

**MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
March 12, 2019**

Trustees Present: Dr. Merylyn Douglass, Jeff Crist, Leonard Hitz, Steve Martinez, Dr. Blake Wasinger, Terri Worf,

Others Present: Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO  
Craig Atkinson, Community Member  
Debra Atkinson, Deputy Clerk  
Eugene Atkinson, Community Member  
Maxine Atkinson, Community Member  
Nicole Dick, Math Instructor  
Toni Douglass, Community Member  
Chief Rodney Dozier, GCCC Chief of Police  
Amber Friend, *Garden City Telegram*  
Jill Green, Visitor  
Sheena Hernandez, English Instructor  
Phil Hoke, Drama Instructor/Faculty Senate  
Andrew Knoll, IT Network Manager  
Aaron Kucharik, Community Member  
Jean Lamfers, Attorney  
Craig Lurtz, Transportation Coordinator  
Jacquelyn Messinger, VP Institutional Effectiveness & Accountability  
Kellee Munoz, Human Resources Director  
Chuck Pfeifer, Dean of Workforce Technology  
Derek Ramos, Dean of Physical Planning & Facilities Management  
Dr. Ryan Ruda, President  
David Rupp, Community Member  
Ashley Salazar, Director of Public Relations  
Nancy Unruh, Registrar

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Wasinger called the regular board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

Chair Wasinger made the following comments:

- Chair Wasinger congratulated the 2019 GCCC Meats Team and Dr. Clint Alexander in their historic win at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Meats Contest. This was the first time in program history that GCCC has won this contest.
- Congratulations were extended to Azat Jumadurdyey (Economics and Finance Major) and Clara Jackson (Biology and Physician's Assistant Major) two GCCC Students that were honored at the March 7 Phi Theta Kappa/Annual All-Kansas Academic Team Luncheon in Topeka. Both students received a medal, certificate, \$300 stipend, and \$1,000 scholarship to be applied toward their education at one of the six Regents Universities. Washburn, or several private colleges in Kansas.
- Chair Wasinger took a few minutes to express his gratitude to GCCC Custodial and Grounds crew for all their work during the recent snow falls. Derek Ramos, Dean of Facilities and his crew work hard to keep parking lots and sidewalks safe for all of us at GCCC! Their hard work is appreciated.

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**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

Karla Armstrong, Vice President for Administrative Services/CFO, introduced new employee Kellee Munoz, Human Resources Director.

President Ruda welcomed GCCC employee Munoz and presented her with a GCCC Broncbuster lapel pin.

**REPORT FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:**

Due to spring break no report was given by Student Government Association.

**REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE:**

Phil Hoke, Drama Instructor/Faculty Senate, began his report by thanking President Ruda and Chairman Wasinger for making time to meet informally with himself and Larry Jenkins, Senate Representative recently. Hoke felt that the meeting went well and that ideas and a good line of communication has been established.

Faculty Senate continues review of policies and Senate Bylaws. Hoke went on to share that Nicole Dick and Perla Salazar were re-elected to Faculty Senate, and Brian McCallum will serve as alternate for 2019-2020 and be seated as a full Senator for the 2020-2021 Senate. Professional development funds have been approved for Fire Science Instructor, Larry Pander to attend a conference. Senate is reviewing professional development procedures to insure the process is fair to all that apply.

Hoke expressed appreciation to President Ruda for hosting building lunches. Hoke invited Trustees to attend the Garden City Community College Campus Quiz Bowl on April 4 and to save the date of April 26 for the annual faculty luncheon. Faculty Senate is working with Registrar, Nancy Unruh, on commencement plans.

Trustees thanked Hoke for his report.

**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.

**Campus Events**

**TRIO Day—February 25**

President Ruda reported that the TRIO Student Support Services program celebrated the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual National TRIO Day in February with ice cream and cake in the Saffell Library. TRIO Day is a day of celebration, reflection, and action focused around increased access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Federal TRIO programs help low-income and first-generation students enter college and earn a college degree.

The SSS program at GCCC submitted its 2017-2018 Annual Performance Report to the US Department of Education last week. In that year, 95% of program participants were in good academic standing where the goal was 81%. Regarding persistence, 88% of students continued from one academic year to the next compared to the 67% goal.

Sixty-three individuals joined SSS to celebrate National TRIO Day, many of whom had the chance to answer trivia questions about the program. The golden balloons used to celebrate the occasion also served a second purpose. After the celebration, the balloons were delivered to the children and families at St. Catherine's hospital in order to spread a little joy for those struggling with illness and to fulfill the long-standing tradition of conducting service projects on TRIO Day.

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### Matrix Interactive Day @ GCCC Cosmetology—March 5

The Cosmetology School frequently offers unique educational experiences to students by welcoming product experts from various beauty brands to demonstrate new products or discuss new trends. This month, a team from SalonCentric and Matrix came to GCCC for Matrix Interactive Day. In addition to benefitting students, Alumni of GCCC Cosmetology and local beauty professionals were invited back to GCCC for this free training, information, and demonstration.

### Choral Valentine's Concert—February 14

The Department of Music held the annual Choral Valentine's Concert in the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Auditorium. The Concert Choir, the College Singers, and several student soloists performed under the direction of Vocal Music Director and Instructor, Clay Wright. Joe Lowery and Ron Carlson accompanied the students on the piano and the flute.

### Death Trap Dinner Theatre—February 28/March 1

President Ruda shared that despite a forced rescheduling and the ultimate cancelation of a few shows, the Death Trap Dinner Theatre was successful for two nights of great food and a thrilling performance by the College Players. All proceeds for this event will be used to send students to the Kennedy Center for American College Theatre Festival in Sioux Falls next year.

### Pondering the Prairie Substrate—February through March; Demonstration March 1

The Mercer Gallery hosted Mixed Media Artist, Ron Michael, for an exhibition and demonstrations in the art studio. "Pondering the Prairie Substrate" was on display for the full month of February, and Michael conducted a demonstration on March 1, highlighting slow art movement and frugal making practices. The Gallery celebrated the exhibit and Michael's work with a First Friday reception, including music from GCCC's Faculty Jazz Ensemble.

### Employee Appreciation—March 1

The newly formed Human Resources team of Kellee Munoz and Alexis Saenz delivered bags of Tootsie Rolls to all employees to thank each employee for the "roll" they each play on the campus. The HR department invited Employees to a reception with cake, cookies, and refreshments held outside of the newly redecorated North end of the SCSC building.

## **Community Engagement**

### Ron Carlson speaks to Rotary—February 13

Physics and Computer Science Instructor, Ron Carlson, gave a presentation to the Garden City Rotary Club on February 13 about increasing opportunities for employment in the Computer Science field and the courses and offerings at GCCC to help meet the workforce need.

### Lakin Futures—February 22

Lakin Middle School students toured GCCC campus and programs on Friday, February 22. These future Busters visited GCCC technical programs; including Automotive, Criminal Justice, EMS Fire Science, John Deere, Cosmetology, and GC3 Media. We enjoy having future Busters visit us.

### Healthcare Career Fair—March 1

The Nursing and Allied Health Departments hosted the Annual Healthcare Career Fair. The fair brings in local employers in the healthcare field as well as employers and educational institutions from around the state. Fields represented often include dietary, housekeeping, maintenance, clerical, and therapy. Local job-seekers, students

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across the GCCC campus, and the students enrolled in C.N.A., Nursing, and Allied Health programs at GCCC attend this function each year.

#### Chamber of Commerce Banquet—March 7

Eight administrators represented the college at the Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on March 7. The highlight of the evening came when GCCC's own Beth Tedrow was named the 2018 Award of Merit Recipient. GCCC was mentioned numerous times as Beth was introduced before the banquet attendees. GCCC's auction item/banquet table centerpiece won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the table decorating contest and, in true Broncbuster fashion, Beth was the highest bidder and won The Busters Yellow Submarine Centerpiece, filled with college apparel and gear.

#### **Accomplishments and New Initiatives**

##### Intercollegiate Band—February 22

The Garden City Community College Department of Music is proud to recognize five band students who performed with the Kansas Intercollegiate Band during the Kansas Music Educator's Conference, which was held in Wichita on February 22. Emmanuel Ornelas (Ulysses, KS) – trumpet, Adrian DeLeon (Garden City, KS) – trumpet, Max Giesaking (Ulysses, KS) – trombone, Colten May (Garden City, KS) – euphonium, and Jared Berry (Garden City, KS) – percussion each had the opportunity to audition and were accepted into the exclusive ensemble. The Intercollegiate Band, which is comprised of a select group of students from public and private two and four-year colleges from the state of Kansas, only performs every two years during the conference.

With five accepted student musicians participating, GCCC had the largest student representation in the ensemble of any community college in the state. These GCCC representatives and other participants were under the direction of guest clinician, Dr. Christopher Chapman, Director of Bands at Oregon State University, for a full day and a half of practice and preparation. The culminating performance was ultimately held at the Century II Convention Center in downtown Wichita.

##### Meat Judging at Houston—March 1

The 2019 Garden City Community College Meats Team made history in February by winning the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Intercollegiate Meats Contest for the first time in program history. GCCC Meats Judging teams have placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the contest nine times since 2000, but had not been able to secure the win, until now.

##### Students Honored

Alpha Xi Upsilon, Garden City Community College's Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) society, honored student members Azat Jumadurdyev and Clara Jackson with a medal, certificate, and a \$300 stipend at the All-Kansas Academic Team luncheon on March 7. The honor also guarantees both Jackson and Jumadurdyev a minimum of a \$1000 scholarship to be applied toward their education at one of the six Regents Universities, Washburn University, or one of several private colleges in Kansas.

##### Alumni Contact Form-- March

A new means for reconnection and engagement with Broncbuster Alumni was launched last week. The Alumni Contact Form is now available under the "Alumni" tab at gcccks.edu. The form will provide GCCC with updated contact information as well as give Alumni an opportunity to tell their story about their choice to attend GCCC, their memories of their time at the college, and their advice to current and future Broncbusters.

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Martin Gilmore Living Room Concert—March 21**

Garden City Community College is pleased to partner with High Plains Public Radio and the Tumbleweed Festival for the first ever Living Room Concert and a series of events geared towards providing arts and humanities education and opportunities to the citizens of Southwest Kansas. The Living Room Concert with celebrated Musician and educator, Martin Gilmore, will be held on Thursday, March 21, at 7:30 PM in the Beth Tedrow Student Center Portico. All events in this series are free and open to the public. Patrons are encouraged to express their gratitude by offering a free will donation to Gilmore on the night of the concert.

Gilmore will also present two workshops on the GCCC campus as part of the series. A songwriting workshop will be held immediately before the concert on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM. A second workshop, a “Studio Seminar,” will be held in the GCCC Band Building on Friday, March 22, at 10:00 AM. Both workshops are also free and open to the public.

#### **Endowment Auction—April 12**

Tickets are now available for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Endowment Association Auction. This event will be held on April 12 at 6:30PM in the Finney County Exhibition building. This year’s theme is Backyard BBQ. Admission is \$25 dollars and only available in advance. For an additional \$10 purchase, you can also enjoy a BBQ meal or a lent friendly catfish meal. The Endowment Association is also announcing a \$50 car raffle for a 2019 Chevy Camaro. Admission and car raffle tickets are available at the GCCC Endowment Office, Kinney Glass, Lewis Chevrolet Cadillac of Garden City, Skeeters Body Shop, and Wharton’s for Every Blooming Thing. The annual endowment auction is a benefit for GCCC academic and technical scholarships.

#### **Ribbon Cutting**

April 18 at 11 a.m. has been set for the ribbon cutting for the renaming of the Adult Learning Center. The new name will be “Career Connection Academy”, which places a strong focus on career of our students.

Dr. Ruda took this opportunity to introduce and formally welcome newly appointed Vice President of Student Services, Colin Lamb.

Chair Wasinger thanked Dr. Ruda for his report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

Chair Wasinger then asked for a motion approving consent agenda items II A-D.

### **Motion:**

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

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carried: 6-0*

### **Approved actions follow:**

**(A) APPROVED MINUTES** of previous meeting (February 12, 2019)

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

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**(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) APPROVED DESIGNATED/ALTERNATE KPERS REPRESENTATIVES**, as presented

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:**

*Douglass moved, seconded by Martinez to go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes, at 6:30 p.m., allowing five (5) minutes to clear the room, 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, specifically contract responsibilities. The open meeting will resume in the Endowment Room of the Beth Tedrow Student Center in 20 minutes (6:55 p.m.).*

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carried: 6-0*

*Board recessed into executive session at 6:35 p.m.*

**Included in Executive Session:**

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Board reconvened into regular session at 6:55 p.m. and the following motion was made.

**Motion:**

*Douglass moved, seconded by Martinez to approve a three (3) year rolling employment contract, at a salary of \$150,000, plus benefits, which has previously been reviewed by counsel, for newly named President of Garden City Community College, Dr. Ryan J. Ruda.*

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carried: 6-0*

Dr. Ruda stated that he welcomed and embraced the opportunity to work with the Board, Faculty, Staff and Administration in the common vision of growing Garden City Community College.

**MONITORING REPORTS and ENDS REPORTS:**

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

A-1a Annual, Executive Limitations, General Executive Constraints, #1, #10

Trustees indicated that they accept the monitoring reports as presented.

**REVIEW MONITORING REPORTS:**

Annual, Executive Limitations Personal Enrichment, no changes were indicated at the present time.

**BOARD PROCESS AND POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:**

No Policy Governance review was scheduled.

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**REPORT FROM FINNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FCEDC):**

Trustee Martinez reported the following:

- Finney County Economic Development continues to move forward in addressing the child care crisis. Meetings have taken place with public side and soon FCEDC will meet with private side in their goal of a solution.
- The Star Bond has been approved for issuance.
- Garden City Plaza has requested assistance as they move to improve buildings and parking lots.

**REPORT FROM KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES (KACCT):**

No report was given.

**REPORT ON HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC):**

Jacquelyn Messinger, VP Institutional Effectiveness & Accountability, reported GCCC is currently on hold, nothing new to report. GCCC will have a team attending the Higher Learning Commission, held in Chicago April 5-9. IAC hearings are the end of April.

**OWNERSHIP LINKAGE:**

No Report was given.

**CALENDAR DATES:**

Chair Wasinger reviewed calendar dates with Trustees.

**Motion:**

*Wasinger moved, seconded by Douglass to adjourn the March 12, 2019 Garden City Board of Trustee meeting.*

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

*Nays: None*

*Motion carried: 6-0*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**

April 12	Endowment Auction, 6:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., Finney County Exhibition Building
April 18	Ambassador Selection Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Beth Tedrow Student Center, Endowment Room
April 19 & 22	Campus Closed, No Classes, Easter Break
April 25	Retirement Reception, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Beth Tedrow Student Center, Endowment Room Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Auditorium
April 26	All Employee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Pauline Joyce
April 30	Concert Band/Wind Ensemble, Pauline Joyce Fine Arts, Auditorium
April 29-30	IAC Chicago
May 2	Pops Concert, Pauline Joyce Fine Arts, Auditorium
May 3	Commencement. 7:00 p.m., Conestoga Arena
May 6-10	Finals
May 10	End of Year Bash
May 16-17	EMS Site Visit
May 27	Campus Closed, No Classes, Memorial Day

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Debra J. Atkinson  
Deputy Clerk

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Dr. Ryan Ruda  
President

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Dr. Blake Wasinger  
Chairman of the Board