

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

BOARD OF REGENTS

South Plains College

January 15, 2015

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 15, 2015, 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; Ms. Linda Patton, secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams; and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Ms. Teresa Green; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

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 of the November 13, 2014; there being none, Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Patton, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Mr. Walker gave a report on faculty evaluation. See Exhibits #3914; #3915; #3916; #3917 and #3918. Mr. Walker also reported on the Mini-session courses. Exhibit #3919.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for her report. Ms. Mitchell reported on the preliminary enrollment numbers for the current semester. She also stated students were still being registered. Exhibit #3920.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Pettiet moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3921 and #3922. Second by Mr. Clements and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green then presented four resolution for resale of property; 1.) Jesus DeLeon, Account #R11138, Exhibit #3923; Motion to approve by Mr. Alexander, second by Mr. Williams. Vote carried unanimous. 2.) Jesus Sias, Account #R27298, Exhibit #3924; Motion to approve by Mr. Clements, second by Mr. Pettiet. Vote carried unanimous. 3.) Jesus Sias, Account #R06621, Exhibit #3925; Motion to approve was made by Mr. Neal and second was made by Mr. Alexander. Vote to carry unanimous. 4.) Jesus Sias, Account #R12554, Exhibit #3926. Motion by Mr. Pettiet to approve; second from Ms. Patton; vote was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John presented his report on the implementation of a new scholarship management system. Mr. John said three different scholarship management systems were reviewed and evaluated last spring. The College chose AcademicWorks, a company based in Austin, Texas, as the service provider. Scholarship Office staff worked this past fall semester to implement the system that will facilitate the management of scholarship opportunities, the application process, review process and award process. John demonstrated for Regents the various functions of the system. The system became operational December 1, 2014 and has already received 219 applications from current and incoming students. He reported that the Scholarship Office anticipates a 30 to 40 percent increase in submitted applications as a result of the new online system.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp gave an update on the status of the Natatorium. Repairs should be completed soon.

The 84th Session of the Texas Legislature began this week. Dr. Sharp advised the Board of some issues that will be discussed: appropriations, health insurance benefits, TRS/ORP contributions, as well as, handguns on campus.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary