Garden City Community College
Board of Trustees
March 18, 2025

Trustees Present: Shanda Smith, Chair
David Rupp, Vice Chair
Dr. Merilyn Douglass, Trustee
Leonard Hitz, Trustee
Bob Larson, Trustee
Jean Clifford, Trustee

Others Present: Dr. Ryan Ruda, President
Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO
Dr. Marc Malone, Vice President for Instructional Services/CAO
Colin Lamb, Vice President for Student Services/AAD
Madilyn Limberg, Executive Director, Marketing and PR
Ruth Herrera, Administrative Assistant for IT
Oscar Rivera, Computer Support Specialist
Jodie Tewell, Executive Assistant to the President
Ryan Pilosof, GCCC Student
Russ Tidwell, Community Member
Adam Travis, C and C Representative
Noel Andres Santana, Community Member
Michael Shull, Community Member
Aubrie Diehl, Garden City
Danielle Burke, Assistant City Manager
Stacie Hahn, Community Member
Seth Kristalyn, Associate Professor of English
Jon Craig, Community Member
Hayley Loya, Community Member
Carole Greer, Community Member
Pierre Beatrix Debajo Madlangbayar, GCCC Student

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smith called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Move to amend the printed agenda to include an executive session following Item I. Call to Order.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

A. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Smith commended Coach Hendrix for receiving March's Bustin' Buster Award. Reminded Trustees that the Chamber Breakfast has been rescheduled to March 26 due to inclement weather.

GCCC has been very engaged at the state level this legislative session during this tumultuous time. The current position for funding that is proposed shows a 9% decrease compared to this fiscal year. This represents a $423,016 decrease in funding. In addition to this, there is the loss of cybersecurity funding of $250,000, which has provided a funding mechanism for infrastructure updates to the network and improvements to security measures to prevent cyberattacks. The college is looking at ways to increase revenue to offset these losses.

B. Report from SGA

No Report

C. New Employees

No New Employees

D. Report from Faculty Senate
No Report

E. C and C Audit
Travis from C and C reported on the total savings for GCCC during 2024. C and C anticipate better savings once the campus calendar is implemented. Travis will update Dr. Ruda regarding the repayment timeline of the initial investment.

Monitoring Report: A-3. Annual, Essential Skills
Seth Kristalyn, Assessment Coordinator, reported on the assessment of Essential Skills, which drives the Gen Ed Program. Due to a change in reporting, the results of the Essential Skills are percentages. (Supporting documents filed with the official minutes.)

F. Rural Housing Update
Danielle Burke, Assistant City Clerk, presented a consolidated version of an update presented to the City Commission a few months ago. (Supporting documents filed with the official minutes.)

Executive Session

Move that the Board recess into executive session to discuss confidential employee information pursuant to the open meetings exception for personnel matters of non-elected personnel which if discussed in open meeting might violate their right to privacy and that our President and Vice Presidents be included. The open meeting will resume here in the Omar D. Angelese Endowment Room in fifteen (15) minutes.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Trustees moved to Executive session at 6:37 pm.

The open meeting resumed at 6:52 pm.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Move pull Item D. and Item E. from the consent agenda for further information.

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Leonard Hitz

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Move to approve the Consent Agenda Items A., B., and C.

Motion: Leonard Hitz
Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(A) Approval of minutes of previous meetings
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(B) Approval of personnel actions- Human Resources
(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(C) Approval of Financial Information

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

(D.) Fees and Tuition

Dr. Ruda reported that the administration is recommending holding tuition flat with no increase for Finney County residents. In-state outside Finney County will realize a $2/hour increase in tuition. Border and Out of State will each respectively increase $3/hour in tuition. International student rate will increase $5/hour in tuition. Additionally, we are recommending a $5 per credit hour increase in student fees on all residency statuses. This increase will utilize $3 of this increase to offset student scholarships as well as general student activities, and increase new student scholarship opportunities for dual credit, alumni scholarships, and program scholarships available to students. The additional $2 increase will be allocated to technology fees to offset increases in maintenance and service agreements, as well as account for the loss in cybersecurity funds at the state which has accounted for $250,000. (Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

The Board moves to adopt the following tuition and fee rates for 2025-26:

Finney County-- $5 increase in fees, hold tuition flat. $5 total increase/credit hour

In-state, outside of Finney-- $5 increase in fees, tuition increase of $2. $7 total increase/credit hour

Border state-- $5 increase in fees, tuition increase of $3. $8 total increase/credit hour

Out State-- $5 fees, $3 increase in tuition. $8 increase total/credit hour

International- $5 fees, $5 increase in tuition. $10 increase total/credit hour

Online- hold flat. No increase

Motion: David Rupp
Second: Bob Larson

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

(E.) 2024-25 Capital Outlay Budget Amendment

Karla Armstrong reported that the 2024-25 Capital Outlay budget was adopted with expenditure budget authority of $855,000. This amendment will not change the levy for the 2024-25 Capital Outlay fund. The amendment gives the college budget authority to properly classify this project as a capital outlay project

Move to approve the Capital Outlay Budget Amendment, increasing the Capital Outlay budget authority to $2,855,000.

Motion: Leonard Hitz
Second: David Rupp

Ayes: Douglass, Clifford, Smith, Hitz, Rupp, Larson
Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

III. CONFIRMATION OF MONITORING REPORTS:

A. **Monitoring Reports and ENDS**…… **Consensus Approval**

A-1. Bi-Annual, General Executive Constraints #2

Trustee Douglass reported that she appreciated that this report tied in with the pillars of the strategic plan.

A-2. Annual, General Executive Constraints #10

Harley Beck is working with the insurance company to provide stats on the number of injuries on campus. Dr. Ruda will send the information to the Trustees once we receive it.

A-3. Annual, Essential Skills

Seth Kristalyn reported on this report at the beginning of the meeting.

B. **Review Monitoring Reports**

B-1. Annual, Personnel Enrichment

Trustee Douglass reported that Dr. Ruda presented the report well and provided needed information.

Consensus to accept all reports.

IV. OTHER

A. Open comments from the public

Ryan Pilosof, GCCC Student, commented on the GCCC Theatre Program.
Russ Tidwell, Community Member, commented on the GCCC Theatre Program.
Stacie Hahn, Community Member, commented on the GCCC Theater program
Pierre Beatrix, Community Member, commented on the GCCC Theater program.

B. Presidents Report

Dr. Ruda reported on the results of Track and Field at the National Indoor Meet, congratulated PTK Champer of being recognized as a REACH Chapter in 2024, PTK received multiple awards at the Heartland Regional Conference, and thanked Advisors Winsom Lamb and Tammy Hutcheson, and reported on enrollment for Spring 2025 and Summer 2025.

C. Incidental Information

Information on page 76.

D. Report from FCEDC

No report

E. Report from KACC

Trustee Douglass reported that there was a call for members to report to Topeka for Legislative meetings regarding the budget. They spoke to senators and representatives regarding the budget bill.

V. OWNERSHIP LINKAGE

The Chamber breakfast has been rescheduled to March 26, and Chair Smith discussed other upcoming dates.

Chair Smith and Trustee Douglass received letters in support of Dr. Kelly.

Vice Chair Rupp attended the Fire Science, Criminal Justice, and Robotics Advisory Meetings.

Trustee Clifford attended the Computer Science advisory meeting.

Chair Smith attended the Auto Advisory Meeting.

Updated advisory board schedule available at the trustees' seat.

VI. Executive Session

No session

VII. Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Signature:

Jodie Tewell
Deputy Clerk

Signature:

Dr. Ryan J. Ruda
President

Signature:

Mrs. Shanda Smith
Chairman of the Board

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