

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 BOARD OF REGENTS
 South Plains College
 February 14, 2019

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at 11:30 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. Ken Williams; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. Richard Ellis; 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; Ms. Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; Ms. Kaitlyn Hyde, of the Plainsman Press and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development and Alumni Relations; Dr. Kristina Keyton, Associate Professor of Psychology.

Mr. Ellis 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 January 10, 2019 minutes; there being none, Ms. Patton 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 invited Dr. Keyton to present a proposal to implement an Honors College at South Plains College. She presented the following requirements for students to be accepted to the program:

Two categories: past academic success and demonstration of academic potential.

- a. For incoming freshmen, for past academic success students are required to meet at least one of the following: SAT of 1150, ACT of 26, being in the top 10% of their high school class or GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or 90% on a 100% scale.
- b. For current SPC or transfer students a GPA of 3.5 in at least 12 hours of college coursework will be the requirement in the past academic success category.

For all applicants the demonstration of academic potential requires at least one of the following: a writing sample, an interview by a member of the committee, or 2 letters of recommendation (one faculty and one extracurricular advisor). Students who graduate with 12 credit hours of honors courses will receive honors program distinction, which is a separate accomplishment from graduating with honors based on GPA. To help students accomplish this over the course of their time at South Plains College, we anticipate offering 3 or 4

honors courses per semester and we expect that most honors program students will take 1 or 2 honors courses per semester. Dr. Keyton informed the Board that she will begin working with transfer partners, build a schedule of honors courses, and finally, recruit and select students to begin taking honors courses in the Fall 2019 semester. Mr. Neal made a motion to implement an Honors College. Mr. Williams seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt stated that the official enrollment report for spring 2019 indicates a 1.4 % increase in enrollment compared to the spring of 2018. See Exhibit #4345. Dr. DeMerritt also gave a Housing Census update; exhibit #4346

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Business Affairs. Ms. Green presented the Tax Office and Financial reports; exhibits #4347 and #4348. Mr. Neal made a motion to accept both reports and Ms. Patton seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also presented a Resolution to Appoint Trustees for the SPC Pension Trust. See Exhibit #4349. Ms. Patton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Alexander seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement to present. Mr. John asked Ms. Gerstenberger to give an update on the upcoming Scholarship Gala; *Unlimited Opportunities*. Ms. Gerstenberger stated that the Gala will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the Mallet Event Center; exhibit #4350. The Scholarship Gala will feature an evening with South Plains College Commercial Music faculty and students.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider changing the Regular March meeting to Thursday, March 7 to accommodate Spring Break; The Regular May 9 meeting time to 4:00 p.m. to coincide with the Employee Banquet; and finally, the Regular June meeting to Thursday, June 6. Mr. Neal made a motion to change all three meetings. Ms. Patton seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Satterwhite also informed the Board that the addition of new bleachers to the track is moving along as planned. Completion of the project is scheduled for late April. Dr. Satterwhite also updated the Board on the progress of the renovation of the Science Building, stating that Treanor Architects will have new designs ready for review by the end of the month. He also distributed the Region V Basketball bracket that will be held March 6 – 9. The 2019 tournament will be held at Abilene Christian University; exhibit #4351.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary