

MINUTES: January 19, 2021

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
MADISON, FLORIDA

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Ricky Lyons, Chair
Mr. Billy Washington, Vice Chair
Mrs. Sharon Benoit
Mr. J. Travis Coker
Mr. John Grosskopf, President
Mrs. Sandra Haas
Mr. David Howell
Mr. Mike Williams
Mr. Gary Wright

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mr. Al Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Tyler Coody
Rick Davis
Kay Hogan
Judy Lundell
Jennifer Page
Micah Rodgers
Connor Starling, Audio/Visual Technician
Kristin Summers
Michelle Wheeler, Recording Secretary

Mark Logan, Board Attorney

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ricky Lyons who asked Mr. Wright to open the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: (Washington/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the Agenda as presented. The motion carried by general consent.

MOTION: (Haas/Benoit) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the November 17, 2020 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Rick Davis presented Allied Health contracts for approval.

MOTION: (M. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the agreements between the following agencies and North Florida College:

- ARC – Contract renewal

- Big Bend Hospice - Contract renewal

This recommendation will ensure that the Allied Health Department of North Florida College will have adequate clinical locations to provide clinical experience to students as required. The above contracts have been previously reviewed by the Board Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Howell/Wright) That the District Board of Trustees for North Florida College approves the attached Volunteer Employee Criminal History System VECHS Handbook. This recommendation will provide North Florida College the VECHS Handbook, policies and associated forms. This handbook has been reviewed by the Board Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (M. Williams/Wright) That the District Board of Trustees for North Florida College approves the attached Volunteer Employee Criminal History System VECHS USER AGREEMENT. This recommendation will provide North Florida College the ability to obtain a criminal record history check on a current or prospective employee or volunteer. This handbook has been reviewed by the Board Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Washington/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees for North Florida College approves the attached North Florida Career Pathways Articulation Agreements for:

- Taylor County
- Lafayette County
- Jefferson County
- Madison County
- Suwannee County
- Hamilton County

This recommendation will help high school students transfer credits from high school to postsecondary programs at NFC. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT SERVICES

MOTION: (Haas/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Training Center Agreement with the American Heart Association contingent upon attorney review and approval. This recommendation is requested because the new agreement adds two new modules Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support. These modules will support our EMT students and other healthcare professionals in the community. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE SERVICES

MOTION: (Coker/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the personnel recommendations for Cheri Green, Rita Sypitowski as attached. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Washington/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Administrative and Professional contracts as attached. The motion carried unanimously. President Grosskopf explained the advantages in flexibility of renewing contracts bi-annually and how this model has been followed by other institutions within the system.

MOTION: (M. Williams/Washington) the District Board of Trustees of North Florida College approves the attached contact information changes in the Policy Manual. These are non-substantive, minor procedural or organizational changes that will not affect or alter the meaning or intent of the policy as written in any way. The motion carried unanimously. President Grosskopf noted that the contact information updates are required in this particular policy by statute.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Howell/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant List for November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Account was presented as an informational item as was the Current Funds Unrestricted Revenue and Expenditure Report.

MOTION: (M. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Disposal of property listed on the attachment. The Kenworth tractor to be disposed of is in disrepair and is no longer used for over the road driving. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

MOTION: (Washington/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the following edits to current policies (2.32, 2.31, 2.29, 2.42, 2.45, 2.46, 2.48, 2.56, 2.57, and 2.59) to align with SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation. The applicable SACSCOC standards have been noted at the end of each policy. The motion carried unanimously.

President Grosskopf provided updates on the following topics:

- Legislative Issues concerning the College:
 - SB 52 Dual Enrollment Scholarship Bill – Textbook costs would be burdensome, please oppose.

- HB 135 & SB 532 - Would allow technical colleges to offer Nursing degrees only to students who complete LPN at same institution. This goes against the state's idea of credentials being portable and stackable. We are opposed to this bill.
- HB 52 – Would allow state universities and FCS institutions to sponsor charter schools with requiring any approval from local school boards. This would make it much easier to bring charter schools into existence. The college supports this bill.
- SB 72 & House companion 72 – A positive step toward reducing potential liability from COVID-19 related infections at institutions. They place a greater burden of proof on the plaintiff to demonstrated that they were infected at your institution. If the institution follows CDC guidelines it will be difficult to prove direct exposure. We do support these bills.
- HB 324 & SB 264 – Intellectual Freedom in Post-Secondary Education. Regarding equitable representation of intellectual viewpoints on campus. This bill does not really fit our system. The management of this issue could prove problematic for institutions of our size who have various departments of one person. The deployment of ensuring diversity of viewpoints in such a small faculty could pose issues that need to be discussed further. President Grosskopf feels that this is primarily geared toward the university system more than the Florida College System, but it is a proposal that we are watching closely.
- Other Issues
 - FCSRMC – Property Casualty Insurance is going up approximately 28% (about \$40,000) Our deductible will go up from 3% to 5%
- Past Activities:
 - November 19 – FCS Webinar “Dual Enrollment Playbook”
 - December 1-4 – SACSCOC Board Meeting Via Zoom
 - December 8 – Conference call with SACSCOC Florida Delegation to discuss strategies for accreditation issues and state level training in the upcoming year.
 - December 11 – COP Professional Development and Business meeting
 - January 15 – COP Professional Development and Business meeting
 - January 19 – Met with Senator Bradley in Live Oak thanks to Mrs. Haas. She was very generous with her time to tour the facility and discuss college issues.
- Upcoming Activities
 - January 20 – Meeting with Senator Stargel. Will report back at the next Board meeting. Planning to discuss (1) our need to expand Career and Workforce education and (2) our need to find a sustainable and predictable funding source for dual enrollment.
 - January 22 –FCSRMC Board meeting in Gainesville, FL.
- FCS Handout for our Legislative Budget Request – Shows focus on PECO funds

ATTORNEY TIME

Attorney Logan provided updates on the following:

- Presidential and Institutional Evaluations to be sent in this month for reporting in February
- Mr. Sniffen sends his regards and apologized for his absence.
- Ongoing contract review and available for questions as needed

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Howell thanked everyone for the greeting card and stated that his eyesight is recovering after his cataract surgery last month.

Mr. Wright asked about Mr. Al Williams who is suffering from COVID-19. Ms. Wheeler provided the update from Mrs. Diane that he is recovering but still hospitalized in Gainesville as of their last correspondence on Friday.

Mr. Wright asked about Zoom meetings and Attorney Logan gave an update on the latest rulings by the Attorney General regarding achieving quorum in a virtual meetings.

Chair Lyons announced that the next regular meeting will be held on February 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., in the Student Center and asked Mr. Coker to pray before dinner. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Grosskopf
President



Ricky Lyons
Chair

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