

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Julius Boros Board Room, Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club  
February 6, 2017, 10 am**

**PRESENT:** Trustees George Little, Chairman; Larry Caddell, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; James Cunningham; Sandy Stewart; Gary Evans; Jim Saunders; Linda McCaskill; Gene Horne; Tim Carpenter; Larry Upchurch

**STAFF:** Dr. John Dempsey, Brenda Jackson, Heather Lyons, Ron Layne, Rebecca Roush, Kellie Shoemake, Germaine Elkins, Joe Brown, Libba Thomas, Kirk Lynch, Tracey Emmons, Wendy Dodson, Karen Manning, Kristie Sullivan

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Robert Hayter

Chairman Little made a motion to combine committee meetings and the regular meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. Mr. Caddell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Little 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. Little proceeded to the next item of business. Ms. Lyons asked that a motion be made to allow her to digitally record the meeting for transcription purposes. Such recording will be deleted upon completion of the minutes. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the recording. Mr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting. Ms. McCaskill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Quint reported on Student Government Association activities for the semester.

Mr. Caddell reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee on the Advanced Career Center (ACC) for the Buildings & Grounds Committee. Mr. Caddell said that a County Commissioner had mentioned that Moore County Schools said that the college's Board of Trustees were involved in the ACC's building design. Dr. Dempsey clarified that trustees only briefly reviewed plans for the design of the ACC, requesting that the brick be similar to the college's brick. Trustees agreed that neither they nor the college have been involved in the design of the ACC.

Ms. Jackson explained that Moore County Schools is working on getting Board of Education approval and then County Commissioner approval, so the property will be transferred at a later date. She also reported on an easement request from the Town of Southern Pines. Ms. Jackson spoke to John Birath and John May, and it was agreed that a memorandum of understanding between the college and the Town of Southern Pines would be the best way to accommodate

their interest of maintaining the Greenway. Mr. Carpenter asked why the easement would not be allowed. Mr. Hayter stated that the trustees felt like college expansion was undefined at the time of the request and that this current plan was thought to be better for the college and long-term planning.

Dr. Dempsey commented to the trustees that Mrs. Frye is deceased and that the family property would be nice for the college to have. He said that he had made five inquiries to the family for the college to purchase the property and that there has been no response. He mentioned that there was an agreement that the college would have right of first refusal but that the family might decide to not honor the oral agreement.

Ms. Jackson reported that the architect hopes to start the design work on Owens Auditorium in March upon approval of the design contract by the State Construction Office.

Dr. Dempsey explained that as part of the capital campaign, donors can give some additional funds for Owens Auditorium improvements. He said that without this extra money the auditorium will be greatly improved but that the extra money will create more of a fine arts center.

Ms. Jackson reported on the new roofs for Sirotek, Wellard, and Owens Auditorium stating that all projects were completed on time and within budget.

Ms. Jackson reported that progress is being made on the Stone Hall courtyard, thanks to Mr. Hayter. Mr. Hayter provided details about a potential design for the courtyard. Mr. Hayter also discussed redesigning the front entrance to the college. A motion was made by Mr. Caddell for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to meet with Mr. Hayter between now and the next board meeting on April 3, 2017, to discuss design options for both the Stone Hall courtyard and the front entrance to the college and to consider ADA and code issues. Mr. Clendenin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee on the student fees for 2017-2018. Dr. Roush explained the student fees for the year. A motion was made by Mr. Horne to approve the student fees for 2017-2018. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reported on the financial report and state and county bond funds, for information only. Ms. Jackson said that six months into the year, the college is trending as the college would expect to.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee on personnel action items. Two full-time faculty members, Felita Livingston and Jacqueline Boron, have been hired by the college in the Management and Business Technologies Department. A motion was made by Mr. Evans to approve the full-time hires. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans explained that the personnel information was for information only.

Mr. Evans said that the review and approval of Title IX policies will take place at the next Board of Trustees meeting on April 3.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee on the review and approval of the final College Strategic Plan (CSP). Mr. Layne described changes to pages 7 and 8, and Dr. Sullivan described changes to Chapter 2. A discussion ensued regarding updated information in the CSP, including campus replacement costs. A motion was made by Mr. Clendenin to approve the final version of the College Strategic Plan. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCaskill asked Ms. Shoemake to report on updates for the Student Affairs Committee. Ms. Shoemake updated the trustees on the new veterans center in Boyd Library and explained that furniture is on order and hoping to open the veterans center at the end of February and dedicate the space on March 15.

Dr. Stewart asked Dr. Roush to report for the Educational Programs Committee on the following new programs: Career Pilot, Aviation Management, and Fire Science. Dr. Roush explained that the Practical Nursing program didn't take on any additional students because of a lack of employer interest. Dr. Roush said that faculty members were moved to the ADN program and that she would like to get the trustees approval to formally terminate the program. A motion was made by Dr. Stewart to terminate the Practical Nursing program. Mr. Clendenin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roush explained that the college is seeking permission with the System Office and SACSCOC for a Career Pilot program and an Aviation Management program. A motion was made by Dr. Stewart to approve the Career Pilot and Aviation Management programs. Mr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roush also said that the college is seeking permission with the System Office and SACSCOC for a Fire Science program. A motion was made by Dr. Stewart to approve the Fire Science program. Mr. Caddell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Elkins reported for the Foundation. She said that since the last Board of Trustees meeting, the capital campaign is moving forward. The committee chose Capital Development Services to conduct the feasibility study. The Foundation narrowed down a list of friends of the college to 30 people for interviews. Ms. Elkins said that the feasibility study will be presented at the April Foundation Board of Directors meeting and that in June she will give the Board of Trustees an update on the campaign.

Dr. Dempsey provided information to trustees on the April 1 TEDx event at the Sunrise Theater.

Mr. Little discussed upcoming NCACCT and ACCT conferences in Raleigh and Las Vegas.

Mr. Little asked if there were any other items of business for discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Caddell, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham. The motion was approved.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Heather Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Board