

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
January 16, 2018
10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mr. Robert Motley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Rusty Adams
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Mr. Lawton Stephens

SPECIAL GUESTS

Ms. DeLaney Gish, 2018 Athens Technical College GOAL Winner
Mr. Quinton Phillips, 2018 Athens Technical College Rick Perkins Award Winner

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the January board meeting. Mr. Rusty Adams had something come up at the last minute and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Scott Hardigree is out of town and cannot attend the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. James Saucedo, Director of Student Activities, introduced Ms. DeLaney Gish, the 2018 Athens Technical College GOAL winner. Ms. Gish applied to the college in May 2015 and is currently in the Radiography Program. Mr. Stuart Frew is her nominating instructor. Ms. Gish presented her GOAL speech to the board members.

Mr. Antoine Boynton, Executive Director of Public Relations, introduced Mr. Quinton Phillips, the 2018 Athens Technical College Rick Perkins Award winner. Mr. Phillips is the Program Chair for the Electrical Systems Technology Program. Mr. Phillips presented his Rick Perkins speech to the board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Cabaniss called for approval of the November minutes. Steve Hollis 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. There are three Technical College System of Georgia amendments along with a reduction in a GED Career Pathways Grant. Ms. Thomas asked the board for approval of the Budget Amendments. Rebecca Dally made a motion to approve and Steve Hollis seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Budget Amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of December 31, 2017.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Mr. James Price presented an update on Academic Affairs. He has several new employees including Ms. Alison Rosch, who is a new instructor for the Social Work Assistant Program. Ms. Patricia Smith is the new Chair for the Paralegal Program. In the Life Sciences Division, he has two new instructors, Ms. Tiffany Garrett and Ms. Amanda Stanley.

He is working with Hart College and Career Academy to offer Culinary classes.

He met with Broad River College and Career Academy about their instructors teaching some of our classes. Athens Community Career Academy also wants to teach some of our classes.

Skills USA program is taking off with thirteen students and three advisors participating. He hopes to have twenty students in the program.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Ms. Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. She introduced Mr. James Saucedo, who is the new Director for Student Activities.

There is a blood drive taking place today in the Student Center. It is sponsored by the Social Work Assistant Program. She encouraged board members to participate.

She has been working on a campus wide advisor training session for all faculty and staff who advise.

They will hold a counselor workshop in March.

Graduation will be May 2nd at the Classic Center.

Greene County received its grant for a career academy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Ilka McConnell gave the board an update on Economic Development. They have six nominations from six different counties for the Manufacturing Appreciation Award. The luncheon will be held on April 12th in Atlanta for any board members who would like to attend.

They just rolled out a schedule of continuing education classes for Athens. They are working on some continuing education classes for Hart County.

ManufactuREADY class in Athens began on Friday. There are fourteen students in the class. They are currently recruiting for a class in Greene and Walton Counties.

Currently working on a partnership with Goodwill to serve young adults who have been in the juvenile system to help transition them to the workforce.

ADULT EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an Adult Education update. They have a new online class for GED, which has been submitted for approval.

She is currently working on a Dollar General grant.

They have a new post card in development that she would like to send out in the mail to try to increase enrollment.

They have a new partnership with Bigger Visions. They would like to create an agreement for students to take online classes at their location on North Avenue.

There is now a career pathway option for ESL students.

COLLEGE UPDATE

Mr. Antoine Boynton gave the board an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. In his new role as Executive Director of Public Relations, he is now handling the Athens Tech Foundation.

The Athens Technical College Alumni Association will hold a Frosty Owl 5K on January 20, 2018 at Sandy Creek Park to raise money for scholarships. He encouraged board members to participate.

Mr. Boynton passed out information on the 2018 Legacy Campaign.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She attended the State Board Meeting in December. At the meeting we received second place for College of the Year Award.

The Greene County Career Academy was approved in December.

She has been working on a partnership with Oglethorpe County Schools to offer students dual enrollment.

After the board meeting today, she will be leaving for President's Council in Atlanta.

The Technical College System of Georgia has a new Commissioner, Mr. Matt Arthur, who began on January 1, 2018. He was previously the Deputy Commissioner.

At the February local board meeting, Ms. Kathryn Thomas will be giving a facilities update.

The Elberton science lab is coming along very well. The auditorium project is near completion.

She thanked Ms. Stephanie Benson for all of her help with Institutional Effectiveness.

Dr. Tydings' oil painting is finished. She hopes to have a revealing soon.

Dr. Daniel thanked Ms. Kathryn Thomas and Mr. Antoine Boynton for their work on the signage for the Piedmont Athens Regional lab.

She recognized student workers in the Social Work Assistant Program who have been working hard to welcome new students to the program.

Dr. Daniel reported that enrollment was looking good with our sixth consecutive enrollment growth increase.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Cabaniss asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. Rebecca Dally reminded everyone that she serves on the Walton County Foundation Board of Trustees. If there is any need in Walton County for funding, please check with the Walton County Foundation.

Mr. Robert Motley thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the career academy for Greene County.

Mrs. Cabaniss spoke to three students who are interested in coming to Athens Technical College.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
January 16, 2018

Next scheduled Board Meeting: February 20, 2018

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