

FINAL - Minutes
Northern Wyoming Community College District - Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Sheridan College Whitney Boardroom - W132
Sheridan, WY

Trustees Present

Norleen Healy, Chair (via phone)
Walter Wragge, Vice-Chair (Acting Chair of Meeting)
Bob Leibrich, Treasurer
Jerry Iekel, Secretary
Bruce Hoffman, Trustee
Gary Koltiska, Trustee
Debra Wendtland, Trustee

Trustees Absent

Advisory Board Representatives Present

Jack Tarter, Chair – Johnson County Advisory Board (via phone)
Vermona Petersen, Secretary – Gillette College Advisory Board (via video)

Advisory Board Representatives Absent

Administration Present

President Paul Young
VP Mark Englert (via video)
VP Rich Hall
VP Susan Bigelow
VP Cheryl Heath

Administration Absent

VP Leah Barrett

Others Present

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| Hayden Heaphy, NWCCD Attorney | Kaylee Weeden, SC Student Government |
| Wendy Smith, NWCCD PIO, Director of Marketing | Andrea Harding, SC Student |
| Heidi Gross, Director - GC Foundation (GCF) (via video) | Kelly Bowen, SC Student |
| Joy Baule, Chair – NWCCD Classified Staff Council | Jaycie Arndt, SC Student |
| Brady Shoemaker, President – SC Student Government | Jake Disney, SC Student |
| Dr. Rachel Kristiansen, SC Faculty | Mike Dunn, the Sheridan Press |
| Dr. Scott Newbold, SC Faculty | Pat Blair, Sheridan Media (Radio) |
| Keith Klement, Director – Agriculture Department | Jerry Budenske, Public |

Recorder

Mary Jo Johnson

Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Vice-Chair Walter Wragge called the February 23, 2017 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken; there was a quorum.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Vice-Chair Wragge asked if there were any additions or deletions to the February 23, 2017 Board Agenda. There were none.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chair Wragge asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda, which included the January, 2017 Financial Reports and the January 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. There were no changes; the Consent Agenda was accepted.

President's Report – Dr. Paul R. Young

Dr. Young introduced Ag Department Director Keith Klement, who then introduced two of three students – Jaycie Arndt and Jake Disney (Jordan Skovgard was unable to attend) – who received 3rd Place honors at the International Society for Range Management meeting in St. George, Utah on January 31. Of twenty (20) colleges and universities competing, Sheridan College was the only two-year institution represented. Dr. Young also gave updates on the Legislative Session, the outcome of the two Gun bills, and the funding status on the SC Tech Center. He also announced several events coming up: the public open house for the SC Mars Agriculture Center on February 28th; several special Dental Hygiene days for young children during National Children's Dental Health Month; and Saturday University on March 4th.

Vice-Chair Wragge commended Mr. Klement, Miss Arndt, Mr. Disney, and Mr. Skovgard for their 3rd Place Ag award, and praised the faculty who "hold students to such high standards."

Gillette College Advisory Board (GCAB) – Vermona Petersen, Secretary / Mark Englert, GC CEO

Secretary Petersen thanked the Board for their support of Gillette College (GC).

Dr. Englert reported that the new GC Pronghorn Center will be the host venue for the Region IX Men's Basketball Tournament. Since the Center's opening, they are seeing an increase in student life involvement. Students requested the implementation of a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. Two students from each campus have been nominated for the Wyoming All-Academic team: Ashley Pöllick and Edwin Saenz from GC, and Brittney Steele and Teresa Giandonato from SC. GCAB member Sherry McGrath has been named to the Real Estate Hall of Fame.

Vice-Chair Wragge asked Dr. Englert to extend the Board's congratulations to Mrs. McGrath, and noted what a privilege it was to spend time with GC Student Government President Jacob Staples in Washington D.C.

Johnson County Advisory Board – Jack Tarter, Chair

Chair Tarter reported that ninety (90) seats have been filled for second semester, fifty (50) of which are non-duplicated students. A Dual Enrollment meeting was held in Kaycee. SCJC Director Derek Andrews has requested \$20,000 in 1% funds from the Johnson County Commission. And the third Leadership Johnson County class attended some Legislative sessions in Cheyenne with the current Leadership Sheridan County class.

Gillette College Foundation Report – Heidi Gross, Executive Director

A "Planned Giving" seminar will be held March 23rd in Gillette, which First Interstate Bank Wealth Management will facilitate; the Rodeo Ag Complex will have its Grand Opening on March 30th; the 4th Annual Dinner Theatre Fundraiser will be held – this year's offering is "Murder at the Disco"; a Women's Expo will be held May 2nd, with Keynote Speaker Donna Smullen; and a new major gifts campaign – "Power Your Future" -- is under way, with a goal to raise \$6M: \$1.75M for Student Success; \$2.5M for Academic Success; and \$1.75M for Community Success.

Organization Reports

NWCCD Classified Staff Council Chair, Joy Baule, reported that there are currently eight (8) classified employees on the CSC – three from SC and five from GC – and that the meetings are open to ALL classified staff members.

The CSC serves the classified staff population district-wide, with their primary function to disseminate information to constituents received in District Council Meetings, as well as to collect questions and concerns to be routed back to District Council and other appropriate channels. They also conduct fundraising events to sustain its pool of funds used to assist any district employee.

SC Student Government President, Brady Shoemaker, reported on behalf of the GCSG that they would be sponsoring a Father/Daughter dance in the coming weeks, as well as hosting a GC Children's Festival.

SC senators will be holding their election of 2017-2018 officers before Spring Break.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments this month.

Old Business

There were no Old Business items this month.

New Business

8a. Faculty Sabbatical Request – Information, Action

Administration recommended that the Board support the one-semester Sabbatical Leave Request of Dr. Scott Newbold, which will run from January – July 2018.

MOTION: Trustee Bruce Hoffman moved and Secretary Jerry Iekel seconded the Sabbatical Request for Dr. Scott Newbold, as recommended.

Hearing no further discussion, the **MOTION** carried, unanimously.

8b. Faculty / Student International Study Presentation: "Cultural Studies in Belize" - Information

Dr. Rachel Kristiansen, Sheridan College Psychology instructor, along with two students – Andrea Harding and Kelly Bowen – told the Board about, and showed slides of, their Field Studies 2017 experience in Belize, which took place during the holiday break. The trip was a joint PSYC 2460 / HLTK 2960 Field Study. The company Education First facilitated the trip. Dr. Kristiansen was able to get all credit-taking students \$365 scholarships.

8c. Federal (ACCT / AACC Priorities) Legislative Update – Information

Dr. Susan Bigelow presented the Board with an update on the Federal AACC and ACCT Legislative Priorities for the 115th Congress, including the Pell Grant Program, Higher Education Act Reauthorization, Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act Reauthorization, and Federal Student Loans. Other areas of focus are Workforce Development, Tax Benefits for Higher Education, Allied Health & Nursing Legislation, Veterans, the DREAM Act, STEM Competitiveness, International Education Programs, Assisting Financially Needy Community College Students through TANF and other programs, and Rural Economic Development.

8d. National Legislative Summit Report – Information

SCSG President Shoemaker thanked the Board, and specifically Vice-Chair Wragge and Secretary Iekel, for the opportunity to attend the NLS. Highlights for Mr. Shoemaker and his GC counterpart, Jacob Staples, included meeting other student senators from around the country, hearing newly appointed Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos speak, and hearing feedback from other colleges – particularly people from California schools – regarding free tuition.

Secretary Iekel highlighted a session regarding an overview of priorities, in which attendees were encouraged to: 1) cite the great need for the Higher Education Act to be re-authorized and having Congress preparing that right away; 2) regarding regulatory burdens, that there be a lifting of requirements regarding community college programs; and 3) a big consideration to oppose financial penalties and sanctions on the repayment of defaulted loans. He also attended a session that helped him understand more about accreditation.

Vice-Chair Wragge praised Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Staples for the critical role they played in the presentations and meetings with the Wyoming Congressional Delegation. He attended the ACCT Board meeting; the Opening General Session (topics: college affordability, workforce skills gap, federal perspectives) and Secretary DeVos' speech; and policy focus sessions.

And Wyoming's NLS attendees – thirteen in all – met on February 15, 2017 with Senators Enzi and Barrasso. (Representative Cheney was unable to meet with the group, but they did visit with her Legislative Assistant.)

8e. WACCT Conference Report – Information

The WACCT Conference was held February 8, 2017 at Laramie County Community College (LCCC). They held their Board meeting where new trustee representatives were introduced, officers were elected (NWCCD Vice-Chair Wragge was re-elected WACCT President), and action was taken to give WACCT Executive Director Erin Taylor a 4% salary increase.

WACCT also hosted a Trustee Education Session that dealt with the Wyoming Community College Commission's role and responsibilities, followed by a Roundtable with WCC commissioners.

The day ended with the annual WACCT Leadership Awards and Legislative Reception, which LCCC hosted. Several legislators and Governor Matt Mead attended. Next year's host will be Central Wyoming College.

8f. WCCC Quarterly Report – Information

Vice-Chair Wragge, Treasurer Robert Leibrich, and Chair Norleen Healy spoke about the February 2017 WCCC Meeting. Despite leaving tuition as it was and not removing the credit hour cap during its October 2016 meeting, the WCCC took action on tuition again in February. The Commission decided to raise the tuition \$5 / \$8 / \$15 per credit hour (5.6%) commencing with the 2017-2018 academic year, and to remove the credit hour cap of 12 credits commencing with the 2018-2019 academic year.

Also during that meeting, WACCT President Wragge had recognized the three retiring commissioners: Charlene Bodine, Sherri Lovercheck, and Wendy Sweeny, by presenting them with a plaque in appreciation of their dedication and devotion to Wyoming's community colleges.

Graphs were distributed re: the 2016 Summer Enrollment Report and the Performance Indicator Report.

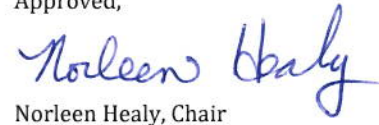
Adjournment

Vice-Chair Wragge asked if there was any other business for the good of the college. Hearing nothing further, he adjourned the February 23, 2017 Regular Board Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jerry Iekel, Secretary

Approved,


Norleen Healy, Chair

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