The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 12, 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 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; Mr. Stephen Henry of the Hockley County News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; and Ms. Autumn Bippert of the Plainsman Press; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests Present: Mr. Roger Reding, Director of Athletics; Mr. Steve Green, Mr. Justin Hobbs, Mr. Matt Williams, Men’s Basketball Coaches; Mr. Erik Vance and Mr. Justin Hobbs, Track Coaches; and Fox 34 News.

Ms. Patton 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 8th meeting. There being none, Mr. Clements made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Box asked Mr. John to read three resolutions. Mr. John read aloud the following: Men’s Indoor Track Championship, Men’s Basketball National Championship, and naming Rear Admiral Ronny L. Jackson Distinguished Alumnus 2018. See exhibits #4269; #4270; #4271. Following the reading Mr. Clements made the motion to approve the resolutions; second by Mr. Pettiet, approved unanimously.

Dr. Satterwhite then presented the proposed employment list for 2018-2019. See Exhibit #4272. The list includes several replacements due to retirements and relocations. Mr. Neal made a motion to approve the Employment List, second by Mr. Alexander. Vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. DeMerritt presented a policy for Camp Programs for Minors. He is planning to bring a final policy in next month’s meeting for approval.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Gibbs explained the curriculum changes for the 2018-2019 school year, exhibit #4273. He also gave a truck driving update.

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, Ms. Patton made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #4274 and #4275. Second by Mr. Williams and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Green then presented three resales of property. 1) Account #30379; Diana R. Kuhlers and Cordell
L. Kuhlers. See exhibit #4276. 2) Account #11303; Mr. Andrew Paul Davis; exhibit #4277. 3) Account #12828; Mr. David Sellers. See exhibit #4278. Mr. Clements made a motion to approve both properties, followed by a second from Mr. Alexander. The vote to approve all three properties was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John presented the findings of the economic impact study that was conducted by the College. Mr. John explained that last year, the College engaged Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (Emsi) to conduct an analysis of the economic impact and return of investment of the educational program provided by the College. The study investigated the economic impacts created by SPC on the business community and the benefits that the college generates in the return on investments made by its key stakeholder groups – students, taxpayers and society. Mr. John presented the key findings of the study as presented in the executive summary of the report (Exhibit #4279). The overall impact of SPC on the local business community amounted to $399.2 million in added income for the 2015-16 fiscal year. The overall impact of the College supports directly and indirectly 6,936 jobs, approximately 4.7 percent of the workforce employed in the region’s economy. Mr. John also presented the return on investment data for students. Over a working lifetime, a SPC graduate can expect to increase earnings by $378,000 compared to an individual with a high school diploma or equivalent working in Texas. This results in a cost-benefit ratio of 5.2 and a return on investment of 17.7 percent. SPC students can expect to recover all costs of their education, including foregone wages while attending college, in 8.2 years. Mr. John also presented return on investment information for taxpayers and society as a whole. Included in the materials that were presented is a summary of the College’s economic impact on the College District, expressed in the same terms as the overall study.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. 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. Neal, second by Ms. Patton and motion carried unanimously. Dr. Satterwhite also asked to change the regular June meeting to Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the meeting change. Mr. Alexander seconded, followed by a unanimous vote.

A calendar of events listing various activities for the remainder of the school year was presented to the Board. See Exhibit #4280.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board to consider an MOU between South Plains College, the City of Lubbock, and Lubbock Economic Development Association. See exhibit #4281.

He outlined the main points of the MOU and answered questions. A motion to approve the MOU was made by Mr. Alexander and a second by Mr. Neal. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman                                             Secretary