Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2015

The North Arkansas College Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 12, 2015 in the Bennie Ellis Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Scott Miller. Trustees Kirk Campbell, Sara Jo Fendley, Miller, Matt Miller, David Evans, Jane Adair, and Bill Lovell were present. Chair Marcus Jones and Trustee Jim Milum were absent.

Northark personnel attending the meeting included: Dr. Jackie Elliott, Dr. Michael Wiggins, Don Sugg, Kris Greening, Dr. Rodney Arnold, Micki Somers, Cindy Mayo, Katie Vaughn, Randy Scaggs, Ricci Dillon, Cheryl Keymer, Iris Roe, Sarah Bing, Valerie Martin, Matt Shekels, Charla Jennings, Daniel Cannon, Stacie Klott, Nell Bonds, and Trish Villines. David Holsted represented the Harrison Daily Times. Russell Larimore was also present.

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair Miller requested a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Bill Lovell made a motion add an Executive Session to discuss personnel before the Board Comments and Adjournment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and carried.

Regular Reports:
Finance Report—Don Sugg reported year-to-date financial trends in revenue and expenditures through February 2014 compared to revenue and expenses through February 2015. There was discussion about level state revenues and online book sales.
President’s Report—Dr. Elliott presented a Peer-to-Peer card recognizing Sarah Bing for coordinating a student and employee travel group to attend the girls basketball NJCAA tournament. Dr. Elliott presented information illustrating the number of Northark students requiring remediation compared to the average at all Arkansas two-year colleges. Segmented data was presented regarding the number of developmental education courses needed, student attendance status, and the number of attempts to complete the developmental courses.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
Vice Chair requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the February 2015 minutes. Trustee Lovell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Matt Miller and passed unanimously.

Monitoring Reports:
3.1—Graduates Obtaining Employment—Dr. Elliott reported data regarding the percent of students obtaining employment within 6 months of being awarded a certificate or degree, as measured by a Northark internal survey. The survey has been in place for two years and it was noted that graduates obtaining employment is a state performance funding measure; however, the state has not released a systematic method for all colleges to track employment after graduation. Vice Chair Scott Miller requested a motion to approve the monitoring reports as presented. A motion was made by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Campbell and passed unanimously.

Executive Session:
Trustee Bill Lovell made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed. The Trustees met in Executive Session. Trustee Bill Lovell made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session, which was seconded by Trustee Adair and passed unanimously. Vice Chair Scott Miller announced that Dr. Elliott had been nominated for the Higher Learning Commission Board and that the Northark Board supports her accepting the nomination. Elections will be finalized in April.

Board Comments:
There being no further business, Trustee Campbell moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Fendley and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

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Vice Chair Scott Miller

Submitted By:

Trish Villines