

## MINUTES

Regular Meeting

## BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

February 13, 2014

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. 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. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams; and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Mr. Tony Riley; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT Radio; Ms. Jayme Wheeler and Ms. Allie Terry, of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development; Ms. Teresa Green, Controller.

Mr. Alexander 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 of the January 9, 2014 minutes; there being none, Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Patton, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Mr. Walker presented an Update in Instructional Areas. See Exhibit #3839.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for her report. Ms. Mitchell stated that the official enrollment report for spring 2014 indicates a 4.1% decrease in enrollment compared to the spring of 2013. All locations were down in enrollment, with the exception of Plainview which is 11.3% or 35 students. A survey of community colleges across the state indicates this is a state wide trend, with the majority of colleges reporting drops in enrollment, Exhibit #3840.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Finance and Administration for his report. Mr. Riley asked the Board to order a May election for positions 1, 2, and 4; see Exhibits #3841 and #3842. Mr. Pettiet made the motion, Mr. Clements seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Riley also presented a resolution and a copy of the South Plains College Investment Policy for Board review. After reviewing, Mr. Clements motioned to approve the Resolution and Investment Policy as presented, second from Mr. Neal, vote was unanimous. See Exhibit #3843.

Mr. Riley presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there

were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Alexander made a motion that the Board accepts the reports as shown in Exhibits #3844, #3845 and #3846. Second by Ms. Patton and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Director of Development for her report. Ms. Gerstenberger gave the Board an update on the upcoming Scholarship Gala; *A World of Opportunities*. The Gala will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 in the Physical Education Complex on the Levelland campus; see Exhibit #3847.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided Regents with an update on the working being done to develop and submit a new grant application under the U.S. Department of Education's Strengthening Hispanic Serving Institutions Program (Title V). He provided information regarding the College's current Title V grant, as well as two other prior grants received under this program. Over the past 10 years, the college has received \$6.78 million in federal funds under this program. Mr. John said a proposal development team has been appointed by Dr. Sharp and is preparing a grant request to develop three new Associate of Applied Arts programs at the college. These new programs include a new specialization in Diesel Service Technology, focusing on agriculture and heavy construction equipment; Occupational Therapist Assistant; and Culinary Arts. Mr. John said the team is studying employer demands for graduates from these programs as well as the feasibility of implementing the programs. It is anticipated that the grant application will be due to the Department of Education toward the end of March.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp gave the Board a report on the Plainview Technology Building, the second housing unit and other construction/renovation activities at SPC locations.

Dr. Sharp also highlighted some of the upcoming events at SPC and noted the Region V Basketball Tournament will be held at LCU on March 5-8, 2014.

Meeting adjourned.