MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
January 12, 2017

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 12, 2017, 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 Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Ms. Katie Walker, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

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 Regular November 17, 2016 and the Special December 8, 2016 meetings; there being none, Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs gave a report on faculty evaluation.

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; exhibit #4129. She also gave an update on the occupancy of student housing. See Exhibit #4130.

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 #4131 and #4132. Second by Mr. Williams and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green then presented the Investment report. With no questions, Mr. Pettiet made a motion to accept the report as presented. See exhibit #4133 Mr. Williams seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. One resale of property was presented. Account #R15919; Mr. Weldon Davis; exhibit #4134. Ms. Patton made the motion to approve the resale and Mr. Neal made a second followed by a unanimous vote. Finally, Ms. Green asked the Board to approve a resolution to update the depository cards at City Bank; exhibit #4135 Ms. Patton made the motion to accept the resolution as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote was unanimous.
The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided a chart of external grants received by the College for the past three fiscal years; exhibit #4136. He reported the College received $3,212,770.00 in federal, state and local grants for fiscal year 2015-16, which is 41 percent greater than the prior year. Among the new federal grants received was the Title V Strengthening Hispanic-Serving Institutions program grant from the U.S. Department of Education which totaled $428,405.00 for the year. The College also received a $718,246.00 grant from the state’s Nursing Shortage Reduction program as a result of the Nursing program exceeding its graduation projections and a reallocation of state funds. An additional skills development grant from the Texas Workforce Commission in the amount of $69,380.00 was received to provide specialized training for employees of Azteca Mills in Plainview. The SPC Foundation provided $814,487 in scholarships to the College in 2015-16. Mr. John explained that these grant funds allow the College to expand and develop new programs and services to assist students.

Mr. John also presented for the Board’s approval Local Governance Policy BKDA: Prohibition of Gifts Designated for Use as Salary Supplementation. See Exhibit #4137. The policy addresses requirements of Texas Government Code 659.0201 which requires the governing boards of an institution of higher education to adopt conflict of interest provisions regarding acceptance by the institution of a gift, grant, donation or other consideration to be used as a salary supplement for an employee of the institution. The college is required to post its conflict of interest policy on its website for public access. The Texas State Auditor’s Office monitors compliance with Section 659.0201. Mr. John said the proposed policy for consideration prohibits the acceptance of such gifts designated by a donor to be used for the sole purpose of salary supplementation. Following discussion, motion to approve the policy was made by Mr. Alexander. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pettiet. Motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite updated the Board on the progress of the Lubbock Center stating it is on schedule to open Fall of 2017. See Exhibit #4138. He also informed the Board about the upcoming Legislative session. Finally, Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider purchasing the land at 39th Street and Avenue Q adjacent to the Lubbock Center; exhibit #4139. Mr. Alexander made the motion to purchase the land for $46,305. Following a second from Mr. Williams, the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.