

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
April 17, 2018
10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Rusty Adams
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Judge Lawton Stephens

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Rusty Adams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the April board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mr. James Price introduced Dean Nick Chapman who is going to tell the board members about SkillsUSA, which is a national membership association that helps students prepare for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations. Dean Chapman introduced the SkillsUSA students and their advisors. He then introduced Ms. Tonya Trapp who presented a PowerPoint presentation about SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA was founded in 1965 and has 18,000 local chapters. The Athens Technical College chapter was founded in Fall 2010. SkillsUSA students competed at the state conference and won several medals.

Dean Chapman introduced the Phi Beta Lambda students. Phi Beta Lambda is a non-profit student organization dedicated to inspiring and developing the next generation of leaders for careers in business related fields. It was founded in 1958 and has 500 college chapters. The Athens Technical College chapter was founded in Fall 2015.

Dean Chapman introduced the new Program Chair for the Paralegal Studies Program, Ms. Patricia Taylor Smith. Ms. Smith talked to board members about the Paralegal Studies Program and her vision to improve the program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Adams called for approval of the March minutes. Terry Chandler 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. Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of March 31, 2018.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. James Price presented an update on Academic Affairs. Two new programs were approved by the State Board, which include Interdisciplinary Studies and Emergency Medical Responder. He has submitted another new program, Horticulture, to TCSG for approval.

Oglethorpe County wants to offer English and Welding classes to its students.

He is going to be meeting with Hart College and Career Academy about some new courses they want to offer.

He met with the Athens Community Career Academy yesterday about some courses they want to offer.

Broad River College and Career Academy wants to offer a Poultry Science course.

Morgan County has reached out to us about offering Welding and Cosmetology courses.

Jackson County has also reached out to us about offering a Poultry Science course. He is meeting with them on May 9th.

The Dental Hygiene class has passed its certification exam with a 100% pass rate.

There are two pinning ceremonies coming up. The Nursing pinning ceremony will be on April 28th and the Dental pinning ceremony will be on May 1st.

Mr. Price presented the closure of the Nanotechnology Program to the board members. The college feels that it is best to close this program due to a lack of interest and lack of job opportunities. There are currently three students in the program and no students are registered for Summer or Fall semester. The program is scheduled to close July 31, 2019. Mr. Price asked the board for approval to close the Nanotechnology Program. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Nanotechnology Program was approved to be closed.

Mr. Price introduced Ms. Keli Fewox who is going to present the Perkins Application for FY19 for approval. Perkins is funded by the federal government and is handled by the state. It pays for instructor salaries and equipment. Ms. Fewox asked the board for approval of the Perkins Application for FY19. Dr. Reginald Woods made a motion to approve and Scott Hardgree seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Perkins Application for FY19 was approved.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Graduation will be May 2nd at 10:00 am at the Classic Center. Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black will be the guest speaker. Shuttles will be running from the College to the Classic Center every fifteen minutes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ilka McConnell gave the board an update on Economic Development. The Manufacturing Appreciation Luncheon was last week. NIBCO won an award for the middle class business.

They are working with a Clarke County manufacturer to provide some leadership development training.

They will be doing some OSHA lunch and learn courses with Madison County.

Goodwill welding class is finishing up this week.

ManufactuREADY class in Walton County graduated five students recently. The class in Clarke County has twelve student currently in it.

Two mobile training labs, Welding and Industrial Systems, have been approved.

ADULT EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an Adult Education update. GED graduation will be May 2nd at 2:00 pm at the Classic Center. The guest speaker will be Lemuel LaRoche.

They are hosting a graduation expo at H.T. Edwards on Friday.

There will be an open house on April 19th in Oglethorpe County.

Since July 2017 there have been 167 students earn their GEDs.

COLLEGE UPDATE

Mr. Antoine Boynton provided the board members with an Athens Tech Foundation update. Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation is going to be offering scholarships to students at Athens Technical College.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Dr. Daniel invited board members to attend Dr. Tydings' portrait unveiling on Thursday at 2:30 pm.

Just a reminder that there will be reserve seating for board members at both graduations.

She is very happy to announce that we will be getting an \$8.2 million Ag Science Building on the Elbert County Campus. Governor Deal made the announcement recently.

She will be attending the Ag Resources Roadshow on April 26th in Athens.

Dr. Daniel presented her vision for Athens Technical College, which includes working to improve enrollment and retention. She wants to develop and implement the student success certificate and improve the FSSE class. She also wants to strengthen career academies and complete facilities projects.

She had the opportunity to present at the last President's Council meeting.

Dr. Daniel thanked Mr. Dustin McDaniel who is doing a great job with recent financial aid audits.

She thanked Mr. Dennis Ashworth and Mrs. Kathryn Thomas for their input on the equipment lists.

The next local board meeting will be August 21st.

She informed board members that this will be Mr. Rusty Adams' last meeting. She thanked him for serving as the board chair and for his years of service on the board. Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss will be our new board chair beginning at the August meeting.

Board members were given a President's Evaluation for AY2018 to fill out. This evaluation provides input from board members on how Dr. Daniel can better serve the college. Dr. Daniel stepped out of the room while board members filled out the evaluations.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Adams asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. No one had anything to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:25 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
April 17, 2018

Next scheduled Board Meeting: August 21, 2018

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