Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2015

The North Arkansas College Board of Trustees met in regular session Thursday, September 10 at 3 p.m. in the Bennie Ellis Board Room. Chair Jones called the meeting to order. Trustees Jane Adair, David Evans, Bill Lovell, Matt Miller, Scott Miller, and Jim Milum were present.

Northark personnel attending the meeting included: Dr. Jackie Elliott, Dr. Michael Wiggins, Dr. Rodney Arnold, Ricci Dillon, Don Sugg, Tavonda Brown, Micki Somers, Kris Greening, Pam Richert, Nell Bonds, Katie Vaughn, Dr. Laura Berry, Charla Jennings, Randy Scaggs, Cindy Mayo, Sarah Bing, and Kristin Griffin, Trish Villines. David Holsted represented the Harrison Daily Times. Russell Larimore was also in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:
Chair Jones requested a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Lovell made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Milum and passed unanimously.

Regular Reports:
Finance Report: Don reviewed the finance report which included an overview of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 68. He discussed that without the impact of GASB68, the College would have realized just over a $300 thousand net gain. There was discussion about the Capital Budget and the year-end reporting of Capital expenses, which are reflected with the operating budget. There was discussion that the recently awarded merit bonus totaled about $78,000. He reported Fiscal Year year-end expenses and revenue for the educational and general fund, auxiliary, and capital funds. Expense and revenue through August 31 were compared to previous years.

President’s Report: Dr. Elliott presented the President’s report which include information about Northark’s position as 135th on the WalletHubice best colleges list. She mentioned that Northark team members would attend the Governor’s Quality Award banquet 2015. She also discussed Pete’s Pantry and the benefits of having a student foodbank.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
Chair Jones requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the August 2015 minutes, the approval of Amanda Kennedy as a replacement PN faculty and Brittany Harris as a replacement counselor in the EOC office. Trustee Matt Miller motioned to approve the items as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Evans and passed unanimously.

Monitoring Reports:
  1.4—Course Completion—Dr. Wiggins reported course completion trends in remedial and non-remedial courses over the last five years. He discussed that remedial course completion rates experienced a positive increase of five percent from AY 2012 to AY 2013. It was reported that the rate of non-remedial course completion at Northark has remained at 80 percent from 2011 through 2013.
  1.5—Certificates & Degrees—Dr. Wiggins reported certificates and technical degrees awarded compared to the Arkansas two-year college average. Certificates of Proficiency slightly increased over the last year while Technical Degrees slightly decreased.
  2.1—Online Credit Hours—Dr. Wiggins reported a slight increase in the percentage of student semester credit hours (SSCHs) generated each year through online courses. He discussed recent and planned improvements to continue to grow online learning.
  2.3—Service Area Enrollment—Tavonda Brown reported a slight decrease in the percent of college-going graduates in the Northark service area who attend Northark. However, Northark is still well-above the Arkansas two-year average. Chair Jones requested a motion to approve the September monitoring reports which was made by Trustee Scott Miller. The motion was seconded by Trustee Lovell and passed.

Board Comments:
There being no further business, Trustee Matt Miller moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Milum and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Chair Jones

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Submitted By:
Trish Villines