

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

**Sledge Board Room, Sandhills Community College
October 7, 2019, 4:30 pm**

PRESENT: Trustees George Little, Chairman; Larry Caddell, Vice Chairman; Gary Evans; Irish Pickett; Linda McCaskill; Dr. Sandy Stewart; Helen Probst Mills; Gene Horne; Dr. Larry Upchurch; Art Blue; and Raymond Villalobos, SGA President

STAFF: Dr. John Dempsey; Brenda Jackson; Heather Lyons; Ron Layne; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Germaine Elkins; Twana McKnight; Wendy Dodson; Dr. Kirk Lynch; Abbe Allen; Teresa Sheets; Doug Smith; Libba Thomas; Kellie Shoemake; Andi Korte; Joe Brown; Dr. Julie Voigt; Lindsey Farmer

Mr. Little called the Board meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest 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. Horne made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Horne to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019, Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Villalobos presented the Student Government Association (SGA) Report. Mr. Villalobos reported on numerous activities and projects including the success of the Hispanic Heritage Month event and the Food Bank fundraiser. Mr. Villalobos' goal is to engage students in activities and create a more inclusive campus population through the SGA.

Mr. Caddell reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Matt Wimberly, who works under the Bell Manley Real Estate Company, will attempt to sell the Westmoore rest stop property and the timberland acreage together at \$3,750 per acre. Mr. Wimberly will earn 6% commission upon the sale of the properties if one realtor is involved. A 10% commission will be charged if two realtors are involved in the sale.

Mr. Caddell showed board members the PowerPoint presentation that will be presented to the Moore County Commissioners on October 9, 2019, to request that the date be moved up one year for the issuance of bonds for the construction of the Health Sciences Building. The Board will be asking that the \$20mm bond be issued at the end of 2020 instead of 2021, as previously planned. Renderings of the Health Sciences Building were depicted in the PowerPoint presentation. Dr. Stewart made a motion for the Board to approve the exterior renderings of the Health Sciences Building as presented. Mr. Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reported for the Finance Committee. Mr. Horne reviewed the SGA Budget FY 2019-2020 and called upon Ms. Shoemake for comments. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the SGA budget as presented. Ms. McCaskill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Athletics Budget FY 2019-2020 and called upon Mr. Layne for comments. Dr. Upchurch made a motion to approve the Athletics Budget FY 2019-2020 as presented. Mr. Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Layne offered information regarding the purchase of a new athletic bus. The current bus is nine years old and no longer meets the demands of the athletic department. Mr. Smith stated that the bus being considered for purchase is engineered and designed for long distance travel. The cost of the bus is approximately \$134,000.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Moore County Budget FY 2019-2020 with no Board action required.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Hoke County Budget FY 2019-2020 with no Board action required.

Mr. Horne reviewed receivables considered bad debts. Dr. Upchurch made a motion to approve the reclassification of debts. Mr. Little seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne reviewed the state and financial reports, as well as the status of the State and County Bond Funds through August 31, 2019, with no Board action required.

Mr. Evans reported on the revisions made to the Policies and Procedures Manual for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Little made a motion to approve revisions to the Policies and Procedures Manual. Ms. McCaskill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans reviewed personnel information with no Board action required.

Mr. Evans read the list of personnel changes under Personnel Action. Mr. Little made a motion to approve the changes under Personnel Action. Ms. McCaskill seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans called on Chief Threet to submit the Annual Security Report (ASR) for 2019. Chief Threet distributed copies of the ASR showing no reportable crime for the previous year. Chief Threet stated that murders, serious assaults, rapes, sexual assaults, alcohol, and drug-related incidences must be reported, and SCC had none of these to report. Minor thefts of book bags did occur during the previous year, but these were at a minimal rate. Chief Threet and his team of officers encourage students to be mindful of their property to prevent theft occurrences.

Dr. Stewart reported for the Academic Affairs Committee. He called on Dr. Roush to report on the closing of the golf course management program. Dr. Roush said that the program has had low attendance and employment prospects have been unfavorable. Select courses offered in this

program will now be offered in Landscape Gardening Turf Management. Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the closing of the golf course program. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roush asked permission to enter the planning process for a CT Certificate, which will be an add-on credential to the Radiography Technician program. Mr. Little made a motion to approve the pursuit of an add-on credential to the Radiography Technician program. Dr. Upchurch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Korte asked for approval of the Accountability and Integrity Plan. Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the Accountability and Integrity Plan. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Korte asked for approval of the Class Visitation Plan. Dr. Stewart made a motion to approve the Class Visitation Plan. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Roush reported that because approval was granted in the April Board meeting to move forward with the planning of an Environmental Engineering program, the program is now being pursued at the State level. The program will begin in the fall of 2020. Approval was also granted to pursue an Associates in Fine Arts degree in Theater program. This program will also begin in the fall of 2020.

Mr. Horne reported for the Planning Committee. The committee met on September 24 and reviewed the College Strategic Plan. Edits were made and the final document was sent to the Board for approval. Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the College Strategic Plan. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne made a motion that the College Strategic Plan will become a 4-year plan moving forward. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Helen Probst Mills inquired about a visitation to the Hoke Campus. Discussion ensued regarding the Hoke Campus. A visit will be scheduled for Board of Trustees members.

Ms. McCaskill reported that the Student Affairs Committee had no information to submit.

Ms. Elkins presented the Foundation Report. A dedication of the McNeill Woodward Green will take place on Thursday, October 10 at 11:00 am. Lunch will be provided on the lawn. As part of the Ruth Pauley Lecture Series, Diane Rehm will speak at Lee Auditorium on Thursday, October 10. On Friday, October 11, a memorial service for John McKean will take place in the Clement Dining Room at 4:00 pm. The new donor recognition display will be installed in the lobby of Owens Auditorium next week. The Foundation will have its annual board meeting on October 21. Upcoming events in Owens Auditorium include the Carolina Philharmonic on November 8 and 9 and Michael Feinstein on November 15.

Dr. Dempsey presented the President's Report. Dr. Dempsey thanked everyone for their generosity during his recovery from surgery. He encouraged everyone to attend the McNeill Woodward lunch on the lawn on Thursday, as well as the celebration for John McKean on Friday. Dr. Dempsey noted that work on the Bradshaw Performing Arts Center (BPAC) is moving along at great speed and commended Joe Brown for his excellent marketing work on BPAC.

Ms. Lyons presented a video documentary on the History of the College.

Mr. Caddell made a motion for the Board to go into closed session. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into closed session at 6:20 pm.

The Board of Trustees left closed session at 6:23 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George Little, Chairman of the Board

Joseph Clendenin, Secretary of the Board