

Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Minutes

August 17, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tom Denny
Mayor Fred Perriman
Judge Lawton Stephens

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Rebecca Dally called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the August board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Becky Allen, Executive Assistant in the President's Office, called the roll.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Glenn Henry, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented a PowerPoint presentation on SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, instructors and industry working together to ensure there is a skilled workforce. The Athens Technical College Chapter of SkillsUSA recently had two chapter recognitions. We placed first for the largest membership as well as placing first for the largest membership increase. We currently have 216 members.

Students attended the SkillsUSA State Conference and won several gold, silver and bronze medals. Students who won gold medals went on to compete in the national competition winning several medals there as well. Mr. Henry thanked all the advisors for their support of our students.

Mr. Henry presented a PowerPoint presentation on Conservation Law, which is a new program that will begin Fall semester. The program will be located in the new agricultural science building on the Elbert County Campus. There is a great need in the state for qualified individuals to work in Conservation Law. Georgia DNR is one of only two law enforcement agencies that require employees to have a college degree.

Mark Padgett will be a new faculty member that will be teaching courses for the program. Courses will involve Criminal Justice classes along with Fish and Wildlife Management classes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the April minutes. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the FY2022 Annual Operating Budget. This includes locally generated funds, TCSG funds and external grants and contracts. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the FY2022 Annual Operating Budget. Dr. Reginald Woods made a motion to approve and Kyle Brown seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The FY2022 Annual Operating Budget was approved.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. He has been the Vice President for Academic Affairs for two years. He wanted to let board members know that he has decided not to retire. He enjoys his job at the college and everyone he works with.

He congratulated Stuart Frew who was recently named the Dean for Life Sciences. Mr. Frew was the Program Chair for Radiography and has been serving as the Interim Dean of Life Sciences.

Dean Nick Chapman has been working hard, taking on the role of two deans. He is the Dean for the Business and Education Division and the Technology, Engineering and Manufacturing Division.

Dr. Jennifer Palmer who is the Dean for General Education and Online Learning has taken on some additional courses in her area, including General Science and Economics.

Fall semester will be starting on August 23rd.

He has hired some new instructors who will begin teaching Fall semester.

He will be looking at beginning the process of moving into the new agricultural science building on the Elbert County Campus.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. They have provided three orientations for Fall semester. He was excited to meet with students and their families to get them ready for Fall semester.

As of today, there are 3,636 students registered for Fall semester which is up from last year which had 3,477 students.

Decision Day will be held Thursday from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. Students can bring in certain documentation and they will be able to register for classes.

He is excited about Fall semester.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. They had a ManufactuREADY class graduate in July. A new class will begin on October 4th.

Driver's Education is currently taking place. The classroom part is still being provided virtually while the driving part is in person.

They are doing forklift training, computer training, Servesafe classes and WorkKeys classes.

CNA class is finishing up with six students. There will be a new class starting on September 30th. They have twenty people registered for it.

He is excited about the new agricultural science building on the Elbert County Campus.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. They are going to have some upcoming classes beginning at the Classic Center.

They are providing some ESL and credit courses to the employees at Pilgrim's Pride.

They have their first graduate from the Career Plus High School Equivalency.

They will be receiving a \$41,000 grant from Truist to help cover expenses for students.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Josh Paine introduced himself. He is the new Executive Director for Public Relations and Institutional Advancement. He provided an Athens Tech Foundation update. The Athens Tech Foundation will be welcoming several new members to the board who will begin in 2022.

There will be a Fall fundraiser on October 3rd at the Southern Brewing Company. This fundraiser will help raise money for scholarships as well as emergency funds.

Mr. Paine gave board members an update on Public Relations. Social media is going very well. Some of the top responses are from the post about the SkillsUSA winners.

He is working on some digital ads and search engine marketing with Cox Media.

He has been working with Student Affairs on a new video. The video will be available on social media and our website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She is excited to announce that the naming opportunity for the new agricultural building on the Elbert County Campus was unanimously passed by the State Board. It will be named the "Tom McCall Agricultural Science Complex".

She and Stephanie Benson were invited to present on Adult Education at this month's State Board Meeting. Ms. Benson was unable to attend due to an illness but Dr. Daniel presented.

She thanked her team for all of their hard work in getting ready for Fall Semester.

Dr. Daniel thanked students and advisors for their hard work with SkillsUSA.

She received word from Greg Thomas, who is the Program Chair for Automotive Collision Repair, that a student, Thomas Dickerson, competed at the SEMA competition. He was the youngest competitor there. He did very well and is going on to compete nationally in Las Vegas.

She is excited and ready for the start of Fall semester.

There will be a College Wide Meeting tomorrow in the auditorium. There will be two sessions held so we will be able to have social distancing. Employees will be receiving a picnic blanket during the meeting. She will mail a picnic blanket to the board members.

We will be having a pop up vaccine clinic on campus August 26th. They are hoping to vaccinate seventy-five people.

She will be chairing a SACSCOC visit to Mississippi in October.

She thanked board members for the beautiful flowers that were sent to her father's funeral.

She thanked everyone at the college who sent flowers, cards, etc. after the passing of her father.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to report. Barbara Cabaniss mentioned that she knew someone whose daughter registered for classes and they were appreciative of the kindness that was shown during that process.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:50 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
August 17, 2021

Next scheduled Board Meeting: September 21, 2021

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