

**Athens Technical College**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Athens, Georgia  
February 19, 2019  
10:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss  
Mr. Terry Chandler  
Mrs. Rebecca Dally  
Mr. Scott Hardigree  
Mr. Steve Hollis  
Mayor Fred Perriman  
Judge Lawton Stephens  
Dr. Reginald Woods

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Judge Robert Motley  
Mr. Jimmy Parker  
Dr. Mixon Robinson

**SPECIAL GUEST**

Ms. Nicole Lord, 2019 Athens Technical College GOAL Winner

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Barbara Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the February board meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Jennifer Benson introduced Nicole Lord, the 2019 Athens Technical College GOAL Winner. Ms. Lord is in the Radiography Program and was nominated by her instructor Amanda Stanley. Ms. Lord presented her GOAL speech to the board members.

Dennis Ashworth and Jennifer Benson presented on the college's video surveillance system. In the past, the college only had a few cameras spread out among the campus. Recently there have been 168 new cameras installed on our four campuses. Cameras, which are motion activated, have been installed in high volume areas, doorways, stairwells, outdoor areas, and parking lots.

The cameras are able to store about two months' worth of recordings on them. They have been very useful in finding out information that campus officials wouldn't otherwise have. In an incident, campus officials were able to find out the individual who drove a company truck onto campus at night and damaged a sign.

Athens Technical College police officers are now wearing body cameras as well. Cameras on our campuses help make it safer for students, faculty and staff.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Cabaniss called for approval of the January minutes. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Reginald Woods seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Kathryn Thomas presented the Budget Amendments. There is one TCSG addition this month, which includes renovation and repair funds. Ms. Thomas asked the board for approval of the Budget Amendments. Scott Hardigree made a motion to approve and Terry Chandler seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Budget Amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of January 31, 2019.

Ms. Thomas gave board members an update on renovation projects:

- The parking lot renovation to Buildings M, N, and O is complete.
- The Walton County roof replacement is almost complete.
- Work will soon begin on the auditorium. There will be new carpet and seats installed. The work should take approximately three weeks to complete.
- Buildings I and K will be getting a new roof in the next couple of weeks.
- Building I will soon have new carpet, tile and furniture.
- An architectural signifier will be installed on the front of the H Building to help direct people to the Admissions Office and other Student Affairs offices.
- There will be a redesign of the main entrance of the Athens campus.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Dr. Keli Fewox presented an update on Academic Affairs. Dr. Fewox introduced Amelia Mills, the new Director for Institutional Effectiveness.

The SACSCOC Fifth Year Report is coming along good. Committees are working hard on their parts of the report.

She has been finalizing Summer and Fall course offerings.

We are working with high schools who want to increase teaching at the high schools, course offerings, and the number of teachers who are getting credentials.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Some of her staff has been working on the SACSCOC Fifth Year Report.

Graduation will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Classic Center.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. ManufactuREADY class in Athens graduates on Friday. The class in Walton County begins tomorrow.

CNA class begins tomorrow.

They have been working to obtain a contract with ABB to train 409 employees.

They have partnered with Adult Education to offer the Welding Program at Whitworth Prison in Hartwell.

Driver's education class will begin February 25<sup>th</sup>.

He is working to fill an open position in his office.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. She has been preparing for an on-site visit that will take place March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

Johnathan Miranda will be participating in the EAGLE competition March 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>.

They will be hosting College for a Day on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

TCSG has asked to use her Home Health Aid model as the state model.

### **CAREER ACADEMIES**

James Price gave board members an update on Career Academies. There are currently 765 dual enrollment students.

On January 31<sup>st</sup> he attended the Athens Community Career Academy pathway night. He thanked everyone who attended the event.

He and Jennifer Benson recently attended a Greene County CEO Roundtable discussion on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Reynolds Plantation. Morgan County will host the next roundtable on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

He currently has an apprentice working at SD Automotive in Hart County, which will be finishing up soon.

CertainTeed is interested in an Industrial Electrician Program.

He will be touring the NIBCO plant on Friday.

He and Dr. Daniel recently met with Linde Wiemann in Lavonia. They are scheduled to take a tour of the facility on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

He is happy to announce that SkillsUSA has 30 student participants this year. There will be a conference on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Atlanta.

### **College Update**

Antoine Boynton gave the board members an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. Taste of Athens will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Terrapin Brewery in Athens.

Athens Tech Foundation scholarships will open up to students on Friday. There are thirty scholarships worth \$40,000 available to students.

He is working on an event called Free Money Friday, which will help students who want to apply for a scholarship.

The Hope Gala was a huge success. The event, which benefits the Ashton Hope Keegan Foundation, raised \$36,000.

There will be a donor breakfast on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. There are currently two board members up for reappointment, Barbara Cabaniss and Mayor Fred Perriman. Both have agreed to be reappointed to the board. She will be adding two new board members to the board in the upcoming months. They include Tom Denny from Elbert County and Kyle Brown from Wilkes County. She passed out information on both of the new members. Chair Cabaniss asked board members for their recommendation/approval of the two new board members. Judge Lawton Stephens made a motion to approve and Steve Hollis seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The two new board members, Tom Denny and Kyle Brown, were approved for appointment to the board.

Dr. Daniel passed out the Athens Technical College Economic Impact Study.

She will be participating in a SACSCOC Chair Training March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.

She commended Stephanie Benson on her work with the Georgia Regional Mountains Commission. With Ms. Benson's hard work, there is now funding available to Hart County.

Dr. Daniel thanked Rebecca Dally for her invitation to our Rick Perkins Award winner and EAGLE Award winner to speak at the Rotary Club of Social Circle. Both Krissy King and Johnathan Miranda did an excellent job.

The Legislative Session is currently taking place. Legislators are looking at only allowing 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in dual enrollment due to funding.

Legislators are also looking at a small tuition increase for colleges.

Dr. Daniel thanked board members for all their support of the college.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Cabaniss asked board members if they had anything to report. Rebecca Dally thanked Dr. Daniel for attending the Rotary Club of Social Circle meeting along with Krissy King, Glenn Henry, Johnathan Miranda, Phillip Cortese, and Antoine Boynton.

Terry Chandler thanked James Price for all of his hard work with the Broad River Career Academy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:30 a.m.

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Dr. Andrea Daniel, President  
Rebecca Allen  
Executive Assistant  
February 19, 2019

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: March 19, 2019*

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