

Northern Virginia Community College

Board of Directors

Minutes

November 14, 2016

Annandale Campus

Board Members Present: Mr. Alvie Johnson, Ms. Susan Kearney, Dr. Kerstin Carlson Le Floch, Ms. Jennifer McGarey, Mr. Jason Middough, Mr. Bruce Neilson, Ms. Rosie O'Neil, Mr. Rick Pearson, Dr. Scott Ralls, and Ms. Zuzana Steen.

Present from the College: Ms. Ina Dimkova, Mr. John Guszak, Dr. Annette Haggray, Dr. Sam Hill, Dr. Pam Hilbert, Ms. Corinne Hurst, Mr. Dana Kauffman, Dr. Julie Leidig, Dr. Anne Loochtan, Dr. Molly Lynch, Ms. Lindsay Mills, Mr. Steve Partridge, Dr. Sharon Robertson, Dr. Steve Sachs, Dr. Mel Schiavelli, Ms. Robyn Seabrook, Ms. Kathy Thompson, and Mr. Rick Tittmann.

Present from VCCS: Mr. Burt Jones

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pearson congratulated Board member Ms. O'Neil on her appointment to the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), the non-profit educational organization of governing boards. He also welcomed Ms. Zuzana Steen as the newest member of the NOVA Board representing the City of Manassas.

Standing in for Chair Rowley, Mr. Pearson called for a motion for the consent agenda items to be approved as presented and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Neilson and seconded by Mr. Middough. All Board members were in favor and the motion was approved unanimously.

1. Approval of the September 12, 2016 Board Minutes

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board approved the September 12, 2016, NOVA Board minutes as presented.

Finance, Building and Sites Advisory Committee

2. Quarterly Report, Local Funds Budget – July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed the quarterly report of the Local Funds Budget and approves it for record purposes.

3. Quarterly Report, Non-State Funded Investments as of September 30, 2016

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed the quarterly report of the Non-State Funded Investments and approves it for record purposes.

4. Quarterly Report, Local M&O Budget – July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed the quarterly report of the Local M&O Budget and approves it for record purposes.

5. Facility Project Status Report

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed the Facility Project Status Report and approves it for record purposes.

Academic Curriculum and Workforce Development Committee

6. Advisory Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed and approves the following recommendations for members of the Advisory Committee:

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

David S. Kyle II
Jeremy Smith

Automotive Technology

Jeffrey Gould
Randy Smith

Dental Hygiene

John Sellers
Lisa Baehr
Rhea R. Rossi

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Nancy-Jo Manney
Suzette Kern

Historic Preservation

Julia Silver
Tracy Gillespie

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Loreto Clasutro
Stacie Argade

Physical Therapy Assistant

Danielle Young
Hamid Saeed
Martha Ferguson
Michele Wiley
Misty Jenkins
Paula Smith
Robyn L. O'Connor

7. Change Title of Fitness Career Studies Certificate to Personal Training

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed and approves the proposal to change the title of the Fitness career studies certificate to Personal Training, to be effective Fall 2017.

B. ACTION ITEMS

Finance, Building and Sites Advisory Committee

1. Investment Policy

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed and approves the Investment Policy of the College.

Mr. Neilson reported that the Board reviewed the investment policy of the college and recommended that it be approved. He reported one outstanding issue about security that Mr. Dimkova assured the Board would be resolved. All Board members were unanimously in favor and the recommendation was approved.

2. APA FY15 Report on Audit

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed the Audit of Public Accounts (APA) report for FY15.

Mr. Neilson reported there was no change from the previous year's findings and recommended approval of the audit. All Board members were unanimously in favor of and the recommendation was approved.

Community Engagement, Governance and Marking Advisory Committee

3. Updating NOVA Naming Policy to Comply with VCCS Policy

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed and approves the proposed update to its Policy on Dedications, Memorials and Naming of Buildings.

Ms. O'Neil reported committee highlights that stipulate that only in extraordinary circumstances should a building be named after a living person and this would require VCCS approval. The Board would then review each request on a case-by-case basis. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed updates to its Policy on Dedications, Memorials and Naming of Buildings.

All Board members were unanimously in favor and the recommendation was approved.

4. Expressing Support for Year-round Pell Grants through a Board Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: The Northern Virginia Community College Board has reviewed and approves the proposed resolution in support of the reinstatement of year-round Pell Grants.

Ms. O'Neil explained the resolution that stated members of Congress would be deciding (as part of the appropriations legislation) whether to apply surplus Pell Grant funding toward the reinstating of year-round Pell Grants. The expanded grant eligibility would allow NOVA students to stay continuously enrolled, accelerate completion of their degree programs, and graduate with less debt. This is a key workforce issue for the region's technology employers as expansion will allow students to enter or re-enter the workforce sooner. When compared to the summer of 2010 when year-round Pell Grants were available, summer enrollment at NOVA has declined by 20 percent.

The proposed resolution offers a two-pronged strategy to both increase Pell Grant funding at NOVA and to provide a platform for direct engagement and outreach to Congress.

After reviewing the recommendation to approve the proposed resolution in support of the reinstatement of year-round Pell Grants, Board members were unanimously in favor and the recommendation was approved.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Integrated Planning and Advising for Student Success (iPASS) – Dr. Steve Sachs

This presentation was given at an earlier time frame.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Ralls welcomed Dr. Molly Lynch, the new Provost at the Manassas Campus. This search involved 160 applicants, all with great strengths, and this was an acclamation for a single candidate. He congratulated Dr. Lynch.

Dr. Ralls highlighted a few items to focus on as we move into the new year. First and foremost was the Governor's proposal that included a 7.5 percent proposed reduction for higher education, about a 6.7-million-dollar loss for the college. The Provosts have worked diligently for the coming challenges, and that thoughtful level of planning will help us. As we move forward, we need to address both advocacy and workforce development.

On the Federal level, we will pay attention to the Higher Education Reauthorization Act. We may see a continuing resolution but we need to look at the surplus in the Pell Grants. This is an opportunity to address year-round Pell funding. We know that if students stop, that delays their momentum toward completion. From a workforce perspective, employers need community colleges to be in year-round production. Short-term industry certification is vital to the workforce.

Dr. Ralls provided the changed date of January 12 for the Board appreciation dinner. For Commencement on May 13, Mr. Wes Moore will be the commencement keynote speaker. Mr. Moore is a former Army officer, Rhodes Scholar, White House fellow, best-selling author and youth advocate. He speaks on the power of education, transformational leadership, and the importance of personal accountability. He will focus on the theme of outreach to the community.

Lastly, Dr. Ralls reported the tension and worry on the part of the students after the Presidential election. He read the letter sent by him on the issue to all students, faculty and staff to help alleviate some of the concerns. He then thanked the NOVA Board members for their support of all NOVA students.

7. CHAIR'S REPORT

As the Chair was not present, there was no report.

8. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Pearson called for a motion to enter into closed session. Mr. Neilson read the motion statement. Mr. Middough made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Ms. Steen. All Board members were in favor and the motion was approved.

9. CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

- Real Estate Matters

The closed session began at 6:52 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pearson motioned to reconvene concluded the closed session at 7:24pm. Mr. Neilson seconded the motion. Ms. Mills polled the Board to confirm the topic of discussion in closed session with unanimous affirmation given.

Mr. Pearson called to vote on the proposed resolution. Mr. Neilson motioned to approve seconded by Ms. Kearney. All Board Members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mr. Middough motioned to adjourn seconded by Mr. Neilson and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Dr. R. Scott Ralls, Secretary to the Board
Northern Virginia Community College



Mr. Rick Pearson, Vice Chairman of the Board
Northern Virginia Community College

College Recorder: Norie Flowers