

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Clement Dining Room
April 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; George Little; Gene Horne; Irish Pickett; Vincent Gordon; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Anthony Hunt; Andrew Jimenez, SGA President

ABSENT: Connie Lovell, Bruce Hurst, Gary Evans, Ron Layne

STAFF: Dr. Sandy Stewart; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Dr. Julie Voigt; Libba Thomas; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Germaine Elkins; Dr. Fallon Brewington; Chreatha Alston; Steven Garner; Matthew Dial; Michelle Bauer; Danaka Bunch; Lindsey Farmer; Tess Regan, Shenika Ward

GUESTS: John May, Matt Lamb, The Pilot Newspaper, Community Guests

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees and asked the Board if there were any potential conflicts with the agenda items to be discussed. Hearing none, Mr. Caddell proceeded to the next item of business.

Dr. Stewart offered a moment of prayer.

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. Probst Mills seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Probst Mills made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Chris Herring, Department Chair, Social and Behavioral Sciences, shared a presentation focusing on the importance of transfer degrees.

Mr. Jimenez presented the Student Government Association (SGA) report. The SGA Board recently returned from an NCCCSGA conference. Mr. Jimenez said that the conference is a great way to connect and collaborate with other community colleges. The 2024 Spring Fling will take place on April 24, 2024. Graduation will take place on May 11. Mr. Jimenez is encouraging students to attend rehearsals to be held on May 9. A graduation cap decorating contest is also

planned for graduates. Mr. Jimenez thanked the Board for their friendship and mentoring during his tenure as student representative and SGA President.

Mr. Carpenter reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee and offered updates regarding the following items:

1. Causey Hall Project – Upgrades are in progress for the Cosmetology department.
2. Meyer Hall Project – Completion date for work is September 16, 2024.
3. Carthage Project – Reviewed classroom renderings.
4. Foundation Hall/Kennedy Hall – Projected closeout mid-May 2024.
5. Town of Southern Pines Zoning Changes – Town is changing zoning processes and permits.
6. Impact of ACE Proposed Food Truck Court – Reported that there will be four on-site food trucks. Prior concern was that patrons would use Gardens parking, but food truck court property will be ample space for patrons to park.
7. Stone Hall Elevator Replacement – Pending Department of Labor information regarding cost to recondition current elevator, with an estimated cost of \$90,000.
8. Work on the crosswalk at the Ball Visitor’s Center will be completed following the U.S. Open.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee. He reviewed the Financial Report and State and County Bond Funds through February 29, 2024, with no Board action required. Mr. Horne said that at the committee meeting, the 2-1 budget was discussed.

Ms. Alston reported for the Personnel Committee, reviewing Personnel Information with no Board action required. Ms. Alston presented an evaluation of Title IX Training. A plan has been established where SCC will host statewide Title IX Training for the next three years. A total of eighty-two people participated in the training on the SCC campus. One Board member received certification. Dr. Stewart commented that community forums are off to a great start. The first forum was made up of 126 SCC faculty and staff members. Future forums will be held throughout Hoke and Moore counties.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. The committee met on March 25, 2024, with no official business to report. Dates for upcoming committee meetings were considered. A Planning Committee meeting will be held on May 20, 2024, at which time the community forums will be reviewed. Mr. Clendenin called on Ms. Farmer to summarize the format of the community forum meetings. Final approval of the CSP will be in October following a Planning Committee review on September 16, 2024.

Dr. Roush reported for the Educational Programs Committee and presented information regarding the Moore County Cooperative Innovative High School, including an abundance of information through a PowerPoint presentation to include budget, site visit reflections, a core team retreat, data findings, and necessary steps for moving forward. A brief question-and-answer period followed the presentation.

Ms. Probst Mills presented the Student Affairs Committee report to include updates regarding Spring enrollment, dual enrollment, and an overview of the Transfer Center. The Student Affairs Committee met on March 26, 2024. Dr. Farmer reported there has been a steady increase in dual enrollment. He also reviewed the Transfer Center and its impact on the SCC student population.

Ms. Elkins presented the SCC Foundation report. The semi-annual foundation work meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, at 3 p.m. The Guarantors dinner will take place on Thursday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. in the Heins Gymnasium.

Dr. Stewart presented the President's report. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Ball Visitor's Center in the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Stewart will attend the NCACCP Business Meeting in Raleigh on April 17, 2024. Dr. Stewart and Emily Aycock, Department Chair of Nursing, on behalf of the State Board of Community Colleges, will attend the NCCC Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration. Sandhills Community College has been recognized for the Pinnacle Award for community partnerships along with Fayetteville Technical, Bladen Community Colleges, and Cape Fear Valley Medical System. SCC faculty and staff participated in a One College Retreat headed by Dr. Julie Voight. Sandhills Community College will host the North Carolina Community Colleges President's Association winter meeting in January 2025, in conjunction with Richmond, Bladen, Robeson, and Montgomery Community Colleges.

Dr. Stewart stated that, during the special-called meeting on March 25, 2024, it was noted that to conform to the HR Policies, a revision to the SCC bylaws is necessary. Attorney May confirmed the revision. Mr. Little made a motion to strike section 2, subsection A.5 from the bylaws and replace it by amendment approved March 25, 2024. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Caddell, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board