

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Valdosta Campus, Connell Boardroom
12:00 Noon

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Bradfield Shealy, Rebecca Corbett, Dr. Rodney Green, Amanda Ramshead, Matt Seale, Lisa Sumner, Alfalene Walker (via telephone)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Brownlee, Ronald Dean, Sue Lane Hughes, Dr. Mark Sutton, Dr. Joi Williams
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: President DeAnnia Clements, April McDuffie, David Vanlandingham, Shalonda Sanders, Kelly Peacock, Shannon McConico, Ken Strickland, Michael Williams, Susan Jones
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Lidell Greenway, Keren Wynn, Chief Tim Allmond, Casey Thompson

DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Bradfield Shealy.

The pledge of allegiance was sited and a blessing for the meal was given by Matt Seale.

Special Guest:

Kelly Peacock, Dean of Adult Education Services, introduced to the board Brenda Hooper, the 2024 Wiregrass Dinah Culbreath Wayne Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy (EAGLE) Student of the Year. Ms. Hooper then spoke briefly to the board about her educational journey, what it meant to her starting over as an adult learner, and the process of regaining her hopeful outlook.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from April 3, 2024 were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Lisa Sumner and properly seconded by Matt Seale. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Academic Affairs Update (David Vanlandingham for April McDuffie)

A new program was submitted for board approval, the Master Barber Technical Credit Certificate

- Fifty credit hours total.
- Suggested implementation term of Fall 2024.

A motion to approve the new technical certificate was made by Matt Seale and properly seconded by Lisa Sumner. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to approve the program carried unanimously.

An update on the scheduled September SACS Reaffirmation visit was provided.

Wiregrass reached two milestones for the on-site review.

Off-site report feedback indicated six areas to which responses are needed.

Dr. Sandra Jordan's pre-affirmation visit was a success.

Talking points included the current QEP plan, the anticipated agenda for the September visit, and what participants can expect.

Administrative Services (Ken Strickland in the absence of Keren Wynn)

The May 2024 Financial Summary Report was presented.

Report represents 79.9% of current year's revenue.

Total revenue remaining is \$10,285,714.

Report represents 72.2% of annual budget spent.

Remaining expenses total \$12,816,141.

Year-end reserve funds remain at \$5 million.

Projected FY25 budget.

- Enrollment has increased.
- Small tuition increase.
- Received large one-time Foundation support.
- State employee pay raise incorporated
- Increased software support expenses.

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

In final term of AY24.

Total enrollment is at 6,614.

- Increased over last term.
- Up 8.5% over summer enrollment.

High summer enrollment with 30% of submitted applications being found incomplete.

High school student dual enrollment is still in progress.

Question posed by Dr. Greene regarding frequency of program enrollment review.

- SACS grants a five-year window of zero enrollment per program.
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Adult Education Services Update (Kelly Peacock)

Grant approval received.

- Program costs is fully covered by \$1.5 million in funding.

IET Coordinator staff position created.

June 20-22 anticipates 40-50 additional students slated to finish requirements.

Enrollment at 878.

Pushing recruitment events.

Fitzgerald transition center is changing locations and will be housed in the library.

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams)

Contract training ours exceeded last years numbers.

Report presented does not include May data.

Building Industry Ready courses.

Companies served numbered at 73.

Targeting new industries in our service area.

Innovative Summer Camps to be held on VLD campus.

Assessing which counties in service area are not participating in Career Academies to target recruitment.

Overall it was an outstanding year!

Foundation Update (Michael Williams in the absence of Elizabeth Vickers)

Foundation South received \$33,000 and Foundation North received \$58,059.

Staff Giving Campaign has increased participation number to 72%.

Topping Off Ceremony was a great success.

Local Board Administrative Update (Susan Jones)

Presented FY25 meeting dates for board approval.

A motion to approve the tentative meeting dates was made by Dr. Rodney Green and properly seconded by Lisa Sumner. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the FY25 meeting dates carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

President Clements is currently in Washington, D.C. with April McDuffie and the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce.

Wiregrass has an incredibly busy Spring/Summer term.

CFE campus High School program received participant funding.

TCSG Leadership/Perkins & GOAL Conference concluded.

- Adrienne Yong named Instructor of the Year, (Nursing)
- Madison Garcia names as state finalist.
- Brenda Hooper named Runner-Up for State EAGLE winner.

Shalonda Sanders has been promoted to Vice resident of Human Resources & Operations.

- Will assume supervisory oversight of Campus Directors.

April 18 President's RoundTable and subsequent Topping Off Ceremony on CFE campus was a great success.

Legislative updates were presented.

- Governor Kemp has signed state budget.
- "Robust: budget allocated for TCSG.
- S.B. 399 passed to encourage and facilitate articulation agreements between institutions.
- S.B. 440 passed to codify pilot program for accelerated career programs.
- Formal list of high demand careers finalized.

Summer enrollment numbers represent seven straight months of enrollment growth.

June includes is Free Application Week.

Wiregrass has made it to the second round of the Lowe's Foundation Grant.

Wiregrass will be observing Juneteenth holiday.

Upcoming D.C. trip with goal of strengthening short term program support and requesting additional support for health science programs.

Developing Air Traffic Control program.

Enrollments goals submitted with a goal of 5% growth.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman COMMENTS:

Next meeting is scheduled for 12 PM, September 4, 2024 at the Cook County Workforce Development Center, room 113.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 PM was given by Matt Seale and properly seconded by Dr. Rodney Green. All in agreement, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Jones