

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
September 12, 2019**

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining 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. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; and other members of the Board; Mr. Richard Ellis; and Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. Ken Williams; and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Katie Walker, and Mr. Stephen Henry of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Autumn Bippert, of the Plainsmen Press; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Members Absent: Ms. Linda Patton.

Guests present: Mr. Robert Perkins, Texas Tech University graduate student.

Mr. Neal 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; there being none, Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt reported on the fall 2019 final enrollment in exhibit #4401. Dr. DeMerritt then stated that the residence halls are at 90% capacity; exhibit #4402. Finally, Dr. DeMerritt updated the Board on Policy FH: Equal Opportunity, Harassment, and Nondiscrimination. See Exhibit #4403. He stated that there will be upcoming changes on the Federal and State levels.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Dr. Gibbs gave the Board a list of the twenty-two new faculty members that began teaching at South Plains College for the Fall of 2019. See exhibit #4404. Dr. Gibbs also asked the Board to approve the Academic Integrity Software fees of \$10. Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve fees as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Neal made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4405 and #4406. Second by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to report. Mr. John presented to Regents the High School to College Linkages Report for 2018 (Exhibit #4407). This report presents college enrollment data for 2018 high school graduates that is compiled by the Texas Higher

Education Coordinating Board. College enrollment data was presented for the 51 school districts in the College's service area. Mr. John said that of the 5,127 students who graduated from service area high schools in 2018, 2,365 were enrolled in a Texas college or university for the 2018 fall semester for a 46.13 percent attendance rate. This rate compares to a 49 percent college-going rate for the High Plains Region and a 52 percent rate for the entire state for 2018. Of the 2,365 students who enrolled in college, 1,145 enrolled at SPC for a market share of 48.4 percent. Mr. John said that while the number of students graduating from high school has increased, the percentage of graduates attending college has not increased at the same rate. He noted that there are many factors that affect the college attendance rate in the region, including readily available jobs after graduation, families not prepared financially to pay for college, and lack of family support for first-generation college students. He also discussed several initiatives that are underway to increase the number of high school graduates participating in college.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite began by asking the Board to change the regular November 14 Board meeting to November 21. This change will allow for the audit to be complete and presented. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Pettiet, Mr. Alexander followed with a second. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to approve a Dual Credit Tuition and Fee change of \$60 per credit hour. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve the change, while Mr. Neal seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also gave an update on the Science Building and announced a groundbreaking ceremony will take place in November 2019. He also provided an update on the discussions of the Building and Master Planning Committee. Board members then discussed nominating a fellow member to the Hockley County Appraisal. After some discussion, the Board decided to table the nominations until the October 2019 meeting. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite presented the Board with a map of College Avenue that leads to South Plains College; exhibit #4408. He asked Board members if the medians highlighted in red had any significant relevance to SPC itself. He explained that the Texas Department of Transportation is in the beginning stages of reengineering College Avenue. The Board agreed to leave the decision up to the Texas Department of Transportation with traffic safety and pedestrian control in mind.

Mr. Box called the Board into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel (Govt. Code 551.074). Mr. Box reconvened the meeting to consider a recommendation to terminate the continuing reappointment of Fausto Montes as a tenured faculty member in the Associate Degree Nursing program and terminate his employment. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Neal Seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourn.

Chairman

Secretary