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550 East Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43216

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Pete Grimes Board Room, Franklin Hall

CALL TO ORDER:

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus State Community College was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, in the Pete Grimes Board Room, Franklin Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael E. Flowers at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Michael E. Flowers, Chairperson
Dianne A. Radigan, Vice-Chair
Jami S. Dewolf
Valoria C. Hoover
Catherine M. Lyttle
Robert P. Restrepo, Jr.
Richard D. Rosen
Poe A. Timmons
Kirt A. Walker

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

President Harrison advised that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Section 121.22 (F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

DAVID T. HARRISON Ph.D. **PRESIDENT**

COLLEGE'S MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT:

Trustee Timmons read the College's Mission and Vision Statements.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR FLOWERS:

Chair Flowers introduced and welcomed new Trustees, Catherine M. Lyttle, Vice President of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations for Worthington Industries, and Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., former President and CEO and retiring Chairman of State Auto Insurance. He also congratulated Richard D. Rosen on his reappointment to the Board.

Chair Flowers thanked all of the Veterans for their service to our country. He also referenced the tragic event that occurred in Paris last week. Chair Flowers stated that he believes the peace we are all seeking can be accomplished through higher education, which breeds understanding and tolerance. He stated that he is thankful we have a number of international students at our College, and that the mutual interaction with our domestic students can lead to the kind of world that we are all hoping for -- where peace and understanding prevail. Chair Flowers stated that he is proud of Columbus State, where everyone is working together on a mission of peace.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEW AND REAPPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS:

Ms. DeGenova, Deputy General Counsel administered the Oath of Office to Trustees Lyttle, Restrepo and Rosen.

RECOGNITION:

Dr. Harrison acknowledged Scott Nicholas, Athletic Director; Dustin Iacovone, Cross-Country coach; Dr. Tom Habegger, Dean, Health and Human Services; and student Stevie Shepherd. Ms. Shepherd ran cross-country in the Stanley Park course in Westfield, MA on November 7th, which led to a 15th place finish and All-American honors award.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Hoover moved, Member Walker seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Rosen, Timmons, Walker

ABSTAIN: Lyttle, Restrepo

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION REGIONAL SHARED SERVICES SYSTEM LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND (LGIF) GRANT APPLICATION:

Ms. Hall explained this Resolution will allow the Columbus State Police Department to join seven other entities in a pilot feasibility study of feasibility. The Franklin Country Police Chiefs' Association is working to operationalize the Justice Education Pathway. This pilot study will assess the feasibility of using a common learning management platform for the development, delivery assessment, tracking, and reporting of agency training that is integrated into a pathway to a college degree.

Member Hoover moved, Member Dewolf seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution in support of participation in the Franklin County Police Chiefs' Association Regional Shared Services System Local Government Innovation Fund Grant Application with respect to the Justice Education Pathway, and that the Board authorize the President to execute necessary grant application documents, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Lyttle, Restrepo, Rosen, Timmons, Walker

NAYS: None

FIVE PERCENT CHALLENGE PLAN:

Dr. Harrison explained that the General Assembly’s Budget Bill included a provision requiring public colleges and universities to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the cost of earning a degree by five percent. The plan was due to the Ohio Department of Higher Education in October, and Columbus State timely submitted its plan, pending Board approval.

Ms. Gehr stated that Columbus State’s submission to the Board of Regents reflected reductions in the following areas: textbook affordability; embedding remediation into coursework; fast-track degree completion programs; College Credit Plus; programs that reduce or eliminate need for remediation coursework; pathways to universities; and no technology fees

House Bill 64 also required the College to identify savings provided to students in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. In 2013-2014, the College’s textbook affordability initiative was enacted, and in 2014-2015, cost savings were generated by the reduction in length to a degree and the continuation of the textbook affordability initiative. The total reduced cost to students was 14.25%.

Member Rosen moved, Member Hoover seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the five percent challenge plan designed to reduce the costs to students earning a degree or certificate, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

- AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Lyttle, Restrepo, Rosen, Timmons, Walker
- NAYS: None

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF, AND FOR THE FOUR MONTHS ENDED
OCTOBER 31, 2015:**

Ms. Gehr reviewed the Financial Statements as of October 31, 2015. Projections at this time reflect an anticipated \$3.5 million dollars in net income. A revised FY16 Operating Budget will be presented for Board approval in January.

Member Timmons moved, Member Hoover seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the financial statements as of, and for the four months ended October 31, 2015, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Lyttle, Restrepo,
Rosen, Timmons, Walker

NAYS: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Staff Employees of the Month**

Full-time Staff Employees of the Month for October and November 2015 were Martina Cora, Program Coordinator, Business and Administrative Services, Facilities Management; and Kara Briscoe, Program Coordinator, Admissions, respectively.

- **Columbus State Selected for National Initiative**

Columbus State was selected as one of 30 institutions to become part of the AACC Pathways consortium funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Thirty colleges will operate as a co-hort for 2 ½ years to develop best practices that will be disseminated to other colleges in the country.

The following entities are a part of the consortium: Achieving the Dream, the Aspen Institute, the Center for Community College Student Engagement, the Community College Research Center, Jobs for the Future, the National Center for Inquire and Improvement, and Public Agenda.

The AACC has requested that a Board member attend the first meeting, which will be held on February 4-6, 2016. Vice-Chair Radigan will attend and represent the Board of Trustees.

- **Central Ohio Partnership for College and Career Readiness Expansion**

Columbus State received a \$12 million dollar, five-year grant to implement comprehensive high school reform and redesign from the U.S. Department of Education. Columbus State was the only community college to receive funding from the grant. The new partnership will serve as an extension of the Credits Counts work that AEP funded to support the Columbus City Schools. The grant will allow Columbus State to serve at least seven additional districts that have a high ratio of students from low-income families.

- **Additional Grants Awarded**

- US EPA Grant Green Infrastructure Educational Program – \$123,000 grant to offer a 6-week Green Infrastructure Educational program.
- National Science Foundation (NSF) CyberSecurity Training Program - \$600,000 grant to develop a new CyberSecurity training degree.
- Ohio Reach Foster Youth Mentoring Grant – Three-year \$60,000 grant to improve higher-education outcomes for former foster youth.
- Ohio Department of Education Adult Diploma Recovery Program and Adult Diploma Grant – \$250,000 planning grant awarded to provide pathways for adults 22+ years of age to obtain a high school diploma.

- **Education and the African American Male Summit**

Dr. Harrison participated on a panel to discuss interventions that can help close achievement gaps for African American males.

- **Scholar House Groundbreaking Ceremony**

Scholar House is an affordable housing initiative for college students who are parents. They currently have a 10 unit facility. The groundbreaking ceremony was for an additional facility with 29 units.

- **Jobs for the Future: Pathways to Prosperity Institute**

Dr. Harrison participated in a panel that was held in Boston, MA with several of our i3 grant participants.

- **The Columbus State Neighborhood – The Discovery District**

In the Budget recently submitted from the Mayor’s Office, there is seed money to help accelerate the development of the Discovery District. Dr. Harrison requested authorization to establish a working group comprised of two representatives each from the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board to bring recommendations forward for consideration,

prior to fully engaging with other partners in the Discovery District. Dr. Harrison recommended that Trustees Hoover and Rosen serve as the Board of Trustees' representatives on the working group. He stated that Trustee Hoover has been instrumental as the *Ex-officio* member from the Board to the Foundation and that Trustee Rosen has continued to provide key leadership in this endeavor. The Foundation will assign two Board members, and Terri Gehr, Kim Hall and Dr. Harrison will collaborate with the representatives to bring recommendations forward. All Board members expressed support for Dr. Harrison's proposed approach.

- **Young Men of Color in STEM**

As an extension of our AEP Credits Count work, there is a middle school exploration component. Columbus State led an effort at COSI focused on STEM opportunities for men of color on September 25th. Former NASA astronaut Leland Melvin was the guest speaker.

- **Wil Haygood Presents on Thurgood Marshall**

On October 29th, Wil Haygood spoke to College guests about his latest book, *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination that Changed America*.

- **Courageous Conversations**

The College has held "Courageous Conversations" on race and ethnicity, criminal justice, and health and healthcare. Chair Flowers encouraged the Board members to attend future sessions.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Superintendents' Reception – December 3
- Commencement Ceremony – December 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Celeste Center
- 2016 Board of Trustees Meetings - The Committee of the Whole meetings will be held at various locations on the Columbus campus during 2016 (classrooms, Christopher's, etc.). The Board meetings will also be held at various locations on and off the Columbus campus (Dublin Center, Delaware campus, etc.). The January 2016 Board meeting will be held in the Library's Media Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no items to bring before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice-Chair Radigan proposed that the Board approve the nomination of Trustees Dewolf and Timmons to the Nominating Committee. Trustees Dewolf and Timmons would partner with President Harrison to bring forward at the January 2016 Board meeting a recommended slate of new officers.

Member Rosen moved, Member Walker seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the nomination of Trustees Dewolf and Timmons to the Nominating Committee, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Lyttle, Restrepo,
Rosen, Timmons, Walker

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Member Radigan moved, Member Hoover seconded, that the Board of Trustees proceed into Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code 121.22 to consider the compensation of a public employee; to confer with legal counsel concerning disputes involving the College that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; and to discuss security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the College.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Flowers, Radigan, Dewolf, Hoover, Lyttle, Restrepo,
Rosen, Timmons, Walker

NAYS: None

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



Dr. David T. Harrison
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Linda Shinn, November 19, 2015