

MINUTES: February 15, 2022

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE
MADISON, FLORIDA

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mrs. Sandra Haas

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Tyler Coody
David Dunkle
Dr. Jamie Holland
Judy Lundell
Dani Mays
Jennifer Page
Lori Pleasant
Micah Rodgers
Connor Starling, Audio/Visual Technician
Kristin Summers
Michelle Wheeler, Recording secretary

Rob Sniffen, Board Attorney

VISITORS PRESENT: Tonya Benzinger, Dance Instructor for ACA

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Ricky Lyons, who asked Mr. Mike Williams to open the meeting with a prayer and lead the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: (Coker/Wright) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Washington/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the January 18, 2022, regular meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chair Lyons asked for public input and the President stated that no requests were submitted.

DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Director Lundell thanked the Board for allowing her to present first because she is scheduled to give away two scholarships in Mayo right after her presentation.

She then discussed the following from the Foundation Report for February 2022.

- Donation/Grants Analysis for Three Years (2019-2021)
- Thank You Letters that went out
- Scholarship Donations
- Joe Akerman Jr. Scholarship
- John Loughridge Endowment
- Kelley and Mary (Lucas) Bailey Memorial Endowment additional \$3,620
- Last Mile Scholarship
- Spring 2022 Scholarships
- Nurse Testing Scholarships
- CDL Scholarship

CAREER AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION

David Dunkle presented the following items for approval:

MOTION: (M. Williams/Howell) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached North Florida Career Pathways articulation agreements for the following counties: Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Hamilton, and Lafayette. This recommendation will help high school students transfer credits from high school to postsecondary Career and Workforce programs at NFC. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dunkle shared that a survey will be sent out district wide. It is a critical local needs assessment that will be sent to economic development, businesses, and industries in the local school districts to get a feel for what is going on in the region. It will be sent to the Board and anyone who is willing to participate. He asked that it be passed on to as many people as possible to solicit feedback on programs that are needed in the community. It will be an electronic survey that can be forwarded on to anyone that might have good input for local needs. Anyone can respond, business owners, parents, everyone has a voice.

Mr. Wright asked why Jefferson County is not included in this list of agreements. Mr. Dunkle explained that a relationship with the new superintendent is forming and we are working through the process of developing an articulation agreement with that county.

Dr. Holland presented the following items for approval:

MOTION: (Coker/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees approves the agreements between Florida United Methodist Home and North Florida College. 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.

EMPLOYEE SERVICES

Tyler Coody presented the following items for approval:

MOTION: (Coker/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the personnel recommendation outlined in the attached memo:

New Hire:

Mary Kinard, Director of the College Center in Perry

This is a grant funded position through the Resiliency Grant.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (A. Williams/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees extends the Professional contract on the attached page through June 30, 2022. The contract for Mr. Rick Davis, Director of Public Safety Programs, was inadvertently excluded from the contracts presented at the last meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Wright/Howell) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant List for January 31, 2022, 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. The Florida Prime account is earning 0.14% interest.

MOTION: (Washington/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the architectural firm, Clemons, Rutherford, & Associates, recommended by the Architect Evaluation Team based on a Request for Qualifications for a Continuing Contract (RFQ 22-01). The College will negotiate with this firm for a continuing contract for minor projects, pursuant to Florida Statutes. This recommendation will allow the College to negotiate a contract with the recommended architectural firm and provide that contract to the Board of Trustees for approval at the March 2022 meeting.

After a brief overview of how the candidates were ranked based on their qualifications, the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

Kristin Summers presented the following for approval:

MOTION: (M. Williams/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees approves the following edits to current policies for February 2022 to align with SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation. The applicable SACSCOC standards have been noted at the end of each policy as non-substantive changes. No changes have been made to the currently approved policies. The motion carried unanimously.

President Grosskopf stated that pending legislation regarding accreditation in Florida might invalidate this entire crosswalk project as of next year.

Chair Lyons asked the Board if it would be their pleasure to postpone the President and Institutional Evaluations until the summer workshop where they could be discussed thoroughly, and questions asked. The results of the evaluations would be presented in August along with the Board Organization. Mr. Washington added that he does need a basis for some of the questions on their evaluation form which could be covered during the workshop.

MOTION: (M. Williams/Washington) That the District Board of Trustees postpones the evaluation process of the President, Board, and Institution until the Summer retreat. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: This request to change Board Policy 1.07 will be brought to the March meeting for approval for advertising.

President Grosskopf presented updates on the following:

Legislative Issues:

- HB57/SB0242 – Divisive Concepts
- HB6007 – Would repeal prohibition of concealed carry of weapons on campus
- Sabatini's bill would repeal prohibition of concealed carry in legislative spaces
- HB5201/SB7044 Musical Chairs – SACSCOC Accreditation
 - Institutions may not be accredited by the same accreditation agency or association for consecutive accreditation cycles.
 - Shared an article from The Chronicle for Higher Education
 - \$15,000 application fee for candidacy which takes about 1 year to be vetted.

- Other accreditation agencies will be unlikely to take Florida institutions due to language in the bill that would allow the colleges to sue for damages if the accreditation agency finds them to be out of compliance.
- This bill will have devastating repercussions in the State.
- Problems with block transfer of credits, etc.
- Equitable funding lobbying points and addresses handout
 - Asked for help from trustees to write to our representatives regarding these talking points
 - Physical addresses and email links provided
 - Not seeking privilege – only requesting to be funded at the system average
 - This would mean an additional \$698,000 recurring annually to our base
 - Wants to follow up with representatives after letters go out.
 - Will also ask Foundation Board members to assist in this effort.

Activities and Upcoming Events:

- Feb 18 – Foundation Board Meeting
- Feb 23 – Leading with Emotional Intelligence Webinar
- Will continuing lobbying to look out for NFC

VHP Rental Agreement Discussion

- Revisions to the agreement to include a Force Majeure clause, NFC to determine security needs, educational events as defined by state.
- Revised fee schedule

MOTION: (Coker/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the new rental agreement and fee schedule presented with three changes: Educational events to use definition set forth by DOE, security to be determined by NFC Chief of Security, and no alcoholic beverages on college property rather than “in a college facility.”

The Chair asked Attorney Sniffen to give his report while copies of the fee schedule were made and they circled back to the vote once they had a copy in hand.

The motion carried unanimously.

ATTORNEY TIME

Attorney Sniffen discussed the following:

- Parking Lot Agreement correspondence with MCMH in process

- Evaluations to be provided next month for reworking and evolving the questions before the retreat, then discuss/complete evaluations during the summer retreat and turn in at the end of July so the results can be compiled and reported at the August meeting.
- UF Academic Freedom Lawsuit
 - Faculty prohibited from testifying
 - NFC does not prohibit employees from outside employment

President Grosskopf and Jennifer Page requested to discuss the following:

- Next month, we will be asking for official endorsement to begin the exploration of launching a Charter High School in earnest.
- House and Senate Chambers are both encouraging the growth of Charter Schools.
- 0 PECO dollars for Florida College System vs \$199,000,000 of PECO dollars for Charter Schools
- Wants to discuss your concerns over the next few weeks
- Feasibility study to determine centers of gravity
- For-profits are waiting to fill this need
- Would be district wide
- Need united Board to be successful

Chair Lyons recommended that the trustees take a few minutes to discuss this with President Grosskopf individually over the next few weeks to better understand this project.

Attorney Sniffen added that the four community colleges that have received funding for this endeavor did not ask to start charter schools. The legislature required it.

Dean Page observed that when all 28 colleges were summoned to a State conference on Charter Schools in October, it was very clear that this is an expectation for the colleges, not a suggestion. She felt that message was of the need get on board or be left behind.

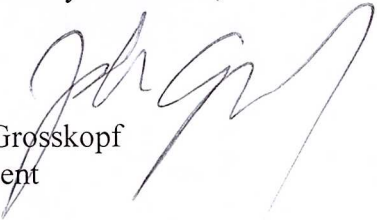
President Grosskopf stated that a formal request to hire consultants to explore how to accomplish this will be brought to the next meeting.

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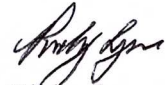
Chair Lyons announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Gary Wright to pray before dinner. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Grosskopf
President



Ricky Lyons
Chair



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