

MINUTES: March 21, 2023

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
MADISON, FLORIDA

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Ricky Lyons, Chair
Mr. John Grosskopf
Mrs. Sandra Haas
Mr. David Howell
Mr. Billy Washington
Mr. Gary Wright
Mr. Al Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mr. Travis Coker
Mr. Mike Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Tyler Coody
David Dunkle
Allison Finley
Dani Mays
Traci McClung
Jennifer Page
Micah Rodgers
Lori Pleasant
Kristin Summers
Michelle Wheeler, Recording Secretary
Lynn Wyche

Mr. Mitchell Herring, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Lyons who invited Mr. Billy Washington to open the meeting with prayer and lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

MOTION: (Wright/Howell) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the February 21, 2023, regular meeting as presented. The motion carried by general consent.

PUBLIC INPUT

Emails were shared regarding a Trustee Event on this Thursday, March 23, 2023. The information was received this week, so the President stated that if any of the Trustees would like to attend in spite of the short notice, we would be happy to help with arrangements.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Vice President Page presented an update on the Accreditation Site Visit for the RN and BSN programs. She gave an over view of their visit and a summary of their findings. NFC was found in compliance with all 5 standards. They did offer suggestions in 3 of the standards. We will receive official word by the end of October of 2023. She thanked the people in the gallery who were instrumental in the success of this process. The Board inquired about the three areas that need improvement and she gave a summary of the items regarding the difficulty in hiring faculty (which is a nationwide issue), Professional Development, and communication of policies to students. The college was given 14 weeks to address these suggestions but was in found in compliance with all standards.

MOTION: (Howell/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached Academic Calendar 2024-2025. The motion carried unanimously.

CAREER AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION

Vice President Page also presented the following:

MOTION: (Washington/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached agreements with the following agencies:

Honey Lake Clinic – Renewal

Madison County School Board – Renewal

Madison Health and Rehabilitation Center-- Renewal

South Georgia Medical Center - 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 motion carried unanimously.

Associate Dean Dunkle presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (Haas/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached revision to student lab fees in the CDL program. The fee will be reduced from \$1837.75 to 1737.75. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT SERVICES

Associate Dean Wyche presented the following:

MOTION: (Haas/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached agreement with Tutor.com. Smartthinking is going out of business and this vendor is the most comparable to the price and services we were receiving previously. This company offers tutoring services 24-7 and will be offered to our students at no charge. Mr. Howell asked if this company is affiliated with Princeton University and Mrs. Wyche offered to find out and report back. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Wright/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant List for February 28, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Account was presented as an informational item as was the Current Funds Unrestricted Revenue and Expenditure Report. The Florida Prime account is earning 4.77% interest.

The Financial Audit from the State of Florida Auditor General for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, was presented to the Board as an informational item. Dean Rodgers stated that it was found to be materially correct with no findings. The Board unanimously acknowledged receipt of the document.

DEVELOPMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Director McClung presented a report for March that highlighted the following:

- Spring 2023 Scholarships
- Nurse Testing Scholarship
- Operation Outreach
- High School Senior Scholarships
- Funding Received for Continued Program Support
- Sarasota County Foundation is using NFC's report as model for other grantees. They are recommending awarding \$100,000 to NFC for a second year. Kudos to Annabelle Scott for her amazing work.

The Board Chair had to step out of the meeting for a moment to receive a personal call. Vice Chair Washington invited President Grosskopf to present his report.

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

President Grosskopf shared the sad news of our student, Julia Scott, passing away due to illness right before her last semester at NFC. He requested the Board to authorize the conferral of her A.A. degree posthumously.

MOTION: (Wright/Howell) That the District Board of Trustees authorizes President Grosskopf to confer an associate in arts degree to Julia Bright Scott posthumously. The motion carried unanimously.

The President also discussed Government Affairs and FCS Funding. HB999- includes language that Boards would have to approve Gen Ed courses and content. HB931- prohibits expenditures of funds for controversial speakers on campus. HB399 - must watch: will extend fee waivers

pool based on military service of parents and siblings. HB 679 – prohibits agreements w/foreign countries. SB 750 – re: articulation and transfer credits for A.S. degrees in Engineering and Science, new transfer reporting.

Chair Lyons returned to the Board Room at this point.

Mr. Howell requested President Grosskopf to elaborate on HB999. He explained that this bill proposes the prohibition of certain courses and majors. The State has more interest in the content of curriculum than has ever been seen.

Chair Lyons invited the attorney to present his report.

ATTORNEY TIME

Mr. Mitchell Herring stated there was nothing to report on their activities for the month. They have been in communication with staff on contract reviews and day-to-day discussions.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Chair then announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Wright to pray before dinner and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John Grosskopf
President


Ricky Lyons
Chair

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