MEETING OF THE LEE COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
June 21, 2012

The Board of Regents of the Lee College District met June 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the John B. Tucker Lecture Hall. Chairman Wayne Gray called the meeting to order stating that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Mr. Wayne Gray, Chairman; Ms. Susan Moore-Fontenot, Vice Chair; Mr. Pete Alfaro, Secretary; Dr. Keith Coburn, Assistant Secretary; Mr. Don Coffey; Mr. Ronn Haddox, Mr. Mark Himsel; Mr. Mark Hall; and Mrs. Judy Jirrels

President, Dr. Dennis Brown
Attorney, Mr. Rick Peebles

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Regent Mark Hall said the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board did not convene into Executive Session.

34.12 DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Regent Coburn made a motion, seconded by Regent Haddox, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2012.

Regent Hall asked that records reflect that he did not vote a dissenting vote, referring to item 31.12 CONSIDERATION OF REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICERS: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. With this clarification, the record of the vote will read as follows: the motion passed with 6 votes in favor and 3 dissenting.
CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Wayne Gray:

• Thanked Regent Mark Himsel while presenting him with an engraved gavel for his dedication and service to Lee College and the Board of Regents, while serving the board as chairman from 2010 – 2012.

• Announced the selection of chairs for the following board committees:
  Building Committee     -     Don Coffey
  Policy Committee       -     Susan Moore-Fontenot
  Audit and Investment Committee  -  Keith Coburn

Each committee chair is charged with appointing committee membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Dennis Brown:

• Condolences were expressed to Regent Susan Moore-Fontenot for the loss of her mother in June.
• Wished Regent Keith Coburn a June happy birthday greetings
• Attended a Chamber of Commerce sponsored Planning Session
• Will provide information as it becomes available on the Workforce Preparedness Initiative for Business and Industry
• Received the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Summary Comparison of Funding FY2013 Community Colleges this week. $644,264 (a 6.9% decrease) is the projected amount of revenue loss of state funding for Lee College. Early projections were significantly lower at $300,000. Two thirds of Texas community colleges suffered a reduction in funding due to the state’s formula for funding. Continued attention on recruitment, retention and the commitment to see our students to completion are paramount for student success and future funding.
• An increase in tax revenue is expected, approximately $350,000. The Financial Report in July will provide additional information in this area.
• Only one comment was received from the College community regarding the online posting of Policy Update 26. Update 27 has now been received.
• Reported the Rundell Hall Task Force, led by Mr. Tom O’Kuma, physics faculty, is doing a great job and remain on schedule with the charge of discerning usage and presenting options for the first floor of Rundell Hall, Moody Center and Rundell Hall
auditorium. Presentations, reports, and diagrams will be presented to the Building Committee in July.

- On behalf of VP of Finance and Administration, Steve Evans, President Brown updated the board on the following: VP Evans is attending annual conferences and workshops in Austin. Upon his return he will begin setting dates for annual Board Budget Workshops.
- The President’s Cabinet met with representatives from the Faculty, Staff and Administrative assemblies in June to hear and discuss individual benefits and salary proposals for FY2012-2013.
- Corporate Training Services – the time and need to gear up to meet the demands of the growth due to recent announcement for expansions by ExxonMobil, Chevron Phillips, Bayer and other major industries in the bay area is now. Local traffic, housing, food service industry, the workforce in general, will be significantly impacted. The College and community as a whole have much to gain with the predicted growth in Baytown and surrounding areas for the next ten years.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Financial Services Report – Vice President of Finance and Administration, Steve Evans

On behalf of VP Evans, President Brown rendered a summary of financial items during his President’s Report. Additionally, Gloria Skelton, Senior Account, Financial Services was present to address questions or concerns.

Student Success Services Report- VP of Student Learning, Dr. Cathy Kemper (handouts provided)

Dr. Kemper presented a power point presentation entitled Accelerating the Dream. The presentation called attention to the Colleges accelerated developmental education program, reflecting promising results. Dr. Kemper presented findings of a pilot program in which a small pool of developmental education students were given the opportunity to take accelerated eight-week developmental courses, rather than the regularly offered 16-week courses. Students enrolled in eight-week courses showed higher success rates overall than students in the 16 week courses. Dr. Kemper recommended to the Board the expansion of the accelerated program, though she did point out that the faster option is not right for all students, and recommended maintaining 16-week courses as well.

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE
ITEMS OF ACTION

A. PERSONNEL

NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

35.12 CONSIDERATION OF BARNEY GRAY SCIENCE BUILDING EXHAUST PROCUREMENT

Dr. Brown recommended that the Board award a contract to MSI Products, Inc. for the sum of $30,064.28. This project will provide and install a new fume hood in Room 227 and two autoclaves in Room 229.

Regent Coffey made a motion, seconded by Regent Gray, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION’S RECOMMENDATION.

The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Matters of Concern for Future Agendas
  • Request for a budget workshop

C. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gray declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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Chairman, Board of Regents

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Secretary, Board of Regents