

MINUTES: January 18, 2022

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
MADISON, FLORIDA

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Ricky Lyons, Chair
Mr. John Grosskopf
Mrs. Sandra Haas
Mr. Billy Washington
Mr. Gary Wright
Mr. Travis Coker

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mrs. Sharon Benoit
Mr. David Howell
Mr. Al Williams
Mr. Mike Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Tyler Coody
Dr. Jamie Holland
Judy Lundell
Ellie Morgan
Jennifer Page
Micah Rodgers
Connor Starling, Audio/Visual Technician
Kristin Summers
Michelle Wheeler, Recording secretary
Lynn Wyche

Mark Logan, Board Attorney

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ricky Lyons, who asked Mr. Washington to open the meeting with a prayer and lead the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: (Coker/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Washington/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the November 16, 2021, regular meeting as presented. The motion carried by general consent.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Lyons asked for public input and the President stated that no requests were submitted.

CAREER AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION

Dr. Holland presented the following items for approval:

MOTION: (Haas/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees approves the agreements between the following agencies and North Florida College:

Madison Creative Arts Academy – renewal

Madison County School Board – renewal

Suwannee Valley Nursing Center – renewal

This recommendation will ensure that the Allied Health Department of North Florida College will have adequate clinical locations to provide clinical experience to students as required.

The motion carried unanimously.

President Grosskopf requested a moment to commend Dr. Holland on his successful navigation of conflicting mask/vaccine mandates between Georgia and Florida state laws. Being so close to the state line created a problematic environment for our students' access to clinical locations. Dr. Holland came up with alternative strategies, communicated clearly to everybody, and did a first-class job for our institution. The President wished to thank and commend him publicly for his success.

STUDENT SERVICES

Lynn Wyche and Ellie Morgan presented an overview of the “Food for Funds” and “Pop in for Pop Tarts” events that just occurred at the beginning of the Spring Semester. Over 100 students were served by staff who helped them navigate first-week tasks such as: logging into D2L, finding course materials, learning how to print in the library, connecting with campus staff and services, etc. They shared how much fun was had by all and some of the student feedback from the event (included in the attached handout). This event was done in connection with our new iCare mentoring program and was able to serve more than just the mentees in the program. They were very excited to see many of the tools developed for the mentoring program spreading to the whole student body.

EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Tyler Coody presented the following items for approval:

MOTION: (Haas/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees approves the hiring of the following:

Ebony Curry-McDougal, Emergency Hire for Medical Coding and Billing Instructor – 11-month

President Grosskopf stated that the person who Emily is replacing is following her dream of pursuing her doctorate at FAMU and has been offered the position of teaching this same program

there. He stated that we fully support her in her goals and are very proud of her journey. She was extremely helpful with this transition, and she remains on good terms with the College.

Hillary Ring, English Faculty – 9-month

Dr. Laura Hanna, English Faculty – 9-month

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Haas/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees approves the extension of the Administrative and Professional contracts listed on attached page through June 30, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Coker/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached contract with Coca-Cola for drink vending services on campus and at the Live Oak Location. The commission on sales will be the same as with the previous vendor but they have added some incentives including an advertising budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Washington asked what the official name from the Live Oak Location is. President Grosskopf explained that this is pending input from SACSCOC review of this location and our plans for other outposts/centers/locations in other counties. A naming convention for the satellite locations will be established soon. Plans to expand into Taylor County are ongoing.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Coker/Wright) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant Lists for November and December 2021, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Account was presented as an informational item as was the Current Funds Unrestricted Revenue and Expenditure Report. The Florida Prime account is earning 0.13% interest.

DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Judy Lundell presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (Haas/Coker) That District Board of Trustees approves the NFC Naming Policy for advertisement. This recommendation will allow the NFC Foundation to present proposed naming requests to the NFC District Board of Trustees. President Grosskopf lamented that several premier buildings/locations on campus have been named with no financial benefit to the College. This policy is an effort to create naming opportunities consistent with levels of giving. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Lundell then discussed the following from the Foundation Report for January 2022.

- Spring 2022 Scholarships
- Last Mile Scholarship
- Kelley and Mary (Lucas) Bailey Memorial Endowment additional \$10,000
- Ann Vickers Business Scholarship – has increased to twice per year
- Operation Outreach in Taylor County
- Discontinued Giving Tuesday – too much work for not enough money
- Nurse Testing Scholarships - \$400 per student per program (about half of total cost to student) Mr. Coker commented that is a huge help to the students but allowing them some ownership in the cost of the testing is good.
- Still accepting donations, will pick up checks at your location/convenience.
- Tax notices going out this month

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

Kristin Summers presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (Coker/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the following edits to current policies for January 2022 to align with SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation. The applicable SACSCOC standards have been noted at the end of each policy as non-substantive changes. No changes have been made to the currently approved policies. The motion carried unanimously.

President Grosskopf provided updates on the following:

Past Events:

- November 19-25 SACSCOC Board meeting via Zoom
- Invited to be a SACSCOC Committee Chair in 2022, President will accept this opportunity
- December 16 COP Business Meeting: Aggressively pushing for FCS Funding Equity. Rallying support for this critical issue for COP unity going forward.
 - Does it make sense for our college to pay into and support an organization that systematically shortchanges our students?
 - Plan is to not back down as we have a good critical mass of allies who realize the system is broken. Large colleges who benefit from the inequity are resistant to change as they have been overfunded for a number of years.

Upcoming Events:

- January 19-20 Tallahassee for COP Business Meeting and other legislative meetings

- January 25-26: Orlando for FCSRMC to discuss renewal rates

Legislative Issues:

- HB9377, HB 9409: NFC House Budget Requests
 - 9377: \$400,000 Equipment for new Welding program
 - 9409: \$900,000 HVAC Equipment and repairs
 - Difficulties getting these bills filed at the very last hour. Need trustees to reach out in support of these two bills to keep them moving.
- SB1122/HB911: Will allow all FCS Institutions to charge in-state tuition for out-of-state students. This is an attempt to address workforce shortages across the state.
- HB985: Will increase the cap for sovereign immunity from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 per episode.
- HB6007: Sabatini Gun Bill, will remove the prohibition from open/concealed carry on college campuses. Has also filed HB6099 which would remove the prohibition from open/concealed carry in legislative meetings. This might help us because it will be difficult for the legislature to pass one and not the other.
- Budget: The governor's budget is out. Decline in funding for SUS, flat funding for FCS.
 - \$100,000,000 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant.
 - A pool that will put two sectors on competitive footing.
 - Will have state-wide repercussions in terms of technical college/FCS partnerships. Both will be fighting for the same dollars.

ATTORNEY TIME

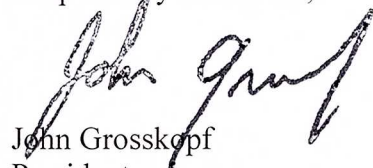
Attorney Logan mentioned the proposed parking lot agreement with the hospital.

President Grosskopf explained that the agreement is still in negotiations. Hospital counsel has reviewed first draft and sent a list of suggestions/requested revisions concluding with the suggestion of simply transferring ownership of the land to them. The Board Chair has instructed the Board attorney to respond, and report results next month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Lyons announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Gary Wright to pray before dinner. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Grosskopf
President



Ricky Lyons
Chair

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