

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
May 12, 2011

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, May 12, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. in the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting 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; and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guest present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development

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

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Mr. Grimes reported that the 29th Annual Employee Recognition Banquet will be held this evening at 6 p.m. in the PE Complex, following the Board of Regents' meeting. Honored at this year's banquet will be 15 faculty members receiving tenure, 28 faculty receiving rank promotions, 103 employees will be recognized for various lengths of service (1,205 total years of service), 9 individuals who are retiring (237 total years of service) and outstanding employees and faculty that will be receiving the Excellence Awards.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Mr. Jones reported on SPC's 53rd Annual Commencement, to be held May 13, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Texan Dome. Thirteen hundred two students have applied for graduation, and 609 plan to participate.

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. Clements moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3627 and #3628. 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 college participation and scholarship awards. See Exhibit #3629. He presented information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board which tracks high school graduates who

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enroll in a Texas public or independent college or university the fall semester following May graduation. He provided college participation data for the Class of 2010 graduating from high schools within the college's service area. Of the 4,219 students who graduated from 32 reporting districts, 2,146 or 51 percent attended college for the fall of 2010. Of these college bound graduates, 1,047 enrolled at SPC for a market share of 49 percent. Mr. John pointed out that SPC attracted the largest number of graduates from each service area district with the exception of one district. He also provided information about scholarship awards for the 2011 fall semester. The Scholarship Office received 643 applications, a 16 percent increase from the previous year. To date, 385 awards have been made

from the Scholarship Committee's recommendations. A total of 106 students from in-district high schools have been offered scholarships, as well. The Scholarship Office will continue to offer scholarships to students selected for departmental scholarships throughout the summer.

Ms. Gerstenberger presented an update on the South Plains College Scholarship Golf Scramble scheduled for June 6, 2011. See Exhibit #3630.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp stated the conference committee for the proposed state budget has been set. Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock will sit on that committee.

Dr. Sharp distributed Budget Parameters for the 2011-2012 SPC Budget. See Exhibit #3631. These parameters are based on the information currently coming out of the Legislative session. More detail will be presented in our June meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary