

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College

October 13, 2011

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, October 13, 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; and Mrs. Linda Patton. Others present were Mr. Darrell Grimes; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Jon Rigg, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Lynda Work, of the Plainsman Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Members absent: Mr. Ken Williams

Guests present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Develop; and Ms. Allison Perrin, Vocational Counselor-Reese Center, TTU Graduate Student.

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. Clements, vote to approve was unanimous.

Ms. Julie Gerstenberger was present to provide a year-end report on the Foundation. See Exhibit #3655. The report highlighted total contributions, contribution sources, scholarship awards, Foundation assets and an announcement of newly chartered, newly endowed and pledged scholarship programs. She also invited Regents to upcoming Foundation events.

Contributions to the Foundation exceeded \$1 million in fiscal 2010-2011. Giving was consistent with the growth trend established beginning in fiscal 2007-2008 when the anomaly of the Urban bequest is subtracted from total gifts. Fewer individual donors gave to the Foundation in fiscal 2010-2011, but statistical analyses show that these individuals gave multiple gifts in larger amounts than in previous years.

A record number of students (714) received a record amount (\$467,823.00) of Foundation awards. Ms. Gerstenberger noted the over 18% increase in the average annual scholarship award as being consistent with a goal of the members of the Foundation Board.

Eight new scholarships were chartered in fiscal 2010-2011 and ten previously chartered scholarships reached endowment status. In addition, four new scholarships were pledged.

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The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Mr. Grimes reported the State Enrollment Comparisons for Fall Semester 2011. See Exhibit #3656.

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 #3657 and #3658. Second by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. John presented demographic data and the enrollment trends that have occurred in the past five years. See Exhibit #3659. In terms of gender, SPC now enrolls nearly 1,000 more women than men. The percentage of women enrolling has increased 20.4% in the past five years. He explained that one of the strategic goals of the college is to engage a diverse student population in higher education. Students of ethnic minority have enrolled at a faster rate than other students, with Hispanic student enrollment increasing 43.2% in the past five years. Nearly 35% of students enrolled for Fall 2011 are Hispanic. The College has also seen an increase in the number of non-traditional students enrolling, up 47.2%. This trend is likely due to the current economic recovery and older students are returning to college for retraining. The College has also experienced an increasing number of first-time in college students. The number of service area residents enrolling at SPC has also increased 20.9% in the past five years. Dual credit concurrent enrollment has also increased 37.5% over the past five years.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp gave the Board an update on upcoming activities; Career Expo, October 25; Allied Health Day, October 29; Scholarship Banquet, October 27; Meet the Texans, October 31; Halloween Carnival, October 31; and Foreign Language Festival, November 4 – 8. Dr. Sharp also presented a construction update.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary