

MINUTES
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
Wakulla Environmental Institute
170 Preservation Way
Crawfordville, FL
Monday, April 16, 2018
2:30 pm - Business Meeting

The April 2018 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Kilpatrick at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Kilpatrick, Trustees Callaway, Grant, Lamb, Messersmith, Moore, and Pople

Absent: None

Via phone: None

Others Present: President Murdaugh, Lenda Kling, S. Balog, Mike Robeck, Rob Hall, Calandra Stringer, Derrick Stephens, Candice Grause, E.E. Eunice, Al Moran, Renae Tolson, Nyla Davis, Mark & Maureen Mitchell, Laurie Falk, Justin Adams, Stephen Dunnivant, Anthony Jones, Alice Maxwell, Kim Moore, Bobby Jones, Sheri Rowland, Amy Bradbury, Terry Pendleton, Audrey Alessi, Sherrie Miller, Larry & Ann Tucker, Dallas Marshall, Gloria Mitchell, Tracy Woodard, Desiree Gorman, Lei Wang, Roopali Kambo, Heather Mitchell, Rob Chaney, Franqua Bedell, Jada Perry, Jamyra McChristine, Aliyah Lawson, Victoria Pearce, Ayanna Mazyck, Juliunn Redmond, Lynnsey Cranmer, Stella Logbognon, Soukaina Tracy, Reggie Grant, Karen Wells, Carmy Greenwood and Bob Lutz.

COMMENTS

Board Chair – Chair Kilpatrick asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. He shared information on our federal income tax, indicating it was first imposed in support of the civil war efforts. He stated we have had a busy month with Hops & Half Shells and other events, congratulating the women’s basketball team for their recent national win.

Board Members – Trustee Lamb said he attended a baseball game, which we won. Trustee Messersmith indicated Hops & Half Shells was a great success.

President – President Murdaugh thanked the Board for the many events they have been able to attend. He introduced Director Rob Chaney and our Women’s Basketball Team National Champions, who received a standing ovation.

Director Chaney said they now have the added responsibility of public appearances, indicating this will be something they carry with them for the rest of their lives. He announced Coach Bedell was recognized as the Spaulding NJCAA Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year and Coach of the Tournament.

Coach Bedell thanked Director Chaney, VP Rowland, President Murdaugh and others for their belief in him. He discussed the mantra the team used throughout the season and stressed how very proud he was of them, indicating the team has a 3.06 GPA.

President Murdaugh recognized Brianna Mead as one (1) of four (4) TCC students selected for the All-Florida Academic Team, sharing a list of her many accomplishments and indicating she is an example of our best and brightest. Ms. Mead thanked everyone for what they have done, indicating she has learned a lot inside and outside the classroom and is glad this is the place where she started her college journey.

Provost Moore-Davis recognized Reggie Grant, who has pioneered a program on distracted driving. Professor Grant said his students have been learning about the dangers of distracted driving and promoting traffic safety to their peers, sharing AAA has now identified distracted driving as the biggest danger on the road.

Professor Grant indicated this project was inspired by Demetrius Branca and his son, Anthony, a former TCC student who died due to a distracted driver. He disclosed they held their first Safety Fair in 2017 and winning student-created media products were used by the Anthony Phoenix Branca Foundation to promote traffic safety; thanking TCC Communications, the Moore agency and others for their assistance

Mr. Branca said he, his wife and Anthony's mother have started a non-profit to end distracted driving; indicating TCC students are very engaged in the community involvement. Student Amanda England and former TCC student Brittany Defran told us about their coursework and how distracted driving has impacted them personally.

Provost Moore-Davis recognized Roopali Kambo, our Fulbright Scholar, who received a grant to study in India. Professor Kambo handed out a summary of her proposal for research in *Type and Culture: A Study of Typography Design trends in Devanagari script and their Influences Over the Years*. President Murdaugh said we look forward to hearing what she learns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any comments and requested a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Moore

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Director Maxwell said the national championship has garnered more than one million (1,000,000) print and digital news impressions, with more than half a million (500,000) television impressions which can be valued at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per thirty (30) second broadcast. She shared there was a social media reach of more than twelve thousand seven hundred (12,700); with more than one thousand (1,000) shares, likes or comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

VP Mitchell recognized Derrick Stephens of Pepsi, indicating they have done billboards around town about our national championship and wrapped one (1) of their trucks with the TCC logo. She stated TCC student, Anthony Love, received a five hundred dollar (\$500) tuition scholarship by participating in a Pepsi texting competition.

VP Mitchell recognized Mark Mitchell and his entire team. Mr. Mitchell stated Panacea Waterfront Partnership would like to present ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) as an investment for Phase II of the Wakulla Environmental Institute (WEI).

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any questions, with none received.

MOTION: Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Pople

TCC Foundation

TCC Foundation Update (Information)

VP Mitchell referenced the upcoming events, indicating financially they are trending ahead of last year and feel they will reach their projected goal.

Academic Affairs

Career Pathway Agreements with Public and Private Schools in the TCC Service District (Action)

Chair Kilpatrick asked for some background on the career pathway items. Provost Moore-Davis said we have reignited our focus on high school career pathways for students to matriculate to TCC. She stated these students can earn college credit, if they matriculate into one of our Applied Science (AS) programs within eighteen (18) months of their high school graduation.

She indicated because it is all skill-based, high schools must have the equipment on their campus. She said TCC agrees to the program with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Chair Kilpatrick confirmed classes are offered at the high school, funded by the high school, students meet qualifying requirements in the program and then come to TCC within eighteen (18) months to receive college credit for the high school classes.

Trustee Callaway confirmed they can earn a degree from TCC, asking if they can then use the 2+2 program to go to FSU. Provost Moore-Davis responded these are AS programs with employment at the end, although students could possibly shift into an AA program. Although we do not currently have anyone participating, Trustee Callaway asked that we keep the Trustees aware of enrollment numbers.

This request is that the Board approve the Career Pathway Agreements.

MOTION: Trustee Pople
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Messersmith

Career Pathway Agreements with the Public Schools in the North Florida Region (Action)

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any questions, with none received

This request is that the Board approve the Career Pathway Agreements.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Callaway

Administrative Services

Fund Analysis - March (Information)

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any questions, with none received.

Construction Status Report (Information)

Chair Kilpatrick asked if there were any questions, with none received.

2017-2018 Equity Report Update (Action)

Trustee Callaway confirmed that we have noticed a difference since adding another female sport. She verified many of the coaches both work and get paid as part-time employees.

This request is for the Board to approve the 2017-2018 Equity Report as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore

SECOND: Trustee Lamb

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Kilpatrick stated we do not have any speakers today.

WORKSHOP

President Murdaugh said as we move around our Board Meetings, we like to highlight the county we are in and what we do. He indicated we have started the application process for the Triumph funding, sharing Grants and Special Projects Director Steven Solomon has spent a great deal of effort on this and is going to all of their meetings.

VP Moore shared Wakulla County has always enjoyed one of the lowest unemployment rates in Florida, with a majority of residents going outside the County to work. She indicated the number of people using the Wakulla Center has increased dramatically over the past year, revealing a list of the many services they offer and stating the Admission Fairs in Wakulla have greater attendance than those in Leon and Gadsden County.

She displayed a list of the many partnerships that make everything possible, acknowledging those in attendance – CareerSource Capital Region and the FAMU TRIO program. She recognized students that have succeeded due to the Center, with President Murdaugh asking the students to share any comments.

Brooke Glover said as a young mom she wouldn't be able to attend school, if it was not offered locally. Karyn Crum stated she went back to school later in life and worked full-time, indicating she could not attend in Leon County. Joyce Jefferson indicated she learned a lot about business with the internship, saying Kim Moore believed in her and it was a great experience.

Trustee Messersmith said when President Murdaugh came on board and had the meetings in Wakulla, we learned how much the community needed and wanted things here locally,

Director Ballard said the Wakulla Environmental Institute oyster program students are here for a year. Responding to an inquiry from Trustee Moore, Director Ballard indicated there are thirty-two (32) people ready to start in September. Trustee Messersmith stated some of those students are not getting a scholarship, but paying their own way – emphasizing we are recreating an industry that died. Director Ballard shared CareerSource has given two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for scholarships in the oyster program.

He said our five (5) acre lease in four (4) years has already exceeded the number of oysters produced in Apalachicola. Chair Kilpatrick confirmed the lease is for training and research, with Director Ballard sharing we cannot sell those oysters. He stated if things continue on this trend

and the required resources are available, he predicts that by December 2019 we will be the largest producer of oyster aquaculture in the Gulf and in fifteen (15) years the largest in the world – President Murdaugh said he believes it will be five (5) years.

Director Ballard said students from the drone class who took the FAA test have all passed and shared our goal is for the student to start their own business. He indicated we are changing to a new six (6) week format; which will include maneuvering a drone, taking the FAA test and editing videos for promotions.

President Murdaugh asked Director Ballard to explain the relationship with drones and the environment. Director Ballard stated it is possible to do more observation with a drone, than can be done physically or with a helicopter. He indicated drones can observe woodpeckers in the nest, check wildfires, check irrigation, evaluate storm damage, etc. and shared we will also be looking at underwater and surface drones for additional purposes.

Trustee Messersmith said there was a discussion about having a Saturday when we could invite the community to bring their drones and receive advice. Director Ballard said that is still a possibility, possibly with a four (4) hour introductory class.

Director Ballard said our oyster boat, *Sara Mary*, allows him to bring seven (7) students and equipment to the oyster leases, with Trustee Messersmith sharing that it is more than thirty (30) feet long. Director Ballard stated a company has approached him about a co-op for organic small plot farming and we will be working on a grant to proceed with this request.

Trustee Messersmith inquired about an artificial reef, with Director Ballard sharing that funding from NOAA will allow the *Sara Mary* to be fitted with a jib crane which will be used to place in the water concrete dome structures with small oysters attached. He said this will filter water and start a seed source to areas where there used to be oysters, with Trustee Messersmith suggesting we sell name plaques for the concrete dome structures.

Chair Kilpatrick indicated the Board would go into Executive Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Murdaugh handed out a list of upcoming events, sharing some information on the WEI building and indicating it produces more energy than it uses.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 21, 2018

Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on May 21, 2018.

Jonathan Kilpatrick
Chair

April 16, 2018

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President

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