

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
March 10, 2011

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 11:45 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; Mr. Charles Miller, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mrs. Linda Patton; and Mr. Ken Williams. Others present were Mr. Darrell Grimes; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. David Jones; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Jon Rigg, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Ellysa Gonzalez of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Mr. Miller 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, Mrs. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Williams, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Mr. Grimes asked the Board of Regents for official approval of the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program, as required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Patton, approved unanimously. See Exhibit #3613.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Mr. Jones reported on the number of financial aid applicants, awards and dollar amount dispersed year to date for 2010-2011. See Exhibit #3614.

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. Miller moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3615 and #3616. Second by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John presented a report on the scholarship program. See Exhibit #3617. Mr. John explained that the Scholarship Office administers scholarships from three sources: SPC Foundation scholarships; SPC budgeted program scholarships, and third-party outside scholarships that students bring with them to SPC. **1614**

To date, the Scholarship Office has administered \$1,460,023 in scholarship awards to 1,275 students. Of that amount, \$451,109 has been funded by the SPC Foundation. These scholarships have assisted 684 students for the current 2010-11 academic year. Scholarship funds from the Foundation increased 18 percent from the previous year. Mr. John also reported that as of the March 1 scholarship deadline, the Scholarship Office has received 628 applications for scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year. His office is currently developing the Foundation's scholarship disbursement budget for 2011-12 and will present the request to the Foundation Board of Directors at its March 29, 2011 annual meeting.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp presented lists of faculty recommended for rank promotions and tenure. See Exhibit #3618 and #3619. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Miller, approved unanimously.

Dr. Sharp gave the Board an update on the housing unit and the Allied Health Building. The housing unit is framed on the first floor and very soon the floor of the second floor will be poured. The demolition at the Allied Health Building is near completion. Armko will be bidding and installing the roof this coming month.

Dr. Sharp advised the Board that the Legislature is still proposing large cuts for the community colleges. The two bodies have not identified any new revenue sources, nor have they decided to use the "Rainy Day Fund." Proposals for the upcoming biennium should begin to surface soon.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary