

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**James A. Leach Aquatic & Recreation Center
February 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m.**

PRESENT: Trustees Larry Caddell, Chairman; Tim Carpenter, Vice Chairman; George Little; Gene Horne; Gary Evans; Connie Lovell; Bruce Hurst; Irish Pickett; Vincent Gordon; BethAnn Pratte; Stephen Woodward; Helen Probst Mills; Anthony Hunt; Andrew Jimenez, SGA Vice President

ABSENT: Joe Clendenin

STAFF: Dr. Sandy Stewart; Ron Layne; Teresa Sheets; Dr. Rebecca Roush; Dr. Julie Voigt; Libba Thomas; Dr. D.J. Farmer; Germaine Elkins; Dr. Twana McKnight; Dr. Fallon Brewington; Chreatha Alston; Steven Garner; Matthew Dial; Michelle Bauer; Danaka Bunch; Lindsey Farmer; Kirk Lynch

GUESTS: Hoke County Commissioners Allen Thomas & James A. Leach; Hobbs Architects Taylor Hobbs, Troy Olson & Chevon Moore; USGA (United States Golf Association) Representatives Dr. Jordan Booth & Dr. Carson Letot

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He read the statute regarding conflicts of interest to the Trustees and asked the Board if there were any potential conflicts with the agenda items to be discussed. Hearing none, Mr. Caddell proceeded to the next item of business.

Mr. Hurst offered a moment of prayer.

The General Assembly recently changed by-laws regarding how appointments are made within the community college Board of Trustees. Dr. Stewart reviewed two options for revising the SCC BOT by-laws. Attorney May reviewed both options and agreed both options accomplish the same purpose. Discussion ensued as comparisons were made between the two plans. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to accept Option 2 which references the statute and then provides public information on the website as to how trustees are appointed. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sheets administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Hunt from Hoke County for appointment to the -3(heqt,h(il)-3(lm C)-5(omm)-3(u)-10nit)-3(y C)-2(oll)-3(e)4(ge)4()JTJETQ0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*nl

Mr. Horne made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Lovell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jordan Booth and Dr. Carson Letot, with the USGA, presented information regarding the new Greenskeeper Apprenticeship Program at SCC. The USGA has skilled (certified) experienced workers to become involved in the world of golf. The USGA Greenskeeper Apprenticeship Program is a unique, credential-based program for training greenskeepers. Drs. Booth and Letot reviewed classes, graduation numbers, and plans for moving forward. The team will work to increase recruiting efforts, incorporate the addition of hybrid options, and place an expanded footprint in professional associations including academic and industry-focused dissemination points.

Mr. Jimenez presented the Student Government Association (SGA) report. A suggestion box has been installed on campus which will enable students to submit their ideas and opinions confidentially. SGA will share candy-grams for Valentine's Day which will be delivered to classrooms. On February 15, at 6 p.m., in the McPherson Theater, Mr. Jimenez will be the guest speaker for the soft launch of a mental health initiative. The second annual winter formal for students will be held on the SCC campus on Feb 16. As part of a fundraising effort, on February 17, Mr. Jimenez will challenge Dr. Stewart on the Heinz Gym court during halftime at the Flyers

always been a goal of the college to develop a cost-effective plan in which to minimize the burden of student fees. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell spoke on the importance of structured committees within the Board, enabling individuals to request information from the correct source. Mr. Caddell believes that the time and open discussions shared during the committee meetings will accomplish a great deal and will enhance the time spent in the Board of Trustees meetings.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Financial Report and State and County Bond Funds through December 31, 2023, with no Board action required.

Mr. Evans reported for the Personnel Committee. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the appointment of Chris White as a Landscape Gardening instructor. Mr. Horne seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Alston reported a new hire welcome event will be held on March 28, 2024, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Rec Room Arcade in Southern Pines. Title IX training is scheduled to be held on the SCC campus March 4-7. At present, there is a 66% enrollment rate, with thirteen colleges participating. Training will take place in Foundation Hall. The newly formed NC Community College Association of Human Resources Professionals has established a constitution and by-laws. Voting for executive positions is currently in progress and SCC will have membership.

In Mr. Clendenin's absence, Mr. Caddell reported the Planning Committee had not met and had no information to contribute.

Ms. Elkins presented the SCC Foundation report.

Dr. Stewart announced that Andrew Jimenez is this year's NC Community College winner of the Academic Excellence Award.

On a motion by Mr. Horne and seconded by Mr. Evans, the Board voted unanimously to go into