

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

March 13, 2014

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, March 13, 2014, 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 their regular 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; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVY Radio; Ms. Jayme Wheeler; Ms. Allie Terry, of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests present: Mr. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development; Ms. Teresa Green, Controller; Mr. Ty Gregory and Mr. Dusty Durham, of Leadership Levelland.

Mr. Neal 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; there being none, Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Neal, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman informed the Board there was no opposition for the upcoming South Plains College Board of Regents election. Mr. Pettiet made the motion, seconded by Ms. Patton, to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for General Election/Order of Cancellation of General Election scheduled to take place on May 6, 2014, and declaring Mr. Bobby Neal, Mr. Ken Williams, and Mr. Ronny Alexander duly elected, Exhibit #3848.

The Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer forms were signed by the appropriate Regents. See Exhibit #3849.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Mr. Walker presented an update on Articulation Agreements; Exhibit #3850. He stated that South Plains College endeavors to articulate agreements with our regional higher education institutions to better serve the needs of our students when they transfer to pursue a higher level degree. SPC also has articulation agreements with area high schools that enable students to take courses in high school that will transfer to SPC.

The Chairman then called upon the Vice President for Student Affairs for her report. Ms. Mitchell stated that currently 1,405 students have applied for graduation. That compares to 1,084 at this time last

year. 671 of the current applicants have indicated that they will participate in graduation, compared to 533 last year. Last year an additional 239 students applied between mid-March and the day of graduation. With approximately a 20% no show rate, Ms. Mitchell calculated that we could have as many as 900 students walk at commencement this year between the two ceremonies. The Board was informed that Admissions and Records will soon begin an online transcript service, allowing students and alumni to request official transcripts twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. There will be a \$5 charge for each transcript ordered. Admissions has automated many of the processes related to application processing with the advent of online applications. This has reduced processing time from several weeks to no more than four days. Housing is also working on moving to an online application.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Finance and Administration to present his report. Mr. Riley presented a Proposal for Audit for Years Ending August 31, 2014 and 2015 submitted by Pate, Downs, and Pinkerton, LLP. See Exhibit #3851. Motion to approve made by Mr. Neal, second by Mr. Alexander, approved unanimously.

Mr. Riley also presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, and Mr. Alexander moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3852 and #3853. Second by Mr. Clements and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Director of Development to present her report. Ms. Gerstenberger informed the Board that the 16th Scholarship Gala was successful. The event raised \$193,349.33 with donations continuing to be received by the Foundation. Ms. Gerstenberger also announced that March 7, 2015 is the date for the 17th Scholarship Gala; *The Time for Opportunity*. See Exhibit #3854.

The Vice President for Institutional Advancement was called on by the Chairman. Mr. John provided Regents with copies of the College's Institutional Resume that is compiled and distributed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Exhibit # 3855. These reports consist of selected accountability data that the THECB collects and compiles in the Community College Accountability System. Mr. John explained that the College's performance data reported in the Institutional Resume is also compared against a large college peer group of Texas colleges. Information about enrollment, financial aid, costs, student success and degrees and certificates awarded are presented on the resume prepared for prospective students, parents and the public. An Institutional Resume is also prepared for legislator and other policy makers and includes data about enrollment, costs, financial aid, funding, and student success. Mr. John reported that for all data presented in the resumes, SPC's performance data meets or exceeds the averaged data for its peer group for the most recent reported period. The Institutional Resumes are available on the THECB's website and also on the SPC website for public access.

The Chairman called on the President for him to report. Dr. Sharp presented the Board with the

list of faculty being recommended for tenure and rank promotions. The motion to approve those recommendations was made by Mr. Clements, second by Mr. Williams and the vote was unanimous. See Exhibits #3856 and #3857.

Dr. Sharp also updated the Board on the construction status of the housing unit and the Plainview technology building. Renovation bids for Lamar Hall and the old cosmetology building will be presented next month.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary