The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, March 8, 2018, 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; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Ms. Teresa Green; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Walker, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT Radio; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; Ms. Autumn Bippert, of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Mr. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development.  

Mr. Neal 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, Ms. Patton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.  

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs to report. Dr. DeMerritt informed the Board of the current SPC Emergency Management procedures.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs to report. Dr. Gibbs presented an In-House Truck Driving Proposal. See exhibit #4253. Mr. Pettiet made a motion to approve the proposal with Mr. Clements seconding. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs to present her report. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, Financial Reports, and the Investment Report. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, and Mr. Williams moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4254, #4256, and #4257. Second by Ms. Patton and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Green then presented a proposal for Audit for Years Ending August 31, 2018 and 2019 submitted by Pate, Downs, and Pinkerton, LLP. See Exhibit #4258. Motion to approve the proposal from Pate, Downs, and Pinkerton, LLP was made by Mr. Alexander, second by Mr. Neal, approved unanimously. Finally, Ms. Green presented three resales of property: 1) Account #R05191, Tonya DelaCruz; 2) Account #R24471, Tonya DelaCruz; 3) Account #R05195. See exhibits #4259, #4260, and #4261 Mr. Clements made the motion to approve all properties as presented. Ms. Patton seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.
The Chairman called on the Director of Development to present her report. Ms. Gerstenberger informed the Board that the 20th Annual Scholarship Gala was successful. The event raised a record $253,000.00 with donations continuing to be received by the Foundation. See Exhibit #4262.

The Vice President for Institutional Advancement was called on by the Chairman. Mr. John provided Regents with copies of the College’s 2017 Institutional Resume (Exhibit #4263) that is compiled and distributed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mr. John explained the reports present selected accountability data that the THECB collects and compiles in the Community College Accountability System. He discussed the information about enrollment, financial aid, costs, student success and degrees and certificates awarded as reported on the resume prepared for prospective students, parents and the public. An Institutional Resume is also prepared for legislators and other policy makers and included data about enrollment, costs, financial aid, funding, and student success. Mr. John explained that the College’s reported performance data is also compared against a large college peer group of Texas colleges. He reported that SPC’s performance data presented in the resumes meets or exceeds the averaged data for its peer group for the most recent reported period. The Institutional Resumes are published on the THECB’s website and also on the SPC website.

The Chairman called on the President for him to report. Dr. Satterwhite presented the Board with the list of faculty being recommended for rank promotions. The motion to approve those recommendations was made by Mr. Neal, second by Ms. Patton and the vote was unanimous. See Exhibits #4264, and #4265. Dr. Satterwhite also presented a list of faculty members recommended to receive their tenure, exhibit #4266. Mr. Pettiet made the motion to approve the tenure recommendations, Mr. Williams seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented a construction update; exhibit #4267 He stated that the Culinary Arts construction at the Lubbock Campus is on budget and on schedule.

Additionally, Dr. Satterwhite presented a tuition comparison on community colleges, as well as a list of average pay for various community colleges in the state of Texas. See exhibits #4268 and #4269. Dr. Satterwhite recommended to the Board to raise the instructional support fee at the Lubbock, Reese and Plainview Centers by $10 per credit hour, raise the out-of-district and non-resident tuition fee by $5 per credit hour, and raise the internet course fee by $5 per credit hour. Dr. Satterwhite recommended that the career and technical education classes be charged a $50 flat fee per year to receive transcript CTE credits. After discussion from the Board, Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve all tuition and fee recommendations. Mr. Pettiet seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman                                      Secretary