

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

March 12, 2020

MEETING MINUTES # 324

Members Present:

Teri McNally
William Thomas
Sarah Berry
Baron Braswell
Simon Gray
Lydell Fortune
Ann Tidball

Members Absent:

Manya Rayner
Dr. Victor Gehman

Staff Present:

Dr. Janet Gullickson
Bruce Davis
Dr. Tiffany Ray
Dr. John Davis Dr.
Dr. Jeanne Wesley
Laurie Bourne
Lorraine Pendleton
Jessica Thompson
1st Sergeant Chris
Anderson
Garland Fenwick

Guests Present:

Sarah Somerville
Misty Mesimer
Nancy Smith
Dr. Patti Lisk

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair McNally called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Public Comment – None

2. Approval of Minutes #323, January 9, 2019

Motion was seconded. Motion was carried.

COMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION

3. Academic Affairs/Workforce/Student Success

Mr. William Thomas made a statement that the committee was incomplete due to Manya Rayner attending via phone. Consequently, all the curricula presented for action needed a second. He requested that the second reading be waived due to the immediacy of the request. He discussed the curricula presented for approval. He invited Dental Professor Misty Mesimer to present the Dental Hygiene Program and Professor Laurie Daigle to present the Physical Therapist Assistant Program expansion proposal. Mr. Thomas moved to that the Board adopt the recommendations from the staff regarding these changes.

Motion carried.

Mr. Thomas invited Dr. Tiffany Ray to comment on enrollment. Dr. Ray started with a celebratory statement that enrollment for Spring was phenomenal with a 5% increase in FTE. She added that enrollment is also up for the Summer with registration commencing on March 1st. Due to COVID-19, all student services will be conducted virtually and online to support students. She was happy to report that the funding approved by the Board for the website has been used to contract a vendor. The selected vendor will be sending a scope of work soon, so that the website and branding initiative can get started. In addition, due to end-of-year ceremonies being cancelled, other arrangements will ensure that students are recognized.

Mr. Thomas invited Dr. Jeanne Wesley to comment about the 5G Program. Dr. Wesley stated that the 5G Program is accelerated with moving all our courses online. We will be the college of the future with 5G. They're experiencing some challenges of bureaucracy but everything is moving forward.

Mr. Thomas encouraged the body to donate to the Gladys P. Todd Academy.

4. Executive/Human Resources

Chair Teri McNally began with the President's year-end review. She mentioned that the committee is creating a streamlined process. She added that by streamlining these processes, it eliminates re-inventing the wheel every year. The committee will take the current survey to mirror it with the Chancellor's goals. The committee has a deadline of April 2nd with an April 30 deadline to send the survey to the Board. The goal is to submit the final review by May 14th. The committee will also reach out to other sources regarding a climate survey. Ms. Ann Tidball then requested permission from the Board to move forward with approving the additional working committee. This committee will assist with gaining the necessary information to complete the President evaluation as Chair McNally proposed. All were in favor.

5. Finance/Facilities

Mr. Baron Braswell invited Dr. John Davis to present the agenda and action items.

Dr. John Davis started with presenting these motions:

Motions #1 and 2

1. To accept the local funds financials for January 31.
2. To increase in the auxiliary maintenance budget by \$250,0000 to repave the east side of the Fredericksburg Area Campus parking lot.

Mr. Braswell moved each item. Motions were carried.

Dr. Davis mentioned the new construction taking place at the Daniel Technology Center. Additionally, Spotsylvania County and property developers have proposed to build a road through the Fredericksburg Regional Campus to allow access for new residential construction. The main purpose is to connect residents to I-95. The process involves the easement of state land to the county. This proposal is still under deliberation due to some insufficient information. Germanna has reached out to VDOT and the Virginia Community College System for their involvement to ensure accuracy of the information received. The college will inform the Board of any updates. Dr. Davis emphasized that we must ensure safety for students, faculty and staff due to the expected amount of traffic that will be on this road.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

6. President's Report, Dr. Janet Gullickson

Dr. Janet Gullickson started by expressing her disappointment in the postponement of the building of the new Locust Grove facility by the Virginia State Legislature. Two VCCS facilities in Virginia were funded and two were not. There was concern among state legislators about the state's bond rating if all four facilities were funded. Dr. Gullickson spoke with the VCCS Office and they believe they may have access to design funds so we could proceed. However, with COVID-19 everything may be uncertain. She invited Dr. Davis to elaborate on the topic. Dr. John Davis added that the project was funded through the design phase which was going to last through Jan 2021 with construction in the March/April 2022 timeframe. However, now with this delay, we can probably expect a construction push back through July 2022. All these dates are dependent on the state budget. Dr. Gullickson continued by saying that Germanna might have to come up with the funds to forward fund some of the design but she's waiting to get a statement from the VCCS Office. She introduced Sgt. Chris Anderson who attended in Chief Craig Branch's absence. She praised to Ms. Nancy Smith who is performing very well temporarily for the Director of Finance role. Ms. Smith mentioned Lauren Henson and that the Finance team have been wonderful to work with during the absence of a direct leader.

In other news – Germanna is hoping to become partners with the Navy Community College. She added that we are positioning ourselves to hopefully be a part of that partnership and the location of the Naval Community College will most likely be at Quantico. The potential number of students may be 40,000 sailors and Marines.

Dr. Gullickson also stated that she anticipates the G3 initiative being a boom for our enrollment. The details are changing daily but once they are finalized, she'll offer a very detailed presentation about it. She praised Dr. Jeanne Wesley and her team for doing a phenomenal job making the necessary curriculum changes so that we can hit the ground running. Dr. Gullickson was very proud that VCCS approached Germanna's Student Services team to assist with the G3 on-boarding process. She gave accolades to Dr. Ray and Dean Pam Frederick for making the process wonderful.

Dr. Gullickson spoke on the COVID-19 update and planning. She stated that Germanna has created a dedicated phone number and email address to answer any questions related to COVID-19. Social distancing demarcations were made on campus with extensive sanitization on Fridays. Germanna has students who were exposed to the virus. Staff self-quarantined because they believe that they demonstrated symptoms. She mentioned that our bottom-line goal is to keep operating and to help the community fight this by not taxing the health care system. She also added that nursing students may help with having health check points. Germanna has also cancelled all its events and rentals. The website has been updated daily with FAQs. Mr. Braswell asked her to expound upon the dual enrolled students and what will happen. The students will still be allowed to attend classes virtually. Ms. McNally asked how all the additional COVID-19 preparations will affect the budget and Dr. Gullickson answered that we can support these initiatives, including additional sanitation crews and curriculum deliveries, for this year. She went on to say that Zoom will also be used heavily during this time to accommodate students and scheduling appointments with students.

Dr. Gullickson then gave accolades to Mr. Simon Gray, recipient of the Susie Miller Community Service Award from the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, for his dedicated acts of service.

7. Chair Report, Ms. Teri McNally

There was no report from Chair McNally as she allowed Dr. Gullickson to use her time in her report.

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

2019-2020 Committee

Appointments Executive / HR

Ms. Teri McNally, Chair

Ms. Ann Tidball, Vice chair

Mr. Simon Gray, Treasurer

Dr. Janet Gullickson, Secretary

Ms. Laurie Bourne, Staff

Mr. Bruce Davis

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Mr. Baron Braswell, Chair

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Mr. Garland Fenwick, Staff

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Ms. Manya Rayner, Chair

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