

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

**Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College
August 15, 2016, 7 pm**

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Robert Hayter, Vice Chairman; Joe Clendenin, Secretary; Larry Caddell; Gary Evans; Gene Horne; Linda McCaskill; James Cunningham; Sandy Stewart; Jessica Quint, SGA President

STAFF: Dr. John Dempsey, Brenda Jackson, Heather Lyons, Rebecca Roush, Kirk Lynch, Teresa Sheets, Tracey Emmons, Germaine Elkins, Kellie Shoemake Lindsey Farmer, Ron Layne, Andi Korte, Twana McKnight, Wendy Dodson

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mary Kate Murphy, Walter Bull

Following the Buildings & Grounds, Finance, and Personnel committee meetings, the Board of Trustees convened their regular meeting. Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. 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. Little proceeded to the next item of business.

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

Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Little welcomed Ms. Quint to her new role as SGA President and as a member of the Board. Ms. Quint reported on student activities planned for the fall.

Mr. Hayter reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee approved the site plan for the Advanced Career Center (ACC) that Mr. Birath of Moore County Schools presented. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Mr. Hayter asked Ms. Jackson to report on traffic calming. Ms. Jackson stated that the traffic calming project is almost complete.

Mr. Hayter reported that the committee approved moving forward on various designs presented by Boomerang Design for Owens Auditorium, including the restrooms, courtyard, dressing rooms, and foyer. Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans, and the motion passed.

Following a discussion of the two roofing projects and the approval of these projects by the committee – Sirotek Hall at \$225,000 and Owens Auditorium at \$330,000 – Mr. Hayter made a motion from the Buildings and Grounds Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horne, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne presented the financial report, provided a summary and status of the county and state bond funds, and reported on the financial audit and the EAGLE internal control review for information only.

Mr. Horne reported that the Finance Committee approved the estimated \$133,361 for insurance renewals by BB&T, which came up for renewal on July 1, 2016. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed.

Mr. Horne reported that the committee approved the 1.5% salary increase to be given across the board to full-time faculty and staff, which was to be approved by the State Board on August 19, 2016. Mr. Horne made a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed.

Chairman Little substituted for Mr. Washington and reported on the hiring of a new faculty member, Janna May, in Radiography and a title change for Wendy Kauffman from Director of Distance Learning to Dean of Academic Support. Mr. Little made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans, and the motion passed.

Mr. Little reported that the committee approved the 2016-2017 holiday schedule. Mr. Little made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and the motion passed.

Mr. Little reported that the committee approved the travel authorization for the President and the Board of Trustees. Mr. Little made a motion from the Personnel Committee to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caddell, and the motion passed.

Mr. Evans asked Dr. Roush to report for the Educational Programs Committee. Dr. Roush explained that changes had been made to the college catalog, including updating maps and the college calendar, updated information on transcripts for Pell, updated titles, and new degree offerings, and that catalogs are available at the back of the room if anyone would like to take one home. Dr. Roush mentioned that the Career Pilot program in partnership with the Moore County Airport is undergoing some changes and that the Industrial Systems program in partnership with Hoke County High School is being reinvigorated.

Mr. Clendenin announced that the Planning Committee will meet on September 20 to discuss the College Strategic Plan (CSP), which is currently being revised by the vice presidents. He said that the CSP will be presented to the Board in the near future. Mr. Clendenin asked Mr. Layne to discuss the remainder of the meeting's agenda. Mr. Layne said that the committee will discuss the possibility of bringing a cross country team to Sandhills Community College, which would bring approximately 20 male and female athletes to the campus. He said that softball could

possibly be the next sport implemented at Sandhills Community College. Mr. Layne also mentioned the possibility of an annual President's Cup basketball tournament played at Sandhills Community College.

Ms. McCaskill announced that the Student Affairs Committee is excited about the Veteran's program, which will be located in Boyd Library. Ms. McCaskill asked Ms. Shoemake to report on the Student Handbook. Ms. Shoemake said that there were no new policies and procedures for the handbook.

Ms. Elkins reported for the Foundation. She gave each trustee a Foundation calendar for the year and mentioned culinary lunches and the August 30 golf tournament.

Dr. Dempsey announced that the October 17 Board meeting will be a combination meeting with the Foundation Board. He introduced Mary Kate Murphy from The Pilot and presented roses to Ms. McCaskill for her 50th year wedding anniversary. Dr. Dempsey said that he received a letter from Alliance Defending Freedom, a First Amendment group that thinks colleges and universities are eroding student rights. All 58 colleges received these letters, and he and Ms. Shoemake are preparing a response. Dr. Dempsey mentioned that all 60 nurses in the May graduating class passed their licensing exams, which is unheard of for such a large group of nurses. Dr. Dempsey announced that all graduates of Moore and Hoke county high schools (as well as home-schooled students) will have two years of free tuition beginning in the fall of 2017. He said that this commitment to these students will say that we are a community that takes education seriously and that this will change the way the community looks at education and at Sandhills Community College. Dr. Dempsey mentioned the press conference on August 24 and orientation sessions for parents in September. He said that this program will be called Sandhills Promise because we are promising an educated workforce for our community.

Mr. Little reminded the Board of the NCACCT meeting in Charlotte in September and the ACCT meeting in New Orleans in October. He announced that Mr. Hayter will not be returning to the Board and that Dr. Larry Upchurch will become a new Board member. He also mentioned a request from Rep. Boles to talk about a project (a driving track) he is working on for law enforcement. Mr. Little closed by applauding Dr. Dempsey for his promises kept throughout the years.

Mr. Hayter closed the meeting by sharing his reasons for retiring with the Board.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Heather Lyons, Assistant Secretary of the Board