

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

**Clement Dining Room
October 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; Joseph Clendenin, Secretary; Gene Horne; Bruce Hurst; Gary Evans;

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, Special Called Meeting. Ms. Pickett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024, Special Called Meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dean Tammy Stewart presented information regarding the Boyd Library to include the addition of quiet space areas which provide a more suitable location for student study, and library resources offering multiple data bases. The Hoke Campus has utilized many of the library offerings, both in person and via remote access. The Boyd Library also includes the Hastings Art Gallery, the Teresa Wood Reading Room, and the Children's Library.

Mr. Barnett presented the Student Government Association (SGA) Report. Recent SGA activities include a program held in the First Responders Courtyard to commemorate the events of 9/11. The SGA recently approved the newly established Natural Resources Club. Future events include Fall Fest, Pink-Out Day, and an upcoming SGA conference.

Mr. Woodward requested that the Board review the policy for inclement weather policies. Mr. Caddell explained that the ultimate decision to cancel classes or to close campus lies with the President of the College, following conversations with superintendents and other officials. Dr. Stewart clarified the procedure for school cancellations.

Mr. Carpenter reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Mr. Carpenter introduced Tyler Hobbs and Chevron Moore with Hobbs Architects. Mr. Hobbs reviewed the specifications for the proposed new structures to be located at the Hoke Center. Divided into phases, imagery for a manufacturing trades building, health sciences building, student union building, and an administration building were presented. Total cost of the project is an estimated \$12.6MM.

Mr. Garner reported that a Certificate of Occupancy was issued, and that students and faculty are

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2024-2025-2026 as presented. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the hiring of Emily Gunter as EMS Clinical Coordinator. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Officer Threet presented the Annual Security Report. There have been no reportable incidences submitted to Campus Security during the academic year.

Mr. Clendenin reported for the Planning Committee. Dean Farmer reported on the College Strategic Plan (CSP). An advanced copy of the plan draft was mailed to the Board prior to the October 1, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. The plan is insightful and engaging. Extensive research was conducted to determine what is most successful in higher education. The Planning Committee met on September 16, 2024. Mr. Clendenin made a motion to approve the 2024-2028, Year 1, CSP. Mr. Evans seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Foundation's annual board meeting will take place on Oct 21, 2024. The Foundation office is finalizing annual campaign mailing. To date, 246 gifts have been received.

Dr. Stewart introduced Alex Patti, Faculty Assembly President, and Tess Regan, Staff Council President, and commended them for their leadership roles. The College hosted an Alzheimer's Walk event in September, with an attendance of over 1,000. A donation site has been opened on