MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TEXARKANA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 30, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Texarkana College, Truman Arnold Student Center, VIP Room

The regular meeting of the Texarkana College Board of Trustees was called to order by President Randy Moore at 5:07 p.m. The following members were present: Tom Coleman, Julie-Ray Harrison, Jennell Ingram, Molly Beth Malcolm, David Potter II, Dr. C. Jack Smith and Terry Taylor. Also present were Dr. Alan Rasco – TC President; Jeff Lewis -- College Attorney. Not present: Dr. Andrew Curry.

Rick Rogers, Athletic Director, introduced the men’s and women’s golf teams and noted that the women’s team qualified for a national championship in Daytona Beach, Florida and ranked 7th in the tournament out of 118 teams. In national rankings, the women’s team ranks 6th and the men’s team ranks 12th. Each of these students has maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Mrs. Lauren Hehmeyer, Interim Dean of Academic Affairs and Developmental Education, gave an update on the Honors and Leadership Program. This is the second year for the Honors program and the Texarkana College program is unique in that it includes vocational students.

Dr. C. Jack Smith made a motion, seconded by Tom Coleman, to pass the consent agenda which included the minutes of the October 2010 regular board meeting. The motion passed.

Dr. Alan Rasco gave a report on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Conference attended recently by he and trustees Moore, Malcolm, Harrison, and Coleman. The focus was clearly on funding and the expected upcoming change from enrollment based funding to performance based funding. Dr. Rasco introduced several new employees and noted that “TC Talk”, the first quarterly newsletter for Texarkana College, has been published and is on the TC website.

Dr. Lynn Persyn, Vice-President of Learning, announced faculty status changes. Ronda Dozier, Director of Cosmetology, is the new Division Chair for Workforce Education Programs. Vernon Wilder, Social Science professor, is the Division Chair for Social Sciences. Lauren Hehmeyer is the Interim Dean of Academic Affairs and Developmental Education. Dr. Mannie Hall will begin as the new Dean of Workforce Education and Business Development on December 1. The ADN Program received a $100,000 grant from a Nursing Shortage Reduction Program. In the spring, several mini-semester classes will be offered for the first time.

Dr. Dan DoBell, Vice President for Administration and Finance, gave an update on the auditor’s progress. The auditors have been on campus for a total of four weeks with many
recommendations for process improvements. The draft report should be available to the audit committee within the next week. Pending the committee’s approval, the audit report will be presented to the full Board at the December 14, 2010, meeting. Dr. DoBell gave the Board a copy of the most current financial statements processed by Banner. KTXK, the college radio station, had a record breaking pledge drive this fall with a 30% increase in memberships. Due to Homeland Security requirements, the public radio station emergency broadcast system must be digitalized by March 2011. A new payroll director will begin December 1, 2010.

Mr. Ben Talley, Chief Information Officer, gave a brief overview of current projects. He also made a presentation regarding a Voice over IP Unified Communication proposal to replace the current telephone system.

The December board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

At 6:34 p.m. the open session of the meeting recessed and went into executive session pursuant to the following sections of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551:

- Section 551.071 – Private Consultation with the Board’s attorney.
- Section 551.072 – Discussing or deliberating purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
- Section 551.073 – Discussing or deliberating negotiated contract for prospective gift.
- Section 551.074 – Discussing or deliberating appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
- Section 551.076 – Discussing or deliberating the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.
- Section 551.084 – Investigation; exclusion of witness from a hearing during examination of another witness.
- Section 551.087 – Discussing economic development negotiations or offer of financial or other incentive to business prospects.
- Section 551.088 – Deliberation regarding test item or information related to a test item pertaining to license or certification test administered by the college.

At 8:33 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jennell Ingram and seconded by David Potter. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary