

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
March 21, 2017
10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Ms. Rebecca Dally
Ms. Polly Fievet
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Robert Motley
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Dr. Mixon Robinson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Rusty Adams
Mr. Todd Henry
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mr. Lawton Stephens

SPECIAL GUESTS

Mr. Jonathan Swinsburg, 2017 State EAGLE winner
Mr. James Price, Dean, Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing Division

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mr. Scott Hardigree called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the March board meeting. Mr. Rusty Adams had a meeting today and could not be here.

Vice Chair Hardigree and the board members congratulated Mr. Jonathan Swinsburg on his state win at the EAGLE competition in Atlanta. Mr. Swinsburg thanked the board members and gave his EAGLE speech to them.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. James Price, Dean for the Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing Division presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board members. The Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing (TEM) Division consists of many programs including Air Conditioning Technology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision, Commercial Truck Driving, Engineering Technology, Drafting Technology, and Welding. There are 55 plus Technical Certificates of Credit offered as well as Diploma and Degree programs.

The TEM Division is working with the Adult Education Department to launch the new Mobile Welding Lab. The mobile lab will be housed in Hart County and will provide students with the opportunity to take courses in the Welding Program. The mobile lab will be fully functional with eight welding booths, a band saw to cut metal, and storage for gas cylinders.

Athens Technical College is an approved Apprenticeship sponsor for local business partners in our service area. The program will help train workers to enter the job force with necessary skills to be successful. McCann Aerospace is an approved apprenticeship site. Several other

companies have shown interest in the program including Moller Tech, Haring, Walmart, Yancey Brothers, and Hitachi.

Emerging Technologies Day is tomorrow on the Walton County Campus at 2:30 pm. It will be on the Greene County Campus on March 29th at 2:30 pm and the Elbert County Campus on April 12th at 2:30 pm.

Welding Open House will take place on the Athens Campus on April 25th at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Hardigree called for approval of the February minutes. Rebecca Dally made a motion to approve the minutes and Robert Motley seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Thomas presented the budget amendments, which include amendments for Perkins Funds and DFACS Training Center. Ms. Thomas asked the board for approval of the Budget Amendments. Barbara Cabaniss made a motion to approve and Mixon Robinson seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Budget Amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of February 28, 2017.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ms. Caroline Angelo gave the board an update on Academic Affairs. Several program chairs have announced their retirements recently including Culinary, Veterinary Technology, Criminal Justice, and Industrial Systems.

She has been working with the WIOA One Stop Shop and different organizations in the area. Annual negotiations take place with our different partners that provide funding to our students in the WIOA program. Students in the program receive help with gas, day care, and uniforms for the Radiography Program.

Achieving the Dream coaches will be visiting next Thursday and Friday.

There will be a college wide strategic planning session on April 7th.

They are continuing to work on the mega science lab on the Elbert County Campus, which will have everything except microbiology.

Food Safety and Environmental Science programs are on track to be offered for 2017.

Ms. Angelo thanked Dean Price for all his hard work.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Counselor day took place on March 17th. There were twelve counselors here from various districts who participated in the event and toured campus that day. They are planning another, even bigger event, in the Fall.

Spring Fling is March 31st.

Honor's Day is April 19th.

Graduation is May 1st at the Classic Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ilka McConnell gave the board an Economic Development update. The Manufacturing Fundamentals class has eighteen students who will be graduating on Friday. Ms. Ginger Randall, Director of the Greene County Campus, will be working with a Greene County class.

The CNA program is going strong.

There are more training contracts coming in including Train the Trainer.

She has done ten Retraining Tax Credits this month so far.

ADULT EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an Adult Education update. Ms. Benson congratulated Mr. Jonathan Swinsburg on his state EAGLE win. She thanked Ms. Marchelle Sandoval, Transition Specialist for Adult Education, on all of her hard work with EAGLE.

She submitted an RFA for a civics grant last week. She asked for \$1.2 million for next year.

They are adding computer classes to their curriculum, which will be provided online at all the campuses.

Employment rate is 89% in their Bridge to Success program for year two. There are currently 40 students in the program.

Graduation will be May 1st at 2:00 pm at the Classic Center.

COLLEGE UPDATE

Ms. Jennifer Griffeth provided board members with an Athens Tech Foundation update. The 5th Annual LuOwl will be on May 12th at the State Botanical Gardens in Athens. There are sponsorships available for anyone who would like one.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. We have our new signs out in front of campus. They are now blue and white. She thanked Ms. Kathryn Thomas, Mr. Antoine Boynton, and Ms. Cindy Simmons for their help.

Dr. Daniel reviewed some legislative bills with the board members. These bills could affect students.

Dr. Daniel invited board members to the Welding Open House on April 25th.

The library renovation is moving along very well.

She thanked Ms. Stephane Benson for her hard work on the RFA. She also thanked Ms. Kathryn Thomas and her team for their hard work on our new travel system, Concur.

There will be a college wide strategic planning session on April 7th. She thanked Ms. Caroline Angelo and Dr. Bobbi Johnstone for their help in planning the session.

Dr. Daniel presented her PowerPoint presentation that was shown at the TCSG/USG Joint Meeting. She was asked by the Commissioner to present this presentation about Complete College Georgia. Our goal is to have 16,316 graduates by the year 2025. In 2016 we needed to have 6,786 graduates and we exceeded that amount with 8,275 graduates.

Some of our strategies and objectives include the co-requisite model, which has been working well for us. It includes several aspects, which consists of Foundation of Reading and Writing and Accelerated Reading and Art Appreciation. Some other strategies include an enrollment committee, FTE committee, rescue award, and Move on When Ready.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Vice Chair Hardigree asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. No one had anything to share.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Vice Chair Hardigree adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
March 21, 2017

Next scheduled Board Meeting: April 18, 2017

** Denotes action items that require a vote for approval by the local board.*