

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

April 8, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Sundown Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Ty Gregory; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Jim Mara. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVY Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Mr. Roger Reding, Athletic Director; Mr. Erik Vance, Head Track Coach; Mr. Wesley Miller, Assistant Track Coach; Mr. Frank Barker, Long Distance Track Coach; and Mr. Todd Paxton, community member.

Mr. Tubb gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes. Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Mara, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box then invited Dr. Satterwhite to introduce the Men's and Women's Track coaches and presented the staff with a resolution in honor of their 2021 NJCAA Division I Men's Indoor Track and Field National Championship win as well as the 2021 NCJAA Division I Women's Indoor Track and Field runners-up in exhibit #4619.

Dr. Satterwhite presented to proposed employment list for the 2021-2022 academic year. See exhibit #4620. After some discussion, Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the list as presented, followed by a second from Mr. Mara. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs gave a Guided Pathways update.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the 2020-2021 Quarter II Report on Title IX violations in exhibit #4621. he also presented a Spring 2021 8-week enrollment update. See exhibit #4622.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, and Financial Reports as seen in exhibits #4623 and

#4624. Mr. Tubb made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then presented two resales of property: 1) Luis Ramos, #R20683, \$600.00, exhibit #4625; 2) Dale & Jeannie Brown, #R29133, \$2,500.00, exhibit #4626. Mr. Ellis made the motion approve the resale of both properties. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Finally, Ms. Green presented an amendment to the depository contract; exhibit #4627. The Board discussed the changes and Mr. Tubb made the motion to accept the amended contract. Mr. Gregory seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John presented a report on the amount of scholarships that have been administered by the Scholarship Office for the 2020-21 academic year; exhibit #4628. As of March 31, 2021, \$2,403,845 in scholarship funds have been awarded to 1,195 students. Of this amount, \$920,842 has been provided by the South Plains College Foundation for 848 students. He said the Scholarship Office is continuing to re-award additional scholarships for the spring semester. Over the past five years, the SPC Foundation has funded \$4,609,803 in scholarships, and the number of SPC students receiving Foundation scholarships has average 863 annually. Mr. John reported that the SPC Foundation Board of Directors approved the disbursement of \$1,248,000 in scholarship funds for the 2021-22 academic year. The Scholarship Office has received completed scholarship applications from 1,082 students that are being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship offers will be made to incoming students at the end of April.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite began his report by providing an update on the progress of construction on the Science Building in exhibits #4629 and #4630. He also provided an update on construction progress on the Downtown Lubbock Center. He stated that demolition is near completion and he expecting bids to take place towards to end of April 2021 with construction starting in early May 2021. Dr. Satterwhite is stated the opening of the newly construction Downtown Lubbock Center is still on target for Fall 2022.

Dr. Satterwhite also presented a modified reopening plan in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic in exhibit #4631. As of now, South Plains College plans to be open fully for the Fall 2021 semester. After reviewing the plan, Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Next, Dr. Satterwhite asked to consider the Board no making any changes to the 2021-2022 tuition and fees. In consideration of enrollment concerns and COVID-19 recovery efforts, he feels this could be the best course of action for South Plains College students. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve Dr. Satterwhite's recommendation, Mr. Gregory seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite provided an update on upcoming events. The Students Awards Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Texan Dome. Graduation ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 14. A breakdown of all ceremonies was presented in exhibit #4632. Also included are the minutes from the Strategic Planning session. See exhibit #4633. In his final announcement, Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board that both the Men's and Women's basketball teams will be playing in their respective National Championship tournaments the week of April 19-24, 2021. South Plains College is also hosting the National Outdoor Track Meet May 11-13.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary