

**MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**May 9, 2017**

Trustees Present: Jeff Crist, Dr. Marilyn Douglass, Steve Martinez, Melvin Neufeld, Dr. Blake Wasinger, Terri Worf

Others Present: Nhicolas Aponte, SGA President/Academic Excellence Challenge Team  
Debra Atkinson, Deputy Clerk  
Josh Harbour, *Garden City Telegram*  
Micah Koksall, Academic Advisor/SGA Student Advisor  
Ryan Ruda, Vice President of Instruction/Student Services  
Jeff Southern, Director of Institutional Research and Special Projects  
Kristi Tempel, Public Relations/Marketing  
Tammy Tabor, SGA Student Advisor and Director of Enrollment Management  
Dee Wigner, Executive Vice President  
Herbert Swender, President

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Crist, called the regular board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

Chair Crist made the following comments:

- Congratulations were extended to all graduates of the 97<sup>th</sup> GCCC Commencement. Chair Crist shared that he had received many compliments regarding the commencement ceremony.
- Chair Crist thanked Trustees for attending the various end of the year events.
- Condolences were extended to the family of student athlete, Sean Callahan.
- Reminded Trustees that GCCC campus will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

**OPEN COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Chair Crist noted that no one from the public had registered to make comments.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

This portion of the meeting is related to student accomplishments, activities, campus visitors, and special events that have taken place in the GCCC campus community since the last Board of Trustee meeting.

Dr. Swender took a few minutes to extend his personal condolences to the family, friends, and teammates of Sean Callahan. Dr. Swender shared that he had visited with Sean's dad, Sean Sr. This is what he had to say, "Sean's life was totally changed for the better because of GCCC. The football coaching staff along with everyone at GCCC made a formable difference in Sean and the life of our family. In fact, I got to know Sean as a friend in the past months because of GCCC and we had never experienced that before—Sean became a man because of GCCC."

Among the numerous activities, events, and student accomplishments presented were Department of Public Safety Graduation, the 97<sup>th</sup> Commencement exercises, the Nurses Pinning, and GED graduation. Dr. Swender acknowledged the GCCC meats judging team for winning their fifth national championship at Kansas State University in April. Other activities include John Deere Awards Banquet, SGA Student Awards Banquet, GCCC National Championship Ring Ceremony, SSS Awards Banquet, Year End Spring Concerts, Athletic Recognition Night, DPS Scenario Day, and the College Players production of "Little Shop of Horrors" dinner theatre.

Dr. Swender also shared with Trustees, that ESPN India had featured GCCC Women's basketball player and honor student, Kavita Akula, in an article recently published. The ESPN India article described Kavita's incredible journey to the United States to play basketball. Kavita is the first women from India to play basketball.

Dr. Swender noted that area high school students have been on the campus of GCCC for Youth Entrepreneurs Biz Connect, FFA Meats Judging, and GCCC Welding Department welding Competition.

GCCC was honored to have Congressman Roger Marshall, M. D. visit on April 20. Congressman Marshall toured Task Force Broncbuster, GCCC Welding Facility, Student Support Services, and John Deere. The Congressman also spent some time with DPS students that were running Simulated Impaired Driving unit as part of the Earth Day activities. Rebecca Swender, Western Kansas Deputy Director, also was in attendance for the campus visit.

English as a Second Language (ESL) students presented their immigration stories and experiences at a reception held on April 26. This is an opportunity for students to practice their grammar/communication and to tell their story at same time.

Newman University administration was at GCCC on April 27 for a signing of a 2+2 agreement on Elementary Education.

Garden City Community College will host the 2018 NJCAA Division 1 Cross Country Championship at Buffalo Dunes on May 16, 17. An invitation only reception will be held at the Clarion Inn for special guests with keynote speaker Mike Holder, NCAA college athletics administrator and former Head Men's Golf Coach and current athletic director for Oklahoma State University.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

There were no new employees present.

#### **REPORT FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:**

Nhicolos Aponte, SGA President, reported that Earth Day activities held on the quad had been a success. Whitney Buchman, Curator of Education at the Finnup Center for Conservation and Education was the guest speaker. Aponte felt that the SGA Awards banquet was very well attended and many student organizations were recognized. Aponte thanked the HALO organization for the book lending services that they provide.

Co-Advisors Tammy Tabor and Micah Kasriel thanked Aponte for his service as an SGA officer over the past two years. Ryan Ruda, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services congratulated Aponte for his acceptance in the Summer Bridges program at Kansas State University. Ruda shared with Trustees that the Bridges program provides scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students. Aponte will be transferring in the fall to K-State and majoring in engineering.

Election of officers will take place in the fall. Kasriel indicated that interest is high. Kasriel went on to note that this is the last meeting for co-advisor Tammy Tabor. Kasriel expressed her thanks to Tabor for her dedication and leadership with SGA.

Chair Crist expressed appreciation for Aponte and Tabor's leadership and guidance to all members of SGA.

#### **REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE:**

Larry Pander, Fire Science Instructor/Faculty Senate Representative, was giving final exams and not available for a report. Dr. Swender shared with Trustees that an agreement had been reached regarding negotiations and will be presented at the June board meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chair Crist asked if Trustees wished to remove any items from the consent agenda. No items were removed.

Chair Crist then asked for a motion approving consent agenda items II-A-E.

***Motion:***

***Douglass moved, seconded by Neufeld to approve consent agenda items, II-A-E as presented.***

***Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Martinez, Neufeld, Wasinger, Worf***

***Nays: None***

***Motion carried: 6-0***

Approved actions follow:

**(A) APPROVED MINUTES** of previous meeting (May 9, 2017)

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(B) APPROVED PERSONNEL ADJUNCT/OUTREACH CONTRACTS**, as presented

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(C) APPROVED SUBMITTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**, as presented

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(D) PURCHASES OVER 50,000**, as presented

D-1 Annual 5 year agreement

Vendor: KanRen

For: data communication

Amount: \$57,090.75

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(E) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR NON-RENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS**, as presented

**E-1 APPROVED RESOLUTION 2017-04 NONRENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF AMELIA A. JONES**

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

**E-2 APPROVED RESOLUTION 2017-05 NONRENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF Stephen W. Wuerz**

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes)

**MONITORING REPORTS and ENDS REPORTS:**

Trustees indicate they had received and reviewed the following monitoring reports:

- Annual, General Executive Constraints, #2, #3, #4, #5

Trustees accepted the monitoring report as presented.

**REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS:**

No reports were scheduled for review.

**BOARD PROCESS AND POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:**

Trustee Dr. Merilyn Douglass, Policy Governance Officer, will get with Board Clerk, Debra Atkinson, and suggest dates in June for a policy governance retreat.

**GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW:**

Ryan Ruda, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, and our Accreditation Liaison, drew Trustee’s attention to a handout regarding course review that had previously been distributed for their review. Ruda explained that the review evaluates outcomes and competencies in the classroom, and is used as a tool to receive feedback from faculty. Ruda went on to share that the review also helps to track progress each semester and will assist faculty to know which benchmarks are met in addition to what strategies are needed in areas of improvement. Trustees will revisit this review at the June board meeting.

**REPORT FROM FINNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

Trustee Martinez reported the following:

- An industrial company is interested in rail service sites in Garden City.
- FCEDC is working on an employer day at Fort Riley, which will include several local business that will participate in a job fair.
- FCEDC is working on technical and career training grants.
- The Department of Agriculture awarded GCCC with a training grant that will apply toward training of Dairy Farmers of America employees. FCEDC will continue searching for similar grant opportunities.
- Mies Trucking Company is working with Dairy Farmers of America and will be located on the DFA site.

**REPORT FROM KACCT/COP:**

Trustee Neufeld reported the following:

- Trustee Neufeld reported KACCT quarterly meeting will be held June 9-10 at Colby Community College.

**OWNERSHIP LINKAGE:**

Several community members that attended GCCC 97<sup>th</sup> Commencement have commented how impressed they were with the many accomplishments and accolades of GCCC. Dr. Swender expressed to Trustees that great things happen at GCCC due to the shared vision of the board and the college’s employees.

Trustees report that a bench at Jenny Barker school displayed a thank you sign to GCCC.

Trustees expressed their appreciation to the maintenance and custodial staff for their tireless work after the huge snow storm that brought 14” of snow and downed so many of the campus trees and the many set ups and tear downs that are part of the end of semester events. GCCC campus was beautiful and the pride and excellence in all involved in preparation for the many events is evident in the appearance of our campus, buildings, and willing staff.

Thank you to GCCC Employees from the Board of Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**

June 13	GCCC Board of Trustee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Endowment Room of Beth Tedrow Student Center
July 4	No Class/Offices Closed in observance of Independence Day
July 11	Monthly meeting of GCCC Board of Trustees, 6:00 p.m., Endowment Room, Beth Tedrow Student Center
August 7	Faculty Report
August 15	Classes Begin
September 4	No Classes/Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day

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