

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Clement Dining Room
August 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Gene Horne; Bruce Hurst; Irish Pickett; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Anthony Hunt; Dell Cook; Haden Barnett, SGA Vice President

ABSENT: George Little, Billy Carter, Gary Evans

STAFF: Dr. Sandy Stewart; Ron Layne; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Dr. Julie Voigt; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Germaine Elkins; Dr. Fallon Brewington; Steven Garner; Michelle Bauer; Alex Patti; Tess Regan; Lindsey Farmer; Dr. Kirk Lynch; Shenika Ward; Chad Williams; Karen Walker

GUESTS: John May; Matt Lamb, The Pilot Newspaper

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. 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. Caddell proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Hurst offered a moment of prayer.

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bauer introduced Matt Thewes, Director, College and Career Readiness. Mr. Thewes presented an overview of the College & Career Readiness Program. Offered through the program is High School Equivalency (HSE) (GED, HiSet), Adult Basic Education, and English Language Acquisition. Programs are offered on the Pinehurst, Hoke, and Robbins campuses. HSE Scholars is Foundation supported, as well as waiver of testing fees. All graduates receive a \$250 scholarship. Mr. Thewes cited a 17% and 11% growth rate respectively in the past two years. Approximately 800 students were served through the program in 2023.

Dr. Farmer introduced Haden Barnett, new Student Government Association (SGA) President, and shared a brief biography of Mr. Barnett's history and accomplishments. Mr. Barnett presented the SGA report. Mr. Barnett, along with Dr. Stewart, will host "Pizza with Presidents" in the Dempsey Student Center on August 29. The SGA will host a memorial service on September 11, 2024.

Mr. Carpenter reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mr. Carpenter said that one item requires Board approval, which is the selection of the architect for the Caddell Training Center Classroom, Building #2. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the selection of Stewart Newell Cooper Architects for the Caddell Training Center Classroom, Building #2. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Horne called on Ms. Walker, Controller, to comment on the EAGLE Internal Control Review. Ms. Walker explained that the acronym, EAGLE, stands for Enhancing Accountability in Government Through Leadership and Education. Each year the college is required to submit an assessment of internal controls. The report is due each year on July 31. There were no findings. The college will receive the results of the assessment during the November/December

and College Pathways for high school students to include the newly approved Billing and Coding program and an Electronic Records program. Interviews have been completed for a full-time curriculum Teacher Prep educator faculty member. Conversations continue with Moore County Schools regarding the Cooperative Innovative High School, also known as the Early College. The federally funded Career and College Readiness program Comprehensive Title II monitoring visit will take place in October.

Ms. Probst Mills presented the Student Affairs Committee report. There were no action items requiring Board approval. The committee reviewed scholarships, Project Promise, and enrollment projections. Dr. Farmer reported there are \$1.2M in scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year, funding 394 curriculum and Workforce Continuing Education students. In addition, 549 students received the Sandhills Promise, for a total of \$530,224 to include first- and second-year Promise students. Dr. Farmer estimates that the numbers moving forward will surpass the previous year.

Ms. Elkins presented the SCC Foundation report. Ms. Elkins shared future dates and events for the 2024-2025 season opening Sept. 6, 2024, at the Bradshaw Performing Arts Center. Ms. Elkins distributed the season schedule for women's volleyball. There will be a dedication of a new sculpture in the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens to honor Jim Westmen who retired following 35 years of service to the Gardens. The Coca Cola Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 27, 2024, at Mid Pines and Pine Needles. Foundation funding and current status were reviewed. The Foundation web page will undergo some upgrades to enable information to become more transparent to the viewer.

Dr. Stewart reiterated the significance of the 207 guarantors, which represents continued support for the College. Dr. Stewart introduced Alex Patti, President of Faculty Assembly, and Tess

