)

- Niki Ogletree presented one technical certificate of credit, Dental Office Aid Technical Certificate of Credit. It is an institutionally developed program offering 15 credit hours. We will not need additional employees to teach this program. The occupational course work feeds into the Dental Assisting program and this is for high school students only. Steve Sumner seconded by Ronald Mitchell made a motion to approve the addition of the three TCCs. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development (Dr. Ron O'Meara)

- Reports for two months November and December were presented
- November report Goal of Training Hours is 44,612 and we are currently at 26, 916 which is 60% of the target goal for training hours. Total companies served goal is 86 and we are currently at 53 which is 62% of our goal.
- December training hours are 28, 633 and the companies served are 55.

Perkins Update (Dr. Bonnie Kelly)

- Dr. Kelly presented the Perkins Annual Local Application for FY2019 requesting signatures from Dr. Tina Anderson and board Chair Steve Sirmans.

“To receive Carl Perkins funds, eligible postsecondary technical colleges must have a completed and approved Perkins Annual Local Application. The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) distributes Carl Perkins funds to eligible postsecondary technical colleges within Georgia based on the number of Pell grant recipients the college has enrolled in career technical programs in the preceding year. No grant is provided to any institution whose formula allocation is less than \$50,000.00. Any amounts not allocated by reason of failure to achieve the minimum formula allocation are redistributed to eligible institutions in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Approved Perkins Annual Local Applications constitute an agreement between local recipients and the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia (State Board) for the receipt of federal funds. These documents provide the State Board with assurances that the local recipient will operate, maintain, and fund the programs and services as identified in the Plan.”

SkillsUSA Update (Kelley Wetherington)

- Kelley presented a report explaining the purpose of Skills and how it works with the TCSG system in the technical colleges. She highlighted several benefits to the

students, instructors and the college. The SkillsUSA chapter at Wiregrass has grown from 24 students in 2015 to 76 students in 2018.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

- Dr. Anderson talked about HB778 moving CTAE to TCSG. This will move everything from high school to the technical colleges.
- Healthcare building on the Valdosta campus is not in the budget for FY2019. She will update the board if it is added to the budget.
- Dr. Anderson has been commissioned as an honorary commander on Moody AFB. She is so excited to serve in this capacity. Audrey King is also an honorary commander. Ronald Mitchell stated that there is a Military Affairs Council to make sure that Moody stays where it is.
- Perkins and PAR visit went well, we had no findings but received commendations.
- Dual Enrollment challenge by TCSG to increase enrollment by 20% our goal this year is 2,225 and we are at 1,900 with an 89% pass rate.
- Wiregrass is offering PLA (Prior Learning Assessments) to students to obtain credit for experience that they receive in the workforce. We will also start doing apprenticeships for our students. Steve Sumner asked if we are doing any type of special marketing to reach individuals to receive PLAs? Dr. Anderson responded that we may get an Apprenticeship & PLA Coordinator to help with these types of credits. This is an ideal situation to target helping students get their degrees faster. Paul King asked if the apprenticeship and PLA could be tied together. Dr. Anderson responded yes. Al Walker also commented to not forget about GDOL that helps people to transition into other careers. WGTC would be the perfect college to recommend to veterans to get their degrees faster.

Old Business

New Business

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting will be March 8, 2018 on the Coffee Campus in the Planning Room at 12 noon.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Acree