

MINUTES

Special Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

November 14, 2013

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for a special meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Stephen Henry of The News Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Jayme Wheeler, of the Plainsman Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests present: Ms. Teresa Green, SPC Controller; and Mr. Keith Downs, of Pate, Downs, and Pinkerton, LLP.

Ms. Pettiet gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes of the previous meeting. There being none, Mr. Clements made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Keith Downs, representing Pate, Downs and Pinkerton to present the 2012-2013 Independent Audit Report, Exhibit #3819. Mr. Riley gave the Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year. Mr. Downs followed giving a summary of their findings, stated this was a very clean audit and gave several compliments to Mr. Riley and the South Plains College Business Office staff. Mr. John presented the South Plains College Foundation, an affiliated unit, audit. Mr. Clements moved to approve the audit as presented; second by Mr. Pettiet and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on Mr. Jim Walker, Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Mr. Walker reported on the Core Curriculum stating that in August 2009, the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee suggested that the statewide general education core curriculum be reconsidered. The Commissioner agreed and charged the UEAC with the task. This was to be the first revision since July 1998. The Commissioner wanted a curriculum that reflected current and future demands on student knowledge and skills. The Texas Core Curriculum was revised, centering on increasing student learning and improving student success. See Exhibit #3820.

He stated the Core Objectives are: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Social responsibility and Personal Responsibility.

Mr. Walker also stated The Foundational Component Areas are: Communication, Mathematics, Life and Physical Sciences, Language, Philosophy and Culture, Creative Arts, American History, Government/Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences and an Institutional Option that includes 6 hours. South Plains College will require in this option that students take a speech course and computer literacy course.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Core Curriculum; motion by Ms. Patton, second by Mr. Alexander, Core Curriculum approved unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for her report. Ms. Mitchell reported this year's commencement ceremony, scheduled for May 9, 2014, will be divided into two ceremonies as the dome proved too small last May to accommodate the number of participants and guests. The first ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the second will begin at 1:00 p.m.

She also stated that students will be assigned to a ceremony based on the first initial of their last name, with A-L attending the morning session and M-Z the afternoon session. Faculty will be required to attend both sessions, with lunch provided for faculty and staff between the two ceremonies.

Mr. Riley presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Williams made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3821 and #3822. Second by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Development for his report. Mr. John provided the Regents with an update on the process to revise the College's Institutional Plan. He reported that a number of planning activities have taken place involving the instructional and administrative leadership of the College. These groups have met recently to identify and discuss the College's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges. Inputs from these sessions have been compiled into a list of five strategic priorities and key strategic challenges facing the College in the next three to five years. See Exhibit #3823. Mr. John reviewed the strategic priorities with Regents and also presented an analysis of the strategic challenges facing the college. See #Exhibit 3824. He said the next step will be to assemble a working group that will take all the input and develop institutional goal statements, priority objective statements and expected outcomes. A revised Institutional Plan for 2015-2020 will be presented to Regents in May 2014.

Mr. Box explained that Dr. Sharp had completed the first year of his three year contract. Mr. Neal made the motion to extend Dr. Sharp's contract thru 2016 (3 years). Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the President for his report.

Dr. Sharp asked the Board members to cancel the December 12 regular meeting and call a Special Meeting, Tuesday, December 3rd at 8 a.m. Motion by Ms. Patton; second by Mr. Williams; vote to approve was unanimous.

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Dr. Sharp also gave the Board an update on upcoming activities.

Dr. Sharp asked the Board for permission to proceed with the projects on the new Farm and the reuse of the Cosmetology Building renovations. Bert Moffitt of Grimes and Associates will serve as the architect. Motion by Mr. Clements; second by Mr. Pettiet; vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary