

MINUTES: May 16, 2023

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
MADISON, FLORIDA

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

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Tyler Coody
David Dunkle
Dani Mays
Micah Rodgers
Michelle Wheeler, Recording Secretary
Lynn Wyche

Mr. Rob Sniffen, Board Attorney

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

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

MOTION: (Howell/Wright) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the April 18, 2023, regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dean Rodgers presented the following for approval.

MOTION: (Haas/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves Annual review of Student Fees. The current fees and requested fees are shown on the attached sheets. Mr. Howell asked for an explanation for some of the increases. Dean Rodgers explained that the fees are based on the cost of consumables and materials needed for the courses. The state does not allow us to charge any more or less than the cost. Mr. Dunkle also offered some explanation as well. He stated that he covers what he can with the Perkins Grant, to bring the cost to the students

down as much as possible. There was also a brief discussion on the CDL program and logging. The motion carried unanimously.

President Grosskopf presented the following for approval:

MOTION:(Coker/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees authorizes North Florida College to waive application fees for industry partners in workforce training. For example, if there is an opportunity to train drivers for a phosphate plant, waiving the application fees for those students would help us to build partnerships with businesses. This is not a request to waive all application fees, but rather the ability to negotiate with new partners. The application fee is \$20 per student. The motion carried unanimously.

CAREER AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION

Associate Dean Dunkle presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (M. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached BusinessAdministration/Accounting Agreements for Student Field Experience at CareerSource North Florida and Logistics and Transportation Students field experience at Earthgreen Farms LLC. This recommendation will provide NFC Business Administration/Accounting & Logistics and Transportation Students with the opportunity to get valuable on the job training experience with our local Workforce Development Board and with Earthgreen Farms LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Tyler Coody presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (Howell/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the annual faculty contracts attached. This recommendation permits the routine award of contracts to individuals and facilitates the growth, development, and improvement of NFC. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Haas/Howell) That the District Board of Trustees approves the personnel recommendations as outlined in the attached memorandums. This recommendation fills the vacant positions and completes the hiring process.

Michelle Brown, Nursing Faculty (11-month) – New Hire

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Coker/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the contract with Suwannee River Counseling Services (SRCS) to offer student counseling services. This recommendation will provide crisis intervention and short-term counseling services for students

as well as emergency counseling if needed for recommended employees. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Coker/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant List for April 30, 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 5.06% interest.

DEVELOPMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

President Grosskopf presented the following in the absence of Director McClung:

- Community Foundation of Sarasota County will give \$90,000 for scholarships

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

President Grosskopf gave an overview of the following:

- Commencement: Representative Tant gave a wonderful address and will be coming back for a tour of our CDL program. She shared details of our commencement and recent recognition on her social media.

Legislative Issues:

- Expanded concealed carry law has been passed with the exception of college campuses. Armed security will go into effect on campus on June 1, 2023
- Working with legal to determine student code of conduct issues – in the event of students accidentally carrying guns on campus.
- SB240 is pending – contains many issues related to workforce training such as an expansion of industry certifications lists, and an increase in funding for paid internships. Potential problems if permits technical centers to apply to offer A.S. degrees.
- HB999 Education bill: University tenure issues, lawful subjects, etc.
- SB266 Signed into law: “Prohibits Florida Schools from spending any state or federal funding on most programs that advocate for diversity and inclusion or promote political or social activism.”

- HB931 Signed into law: “To prevent schools from required political loyalty tests in hiring or admissions and attempting to spur more debates among students.”
- Budget: proviso language for OPPAGA to conduct feasibility study by December 2023 on state health insurance for FCS employees.
- Response to \$1million recurring operational adjustment: shared letter submitted to Office of Policy and Budget. Very excited for all that is planned for NFC and what we can accomplish in our district. Needs help carrying this message forward.
- Perry Center: Can host Board for the June meeting if it is the pleasure of the group.
- Hunger Free Campus initiative is making great progress. Representative Tant and others have made generous donations for the effort in expanding our food pantry. Meals are provided in the Café if a student is hungry and we are partnering with Second Harvest to host distributions.
- Niche Ranking #2 in the State, #19 in the nation. The criteria is affordability and quality. We are very proud to share this accomplishment.

ATTORNEY TIME

Mr. Sniffen stated that there was nothing to report for the month.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Washington asked about staffing for nursing. President Grosskopf explained that staffing for expansion of online BSN courses will be covered with adjuncts who can teach from anywhere. The ladders to the BSN are where instructors are needed most.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the NFC Perry Location on Byron Butler Parkway and suggested that the summer retreat be held at the Live Oak Location. He asked Mr. Al Williams to pray before dinner and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Grosskopf
President
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Ricky Lyons
Chair