

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Terry Chandler
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Mayor Fred Perriman
Judge Lawton Stephens

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dean Nick Chapman presented a presentation on Phi Beta Lambda, which is an honor program at the college where students are given the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills to enable them to make everyday decisions. Students recently participated in the district competition in which they were awarded several honors. Next month students will participate in the state competition and then hopefully continue on to the nationals, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas. Dean Chapman introduced two students who are members of Phi Beta Lambda and who participated in the district competition.

Dr. Lara Vaughn presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Veterinary Technology Program. The Veterinary Technology Program was established by Athens Technical College in 2001. Dr. Vaughn began work as the Program Chair for the Veterinary Technology Program in 2017. The program helps students gain the knowledge and skills to become a veterinary technician, which provides professional healthcare in conjunction with the veterinarian.

Veterinary technicians provide many services including compiling patient-case histories, assisting the veterinarian, performing in-house procedures, taking radiographs, and advising and educating clients.

Students have to pass a board exam in order to become a veterinary technician. From 2003 – 2015 the Veterinary Technology Program had a 100% pass rate.

In 2018 the program increased enrollment to twenty students. There was also an increase in externship opportunities for students to two sites, each with two weeks in duration. Recently there has been a push to change the title of veterinary technician to registered veterinary nurse (RVN).

Dr. Vaughn introduced Nicole DeLisle who is a student in the Veterinary Technology Program. Ms. DeLisle will be in the graduating class of 2020.

Chair Cabaniss asked Judge Robert Motley to introduce his guest to the board. Judge Motley introduced Mr. Robert Johnson who moved to Greensboro about a year ago. Mr. Johnson works in television broadcasting and has gotten involved in the community since moving to Greensboro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cabaniss called for approval of the February 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 are two budget amendments this month from TCSG, which include a state allocation and Carl Perkins Carryover Funds. Ms. Thomas asked the board for approval of the Budget Amendments. Scott Hardigree 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 February 28, 2019.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Keli Fewox presented an update on Academic Affairs. She has been working on Fall Semester courses for the college and high schools.

She is continuing to work on the SACSCOC Fifth Year Report. Committees are working hard on their parts of the report.

She just received a letter from SACSCOC approving the Barbering Program at the Walton County Campus. Classes will begin Fall Semester.

She is looking at adding a new Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) called Industrial Electrician TCC. There will be no added expenses to begin this TCC since the courses are already being taught.

There will be four new courses added to the Agricultural Program for students who want to learn to judge livestock fairs, etc.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. She is currently working on registration for Summer and Fall Semester.

She is getting dual enrollment courses ready to be taught at the high schools.

Ms. Benson thanked Chair Cabaniss for bringing in the young lady to meet with her and some of her staff last week. She was happy to help the young lady with her career options.

Graduation will be April 30th at 10:00 am at the Classic Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. He is still working on getting his empty departmental positions filled.

There is an Athens Chamber Women in Business event taking place in his building today.

ManufactuREADY class in Walton County is getting ready to graduate.

Driver's education class will begin May 19th.

ADULT EDUCATION

No update. There are on-site reviewers on campus this week reviewing the Adult Education Department.

CAREER ACADEMIES

James Price gave board members an update on Career Academies. He attended an Athens Community Career Academy (ACCA) governance board meeting and marketing meeting yesterday. He is happy to announce that we are now a voting member at ACCA.

ACCA will host the Academy Awards on May 7th at 5:30 pm.

The Broad River Career Academy governance board meeting took place last week.

Construction is nearly complete on the Greene County Career Academy. They should have a CO in place by April 1st.

He attended governance board training at the Morgan County Career Academy last week.

He will be attending the Hart County Career Academy governance board meeting next week. The welding students will be visiting the Elbert County Campus to do some lab work.

The American Apprenticeship Grant recently expanded the amount of programs that can be paid for by the grant.

He will be attending Skills USA later in the week in Atlanta. He is happy to announce that we have thirty-five members. There will be twenty-five members participating in the Skills USA competition in different areas including Cosmetology, Diesel, Electrical, and Public Speaking.

The Olli Group will be back on campus on Friday, March 29th and will be increasing the number of people to twenty-two.

College Update

Antoine Boynton gave the board members an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. Taste of Athens will be held April 14th at the Terrapin Brewery in Athens. Mr. Boynton gave board members a complimentary ticket to the VIP reception, which will be held at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Boynton thanked everyone who has been working hard getting the word out about Athens Tech Foundation scholarships. There were 172 completed applications turned in this semester.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She and Stephanie Benson recently attended the SETA Conference in Asheville where Ms. Benson presented.

She recently completed her SACSCOC chair training. She will be participating on an off-site reaffirmation committee at the end of April.

The EAGLE competition recently took place. Johnathan Miranda did not place in the competition but did a great job representing the college.

Dr. Daniel thanked James Price for all of his hard work with all the career academies.

She reminded board members that the next board meeting will be on Monday, April 15th. It will be a breakfast meeting with breakfast being served at 8:30 am and the meeting will begin at 9:00 am.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Cabaniss asked board members if they had anything to report. Judge Robert Motley thanked the board members and Athens Technical College for everything they do to help students.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:45 a.m.

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

Next scheduled Board Meeting: April 15, 2019

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