

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

May 10, 2018

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. Richard Ellis; Mr. Ken Williams, and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests Present: Mr. Earl and Mrs. June Gerstenberger.

Mr. Box gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes; there being none, Mr. Pettiet made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Patton, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box presented the election returns/results for the May 5, 2018 Board Election. Mr. Richard Ellis was elected to Position #7, with 593 votes. Mr. William Clements received 205 votes. Mr. Pete Pettiet was uncontested for Position #5; declared elected and Ms. Linda Patton was uncontested for Position #6; declared elected. See Exhibits #4282 and #4283. Mr. Alexander motioned to accept the election results as presented. Mr. Williams seconded and the motion passed with unanimous vote.

The Chairman administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Linda Patton, Position #6; Mr. Pete Pettiet, Position #5 and Mr. Richard Ellis, Position #7. See Exhibits #4284, #4285, and #4286.

Mr. Pettiet made the motion to maintain the same slate of officers by acclamation: Mr. Box, Chairman; Mr. Neal, Vice Chairman; and Ms. Patton, Secretary. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman then asked Mr. and Mrs. Gerstenberger to stand for a presentation. Mr. Box began a brief history of the Gerstenberger's tenure at South Plains College. He stated that Mr. Gerstenberger was hired as a founding faculty member and retired as Vice President of Academic Affairs. He also stated Mrs. Gerstenberger joined South Plains College as secretary to the Registrar and retired as secretary to the Special Services Office. Mr. Box made a motion to rename Southwest Hall to Gerstenberger Hall effective Fall 2018. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion to approve was overwhelmingly unanimous.

The Chairman then called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Dr. Gibbs recommended eight faculty members for a promotion of rank. See Exhibit #4287. Dr. Gibbs reported that the 36th Annual Employee Recognition Banquet will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in the PE Complex, following the Board of Regents' meeting; exhibit #4288.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt reported on SPC's 60th Annual Commencement, to be held May 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Texan Dome. 1,467 students have applied for graduation, and 841 students plan to participate. See exhibit #4289.

Mr. Box then called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, and Mr. Williams moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4290 and #4291. Second by Ms. Patton and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Green then presented four resolutions for resale of property; Chavira, Account #R08583, exhibit #4292; Bordayo, Account #R14042, exhibit #4293; Bordayo, Account #R10911, exhibit #4294; Scott, Account #R06735, exhibit #4295; and Scott, Account #15041, exhibit #4296. Motion to accept all five bids was made by Mr. Pettiet and seconded by Mr. Neal. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box called upon the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John presented a report on the amount of scholarships that have been administered during the 2017-18 academic year; exhibit #4297. To date, the Scholarship Office has administered \$2,410,116 in scholarship funds that have been awarded to 1,430 students. Overall, the amount of scholarship funds managed by the Scholarship Office has increased by 31.2 percent in the past five years and the number of students served has increased 16.5 percent. SPC Foundation awards have totaled \$903,062 to 913 students as of May 10, 2018. Mr. John said additional scholarships will be awarded during the summer sessions. SPC program scholarships have totaled \$683,888 and have assisted 330 students. Students have received \$823,166 in third party outside scholarships. He also reported that the Scholarship Office has received 1,002 scholarship applications for 2018-19 and that the SPC Foundation Board of Directors approved an \$1,005,450 scholarship disbursement for the next year.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board that the renovations to the Culinary Arts area at the Lubbock Center in progressing on schedule and on budget. He was also able to unveil the initial plans for the Wheeler Science Building.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary