

MINUTES
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
Florida Public Safety Institute
75 College Drive
Havana, FL 32333
Monday, March 19, 2018
2:30 pm - Business Meeting

The March 2018 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Kilpatrick at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Kilpatrick, Trustees Callaway, Grant, Lamb, Messersmith, Moore, and Pople

Absent: None

Via phone: None

Others Present: President Murdaugh, Lenda Kling, Kim Allen, Lei Wang, Bret Ingerman, Mike Robeck, Bill Spiers, Craig Knox, Heather Mitchell, Barbara Wills, Rick Murgo, Nyla Davis, Patricia Manning, Bob Lutz, Bobby Jones, Sheri Rowland, E.E. Eunice, Stephanie Solomon, Justin Adams, Tracy Woodard, Rosemary R. Bailey, Gloria Mitchell, Rick Frazier, Carmy Greenwood, Candice Grause, Scott Balog, Chris Shipe, Tom Wazlavek and Martin Balinsky

COMMENTS

Board Chair – Chair Kilpatrick asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He shared some historical information on St. Patrick’s Day.

Board Members – Each of the Trustees introduced themselves and provided some information about themselves for our newest Trustee, Eric Grant. Trustee Grant shared some information about himself, indicating he requested to join our Board since his company has a program where their employees can attend TCC and he sees the impact TCC makes on their lives.

Trustee Moore stated Cleaver & Cork, with an internationally recognized chef, was a sold out event. She said it funds scholarships and classroom updates, thanking VP Mitchell.

President – President Murdaugh welcomed Trustee Grant, indicating Trustee Grant is joining us at a very busy time. President Murdaugh shared the legislative funding is setup differently for colleges and universities, providing a brief explanation of the formulas used.

VP Wills said this year the budget included part of our institutional investment, which they will take back – so the budget is relatively flat from last year. President Murdaugh said a formal budget will be provided in May for approval effective July.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any comments and requested a motion to approve the February 19, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Pople
Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ORGANIZATION

Chair Kilpatrick stated we have a vacancy in our Vice-Chair position. A nomination was made for Trustee Karen Moore to become Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Trustee Pople **SECOND:** Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Kilpatrick congratulated Trustee Moore, who said she was honored to serve.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Manager Candice Grause indicated we have started our annual direct mail campaign for students, which includes approximately eleven thousand (11,000) denied by FSU. She shared TCC was for the fourth (4th) year designated a military friendly college, the Forensics Team successfully defended their state speech titles for the eleventh (11th) time in twelve (12) seasons, the TCC2FSU commercial won a silver ADDY and four (4) of our students were selected for the All-Florida Academic Team. She introduced news clips about the Florida Public Safety Institute (FPSI) Mine Safety Competition, Model UN Conference, Discovery on Parade, Cleaver & Cork and a TCC22 video of the Women and Girls in Science Event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

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

TCC Foundation

TCC Foundation Update (Information)

VP Mitchell stated we are on track to raise more cash than last year and are also ahead in pledges. She said although this year's Cleaver & Cork happened earlier this month, they have already sold eleven (11) of the forty (40) tables for next year's event

She explained the goal and some of the projects of the President's Circle, indicating the next event is on April 3rd at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education (GCHE). She shared Hops & Half Shells on April 14th is expected to have four hundred to five hundred (400 - 500) people this year at the Wakulla Environmental Institute (WEI).

VP Mitchell thanked Trustee Grant and his company, Municipal Code Corporation, for being a great partner.

Academic Affairs

Annual and Continuing Contract Recommendations (Action)

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any questions, with none received

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This request is that the Board approve the recommendation for annual contracts as presented in the list.

MOTION: Trustee Pople
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Moore

Administrative Services

Fund Analysis - February (Information)

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

Construction Status Report (Information)

Trustee Messersmith said the new signage is welcomed and very helpful, with Chair Kilpatrick saying it is continuing to take shape. Trustee Lamb asked if there will be any further changes to the trucking facility, with President Murdaugh indicating they are complete and in operation.

Policy Manual Changes (Action)

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

This request is for the Board to approve the addition and revision of College policies as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Moore

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Kilpatrick stated we have two (2) speakers, with each limited to three (3) minutes.

Bob Lutz gave his minutes to Martin Balinsky, who spoke in opposition of new Policy 04-50 that was just approved. He said the subjected language may be in violation of the first amendment of our U.S. Constitution. Attorney Jim Crosland said the policy is an item under negotiation with the faculty union, indicating we just went through the impasse resolution hearing. He stated that as the matter stands right now, the new policy does not apply to the faculty.

Trustee Moore shared this recommendation came from her – stating we need an environment of mutual respect, civility and conduct in the colleges, her business, the community, the nation and the world. She is said it is not meant in any way to target freedom of speech or activities, but thought as an academic institution we hold ourselves up as a pillar in the community and she thought this was an ideal we would hold out as policy for the college.

Tom Wazlavek, United Faculty of Florida, said we are a public agency and have an obligation to uphold the first amendment. He indicated he has not seen this language previously in other union contracts, saying profane and rude speech is still free speech and employees do not give up their rights when they walk through the door. He stated he hoped the Board reconsidered the policy, because frankly if we don't he thinks at some point we will face a lot of legal bills.

WORKSHOP

Chair Kilpatrick indicated that in lieu of a workshop, the Board would go into Executive Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murdaugh shared a list of upcoming events with the Trustees. He stated we have some information to present on the happenings at our facilities in Gadsden County.

Director Eunice provided an overview of the Florida Public Safety Institute. He said they support about sixty (60) plus public safety agencies, indicating the request from the Florida Highway Patrol for a high speed driving track is on hold pending approval by the Gadsden County Commission. He stated the Florida Mine Safety and Training Program is another way they continue to brand FPSI.

Director Allen provided information on the Inaugural Surface Mining Emergency Response Training and Competition. She said the nine (9) teams completed tasks that had not previously been done in the continental United States, presenting a video of the competition. Director Eunice shared that every year all miners in Florida must go through minimum standard training, which is offered at FPSI.

Trustee Callaway stated she has watched FPSI operate for a number of years and the team works together to make it happen.

Director Eunice referenced the Women in History for Public Safety Breakfast on March 27th.

Director Frazier introduced a video by VP Moore in reference to the work being done at the TCC Gadsden Center, which has had a four hundred percent (400%) increase in visits over the past year. She said:

- the GED program is expanding to a fourth (4th) site in partnership with the Gadsden Sheriff's Office,
- the GED program will be allowing students to enroll concurrently with the HVAC program creating a "earn and learn model",
- the HVAC program will expand to another location at GTI, and
- HVAC students will be able to compete locally and nationally to demonstrate the skills they have learned.

Trustee Lamb congratulated Trustee Pople on his representation of Gadsden County, with Trustee Pople indicating Trustee Lamb knows how things happen and gets things done in Gadsden County – stating the Board is lucky to have him.

President Murdaugh stated VP Moore and Director Frazier are phenomenal leaders, indicating Director Frazier is the individual that makes a lot of this happen.

VP Rowland shared the women's basketball team earned an at-large berth and is now in Lubbock, Texas at the national tournament.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 16, 2018

Location: **Wakulla Environmental Institute**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

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Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on April 16, 2018.

Jonathan Kilpatrick
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President