The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 13, 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 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. Cathy Mitchell; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Stephen Henry of the Hockley County News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Ms. Sara Marshall and Mr. Tyler York of the Plainsman Press; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Ms. Clements 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 March 9th meeting. There being none, Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Ms. Patton, vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite presented an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Ropesville; Exhibit #4166. Mr. Clements made the motion to approve the agreement, second by Mr. Pettiet. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented the proposed employment list for 2017-2018. See Exhibit #4167. The list includes several replacements due to retirements and relocations. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the Employment List, second by Mr. Williams. Vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs. Ms. Mitchell presented the Board with current housing rates compared to comparable colleges in Texas. See Exhibit #4168.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Gibbs explained the curriculum changes for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs for her report. 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. Alexander made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4169 and #4170. Second by Mr. Clements and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Green then presented two resales of property. 1) Account #R19117; Mr. Marcus Froese. See exhibit #4171. 2) Account #R12147; Mr. Marcus Froese; exhibit #4172. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to approve both properties, followed by a second from Ms. Patton. The vote to approve both properties was
The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John discussed the selection of the two former SPC students as 2017 Distinguished Alumni, Jennifer Galey and Kenneth Alan Foster; exhibit #4173. Galey was a non-traditional student when she enrolled in the Vocational Nursing program. She started out at Tyler Community College where she married and did not return to school. After raising her family, she came to SPC where she received her Licensed Vocational Nursing Certificate. She went on to obtain a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Lubbock Christian University and a master’s degree from Angelo State University. She works as a family nurse practitioner in rural health in Littlefield. Foster received his Associate’s degree in welding in 1998. He worked for 10 years as a welder in the oil fields and his own business before enrolling at Texas A&M University where he obtained an engineering degree. Presently he is the Technical Assurance Program Manager (Global Projects) at LyondellBasell Chemical Corporation in Houston. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve a resolution naming Galey and Foster Distinguished Alumni of South Plains College. Ms. Patton seconded and the Board vote unanimously.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite began by asking the Board to consider increasing the Housing and Dining fee by $150. The fee will help generate $165,000 for housing and dining costs. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to increase the fee and Ms. Patton seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. The change is fee will be in place for Fall 2017.

Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to change the time of the regular May meeting to 4:00 p.m. to coincide with the Employee Recognition Banquet. Motion made by Mr. Pettiet, second by Ms. Patton and motion carried unanimously.

A calendar of events listing various activities for the remainder of the school year was presented to the Board. See Exhibit #4174.

Dr. Satterwhite then provided a construction update stating that all construction is on schedule, as well as on budget at the Lubbock Center. The Lubbock Center is slated to open August 2017; see exhibit #4175.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite added his congratulations to the athletic programs on their recent successes and also the Livestock Judging team on winning the Houston Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman  Secretary