

MINUTES
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
Tuesday, January 17, 2017
2:30 pm - Business Meeting

The January 2017 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Pople at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Pople, Trustees Callaway, Kilpatrick, Lamb, Messersmith and Moore
Absent: Trustee Vaughn
Via phone: None

Others Present: President Murdaugh, Lenda Kling, Ginny Wagner, Rob Hall, Don Herr, Heather Mitchell, Kim Moore, Amy Bradbury, Steve Dunnivant, Diane Garrard, Sharon Walker, Calandra Stringer, Bret Ingerman, Jacqueline B. Edwards, Renae Tolson, Craig Knox, Bobby Jones, Bill Spiers, Josh Willoughby, Monte Finkelstein, Tracy Woodard, Anthony Jones, Lei Wang, Barbara Wills, Todd & Jodi Sperry, Audrey Mathews, Sheri Rowland, Debbie Robinson, Brandi Elliott, Betty Jensen, F.M. Davis, Summer Washington, Frank Mix, E.E. Eunice, S. Balog, Rick Grant, Phillip Claiborne, Alice Maxwell, Justin Adams, Dustin Frost, Al Moran, Carmy Greenwood, Rick Frazier, Candice Grause, Ranie Thompson, Ysonde Jensen, Dot Binger and Gregory Williams.

COMMENTS

Board Chair – Chair Pople welcomed everyone, asking all to stand for a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance. He stated that Community College Board Chairs were in a meeting hosted by Governor Scott where they discussed best practices, sharing he had a lot of talking points and was very proud of what Tallahassee Community College (TCC) has accomplished.

Board Members – Trustee Callaway referenced a recent article in the *Tallahassee Magazine* with a picture of Trustee Moore peeking out from around a door to promote her book.

President – Nothing at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Pople asked if there were any comments and requested a motion to approve the November 21, 2016 Board Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Moore
SECOND: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Director Maxwell referenced *Florida Trend*, *Educause* and *Washington Post* articles. She introduced video clips about a donation from First Commerce Credit Union, the TCC. We Rise. Campaign, the Fall Festival, the Fire Academy graduation and scholarships, and the Star Metro and Athletic poster graphic designs by TCC students.

Professor Kambo shared students have provided real-life artwork to various areas of the community. President Murdaugh stated Professor Kambo and her students have been working on a number of projects with the City for about three (3) years, indicating this year they worked with our athletic department. Professor Kambo said the first-year fall class worked on the spring sports posters, which are now printed.

Trustee Kilpatrick shared he was involved in the City project, indicating he was impressed with the capability and quality of work – sharing three (3) of the students were asked for their resumes. Trustee Callaway asked if we see the students going further with their art to the university, with Professor Kambo stating it varies by student.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

VP Mitchell introduced CEO Lawton and Beth Langford, Municode Educational Trust, who donated eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) for scholarships – indicating he was previously a TCC District Board of Trustee member. Mr. Langford said they have a belief that education changes lives, expressing TCC changes young lives every day. He introduced Eric Grant, President of Municode, and Donny Barstow, President of MCCi, a Municode company.

VP Mitchell recognized Todd and Jodi Sperry, indicating they donated an additional twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to honor his father Don and help students who enter the TCC building and construction program. Mr. Sperry indicated they need more skilled people in the industry, sharing his dad was an inspiration and mentor to everyone in the industry and encouraged others to go out on their own.

VP Mitchell acknowledged Brad White and Lauren Butler, SunTrust Bank, for classroom renovation in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Mr. White said as a graduate of the Florida Community College System, it is a pleasure to stand up here and see what TCC is accomplishing as a leader.

VP Mitchell introduced Jim Schaeffer, McKenzie Tank Lines, who donated two (2) semi-tankers for the new driving program valued at twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000). Mr. Schaeffer said there are over three million (3,000,000) people who make a living in the trucking industry, indicating his company has been in Tallahassee for more than seventy (70) years. He recalled a great memory of attending one quarter at TCC back in 1971.

VP Mitchell recognized Steven Leoni and Jennifer Pearce, owners of Student Housing Solutions; indicating they are making a donation in support of housing scholarships, a classroom renovation, an endowed scholarship and student activities (to include a van) – a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

Ms. Pearce thanked the TCC family for recognizing and honoring them today, indicating with the donation today their lifetime total is just under one million dollars (\$1,000,000). She stated with Mr. Leoni being a member of the TCC Foundation Board, they have gotten a behind-the-scenes look at the involvement of TCC in the community and seen first-hand the positive impact the college has on all students.

Trustee Moore said she would like us all to take a moment to recognize the breadth and depth of commitment from the community to the college, indicating each industry sector here today said they benefit from the success of our students. She said these donations will impact generations – thanking VP Mitchell, the staff and the Board of the Foundation.

President Murdaugh said as we started our fiftieth (50th) year and began to look at those who shaped the college, one name stood out for him – Dot Binger. He shared that one of the most powerful things he heard in the fiftieth (50th) anniversary video was when Dot said we should never forget our founders – indicating she made this happen today. He announced the CEO of Volunteer Florida, Chester Spellman, is here today to share information about the Champion of Service Award Ms. Binger received in December from the Governor.

Mr. Spellman thanked President Murdaugh and the Board for inviting him today so he can again recognize Dot Binger. He stated Volunteer Florida is the Florida Commission on Community Service, serving as the Governor's lead agency on volunteer in-service. He shared Dot was nominated by Senator Montford for her many years of service to the community, especially her more than twenty-seven (27) years with the Florida Guardian ad Litem program.

President Murdaugh read into the record a resolution that included many of accomplishments of Dot Binger. Ms. Binger said she was overwhelmed, but very grateful for the words by TCC. She said it was her experience in college that led her to the Guardian ad Litem program, sharing she is working now with her seventieth (70th) child.

President Murdaugh stated it takes amazing faculty and staff to carry on the legacy and build the reputation we have. He recognized Sharon Walker, President of the TCC Chapter of the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC). Ms. Walker shared the goals of the chapter and the accomplishments of the members, introducing the members of the Executive Board. She indicated they had ten (10) members in attendance at the conference this year and for the second (2nd) year in a row; they received a Silver Chapter award for exemplary practices.

She stated they are most proud that of all the twenty-eight (28) Florida colleges, TCC had the greatest number of Board of Trustee members in attendance at the AFC conference. She presented each of the Trustees and President Murdaugh with a Certificate of Appreciation. Trustee Callaway asked the chapter members in attendance to stand for recognition.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Pople asked if there were any questions, with none received.

MOTION: Trustee Moore
SECOND: Trustee Kilpatrick
Motion passed unanimously.

TCC Foundation

Gift Acceptance – Truck Trailers (Action)

VP Mitchell asked the college to accept the gift of the tankers from McKenzie Tank Lines.

MOTION: Trustee Callaway
SECOND: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

TCC Foundation Update (Information)

VP Mitchell shared the total raised by the campaign was thirteen million sixty-eight thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents (\$13,068,888.31). She thanked Trustee Moore and President Murdaugh for their leadership and for taking the journey with them.

Administrative Services

Fund Analysis - December (Information)

Chair Pope asked if there were any questions, with none received. Trustee Messersmith said the numbers look good.

Construction Status Report (Information)

Chair Pope indicated there is a lot going on and asked if there were any questions, with none received.

Annual SREF Fire, Sanitation and Casualty Inspection (Action)

Trustee Callaway indicated she was concerned about those items that had been cited two (2) times, but have not yet been corrected – especially since some are tripping hazards. VP Wills said all the deficiencies have been corrected and we are working on the those that appear to be repeat items, sharing we had about fifty (50) last year and are now down to thirty (30).

MOTION: Trustee Moore
SECOND: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

Architectural Services – RFQ 2017-03 (Action)

This item was withdrawn.

Construction Manager Services – RFP 2017-02 (Action)

This item was withdrawn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WORKSHOP

Education: A Workforce and Economic Development Driver

VP Moore shared workforce and economic development driving outcomes are:

- in-demand by employers;
- robust offerings;
- responsive to need;
- economical costs and resources available; and
- available programs for first job/first wage, better job/better wage, high skill/high wage, and lifelong learners.

Provost Moore-Davis stated it is very important to connect the dots – indicating they facilitate internal strategies by using statewide data, just in-time career data and leverage the human resources in our business community. She shared our students come from various paths, indicating we align our curriculum with stackable credentials so students can switch and move into other programs.

She indicated we use informed decision-making by utilizing information from the Department of Economic Opportunity, Regional Workforce Board, employers, and our Advisory Boards. She disclosed we provide Career Coach software on our website to our students, so they may research careers and openings. She stated our Career Center facilitates internships, apprenticeships, and other services to our students.

Trustee Kilpatrick inquired about utilization of the Career Coach software by potential students vs. current students, with Provost Moore-Davis indicating that currently she does not have those numbers. She said when we recently changed the website, we made some changes to Career Coach to make it more accessible for students. She indicated we would work with the web team to make sure we can get that information.

VP Moore stated the Hot Occupations Now website linked from our website accesses the training we have available at TCC, shares the top ten (10) occupations in our community and the State of Florida, provides job postings and the top employers for advertised jobs. She indicated there is real-time information on the top requested skills within the state.

Provost Moore-Davis said it is important to remove the barriers to education for our students; sharing we connect students to financial aid, scholarships, regional Workforce Board, Veterans Affairs, Nelnet and self-pay. She said we also have classes available days, nights, weekends, online, hybrid classes and on Friday only.

VP Moore recognized the great work that VP Mitchell and the Foundation have done with providing Workforce Development scholarships. She stated that as a result we have been able to roll out more programs such as, truck driving – rounding out our training in the top ten (10) hot occupations for our area. She shared that in addition to legislative funding we partnered with the Regional Workforce Board, City of Tallahassee, and Highway Safety Motor Vehicles to form the Transportation and Logistics Center of Excellence.

Provost Moore-Davis said our programs are affordable, accessible, and responsive with two primary goals – matriculation and employment. She indicated certification preparation and testing for programs is available on-site. She shared there is a national demand in nursing and we have continued to expand several nursing programs, to include the BSN. She said our placement rate in some program areas is higher than the state average.

Chair Pople asked about the future of workforce development as opposed to four-year degree programs, with VP Moore sharing in the State of Florida that industry recognized certificates are in demand. Chair Pople asked about AA students, with Provost Moore-Davis saying only about twenty percent (20%) of our AA students are looking to go directly to work. She said we are looking to further align the studies, so that students do not have to start over.

President Murdaugh said we will always have the majority of our students in the Associate of Arts track matriculate for additional education, but he sees a growth in certificate programs. He indicated we could have students, with advanced degrees, coming back to this college for certificates. Professor Kambo confirmed we have seen this in the art field and Director Ballard shared this is also true in our oyster program.

Trustee Lamb asked when the truck driving would start, with VP Moore stating the first eight-week class began December 12th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murdaugh shared with the Trustees a take-away piece and list of upcoming events. He invited the Trustees to go see the trucks with tanker trailers in the parking lot.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 20, 2017

Location: Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:02 p.m.

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on February 20, 2017.

Randy Pople
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President