

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Valdosta Campus

Connell Board Room

12:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Crawford, Rebecca Corbett (remote), Ronald (Ronnie) Dean, Dr. Rodney Green, Sue Lane Hughes, Amanda Ramshead, Matt Seale (remote), Bradfield Shealy, Lisa Sumner, Dr. Joi Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Mark Sutton, Joe Brownlee

SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements, Elizabeth Vickers, Thomas Wesley, Keren Wynn, Michael Williams (remote), Misty Crofutt, Roy Warren, Aaron Matthews, Josh Whittington

SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Tim Allmond, Casey Thompson, Lidell Greenway, Shalonda Sanders, Shannon McConico, Kelly Peacock, David Vanlandingham

The Meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Dr. Rodney Green

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a blessing for the meal was given by Dr. Rodney Green

Motion to approve Feb 5, 2025, minutes approved 12:18 PM by Dr. Green seconded by Sue Lane Hughes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Updates- Thomas Wesley

Recent Events:

- 750+ students visited for the "Get Wired" events on the VLD/CFE campuses
- 3/17 (VLD) & 3/18 (CFE) we hosted Advisory Committee Meetings- Over 200 individuals between both events. Awaiting input of those members on our programs

Upcoming Events:

- Cogna Candidacy Review Onsite Visit (VLD)- April 10th
- ASN Pinning Ceremony- May 5th
- Medical Assistant/Education Review Board (VLD)- May 19-May 20th

Several New Positions:

- Jennifer Ray- Dean of Health Sciences
- Corey Nawolski- Dean of T&I Programs
- Stacey Register- Director of Nursing
- LeeAnn Reid- ASN Instructor

- William Hogan- Business/CS Instructor and Wilcox State Prison
- Tim Tillery- HVAC Instructor
- Bryan Luke Industrial Systems Instructor
- Bridgette Hunter- Math Instructor
- Netta Jones- Cosmetology Instructor
- Virginia Bellamy- Director of Patient Care
- Teresa May- Practical Nursing Instructor

Academic Affairs Goals:

New Apprenticeship- 65%

- Need to push improvements in Aviation

Articulation Agreements:

- Recently South GA State College (SCSC)

Curriculum Updates:

- New Program- Patient Care Technician Assistant (3 Credit Hours)
 - Motion to approve by Dr. Green. Motion given by Ronnie Dean 2nd Matt Seale; Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Program Closures/Updates:

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Central Sterile Supply Processing Technician
- Medical Assistant Degree Program- being moved from a degree to a diploma
- Neuromuscular Therapist Diploma- being moved to a TCC
- Geriatric Care Assistant- being replaced by Geriatric Care Assistant TCC
- Practical Nursing Diploma- being moved to a TCC
- Barbering Diploma- being moved to a TCC
- Cosmetology Diploma- being moved to a TCC

TCSG Approved Programs Review:

- Advanced Business and Customer Service Technology TCC
- General Construction Assistant
- Cable Installation Specialist
- Advanced EMT Program

New Programs:

- Automation Manufacturing- Logistics and Supply Chain Warehouse Distribution
 - Program we are looking at for our new logistics building VLD

Administrative Services Updates- Keren Wynn

- Financial Report reviewed was February 2025 (67% of the Fiscal Year)
- 33.5M in revenue (65% of the budget)
- 25.1M Expense (55% of the budget)

Enrollment Management Updates- Roy Warren

- Total enrollment numbers currently only reflect Fall/Spring
 - Awaiting Summer enrollment numbers
- Summer we are trying some new things- 71% of enrollment goal
- Free App month (March)- had a good number of new applications coming in
- One Stop- School Event
 - 18/30 students already enrolled and financial aid done prior to event ending

Adult Education Updates- Thomas Wesley

- Adult Ed has seen an increase in students; currently 782 students
- HS Equivalency- 167 students (77 graduates)

Foundation Updates- Elizabeth Vickers

Contributions YTD

- North has raised \$1.2M
- South raised \$228K
- Recent event- Corks and Forks Event- generated approx. \$16k

Networking, conferencing and meetings (Various Events):

- Peer Group Meetings
- Radio Show- w/ Scott James
- Strategic planning
- Girls on the run
- Advisory committee meetings (BHI/VAL)

Board of Trustees

3 new members have joined in the South

- Jeramy Baker
- Frank Herrera
- Gadson Woodall

Naming Opportunities:

- SE Credit Union (VAL Library)- May 5

Fundraising Efforts:

North Campaign

- CDL
- Lineman
- Welding

South Campaign

- CDL/Logistics

- Sonography
- Health Scholarships

Upcoming Events:

- 6/9 Open House for CDL (CFE Campus)

Donations to the Foundation

- Any board members that want to donate their per diem. They can complete a form (must be notarized)

Economic Development Update- Josh Whittington

- Contract training- on track to meet/exceed goals (90% of goal YTD)
- Surpassed companies served vs. last year
 - Aiming for 13 more this year to exceed prior years' overall goals
- Continuing Education
 - Projected to meet goals
- Summer initiatives- Summer camps and Drivers Ed
- YTD Total Revenue- \$2M
- Lowes Foundation Trailer is on campus- ready to be showcased

President's Comments- DeAnnia Clements

Recent Events:

- Eagle Competition- Jermaine Riley (State Runner Up)
- Corks and Forks – Thank everyone that was able to attend. It was a great event!

New Executive VP:

- Michael Williams has been named the new Executive VP for Wiregrass (replacing April McDuffie)

Legislative Update:

- Great sessions for Wiregrass
- We have begun the design process on Transportation and Logistics Building- Funded last year but received additional funding for FFE this year
- Equipment quotes for Automated Manufacturing Lab (CFE)- FY25 Amended budget

Facilities Updates:

- Coffee CDL Diesel Building- Last few min touch ups are underway
 - Ribbon Cutting- June 9th
- BHI Campus- Bathroom Renovations (End of May)
- Design Phase
 - Logistics Building- VLD
 - CDL Pad- BHI

Enrollment Updates:

- Has been great this year- beginning to see a slow down; Hurricane has impacted our ability to recruit new students
- Need 600 students to meet our goals (Summer semester)
 - Ways the board can assist:
 - Social Media sharing or commenting, sharing by word of mouth, providing feedback/information back about anyone that is requesting new programs.
 - Watch for email from President Clements of information to share
- GSFC Compliance Review- In progress (Report in May)
- Cognia Accreditation- April 10th
- Career Academy and HS Academy (NEW)
 - Focuses on students that have already dropped out of HS
- Medical Assisting Accreditation May 19-May 20

Future Events:

- Spring Break- This week
- GA State Flex- Tifton (today)
- State Board Meeting- 4/3 (tomorrow)
- GA Dept SO District (Emergency Preparedness)- April 7th
- Girls on the Run- April 12th – VLD Campus
- Spring Graduation- April 24th
 - First spring graduation in years
 - Board members are invited to join/hand out diplomas
- Goal/Rick Perkins April 28th- May 1st in Atlanta
- End of Spring Semester- May 5th
- Summer Semester begins- May 13th

Old Business

- None

New Business- Dr. Rodney Green

AY26 Meeting Schedule

- First, Second, Third Wed and Second, Third Mon Reviewed
- The group voted and a motion for the Third Wednesday was granted- beginning August 2025

Chairman's Comments/Adjournment- Dr. Rodney Green

Next Meeting: May 7, 2025, Cook Campus 12:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 1:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Crofutt