The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, January 9, 2020, 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; Mr. Ronny Alexander, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; and Mr. Richard Ellis. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Stephen Henry, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Mr. Pettiet 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 21, 2019, there being none, and Mr. Ellis 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 informed the Board of the Texas Workforce Commission SDF grant check presentation on January 17, 2020 that will be hosted at the Lubbock Center. See exhibit #4430. He also gave an update on the Texas Transfer Alliance.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Title IX reports received for FY 2020 Q1; exhibit #4431. Dr. DeMerritt then presented the Spring 2020 Preliminary Enrollment Report (exhibit #4432) and the Preliminary Spring 2020 Housing Occupancy Report (exhibit #4433).

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, Mr. Neal moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in exhibits #4434, #4435, and #4436. Seconded by Mr. Pettiet and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided Regents with a summary of federal, state and local grants received and expended during the past three fiscal years (Exhibit #4437). He focused his presentation on grants that were received during the 2018-19 fiscal year, noting that the College received $1,808,193.00 in federal funding to support four different projects. He discussed each of these projects and how the funds are being used to support students, faculty and instructional programs. He also reported that $274,079.00 in state-funded grants have been received and expended. The majority of these funds has come from the state’s Nursing Shortage
Reduction Program and has benefitted SPC’s nursing programs. The College also received $2,100,440.00 in grants from local sources that have come through the South Plains College Foundation, including $953,095.00 for scholarships and $1,145,000.00 for the SPC Lubbock Center and the culinary arts program. In the past five years, the College has received $22,148,315.00 for grant-funded projects. He said that securing federal, state and local grants to support the educational program is an important resource development activity for the College and that several grant opportunities are currently being pursued.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite provided an update on the Science Building renovation. He stated that the Board will he asked to approve bids at end of January 2020 with a groundbreaking ceremony to follow in February. He also provided an update on the Construction-Manager-At-Risk process; exhibit #4438. The Board will be asked to approve the selection at the regular March meeting.

Dr. Satterwhite asked the Board to consider renaming Drive north of the Administration Building. See exhibit #4439. He stated that the renaming will be used as an auction item at the 2020 Scholarship Gala. Mr. Pettiet made the motion to approve the renaming and Mr. Neal seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite also provided an update on the upcoming Board of Regents election. He stated that January 15, 2020 is the first day to file for place on the ballot and Election Day will take place on May 2, 2020.

Finally, Dr. Satterwhite informed the Board of the success of the South Plains College Livestock Judging Team. The team won the 2019 North American International Exposition Livestock Judging contest in Louisville, Kentucky. The team has been also been invited to represent the United States of America in the 2020 Royal Highland Show in Scotland. Dr. Satterwhite congratulated Conner Newsom, Dave Cleavinger, and Ron Presley for their work with this team.

Meeting adjourned.

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