

New River Community College Board
Building and Sites Committee Meeting

MINUTES

September 10, 2020

The meeting of the NRCC College Board Building and Sites Committee was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Peggy Dewald-Link – NRCC College Board Member - Floyd County

Mr. Jonathan Sweet – NRCC Board Member – Pulaski County

STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Ross Matney, Workforce Training Coordinator

Dr. Mark Rowh, Vice President for Workforce Development and External Relations

Mrs. Tammy Smith, Coordinator of Admissions and Records

Mr. John Van Hemert, Vice President for Finance and Technology

Mr. John Van Hemert called the committee meeting to order via Zoom at 2:30 p.m.

NRCC Campus Buildings and Facilities Review of Names

Dr. Rowh explained that the VCCS State Board issued a resolution asking the local advisory boards of each of the 23 colleges to review the appropriateness of names of college buildings and facilities and report facility name changes, if applicable. The college is required to report back to the VCCS with any changes or recommendations. An ad hoc committee was formed and met to discuss this issue. There was representation from all localities in the service region.

Documentation that included the list of names for review and background information was distributed to the committee members as well as to the College Board. The ad hoc committee reviewed the names as presented and found no issues with the current names of buildings and facilities for NRCC. Their recommendation to the Building and Sites Committee of the local College Board is no changes be made.

After a discussion, the Building and Sites Committee affirmed that the names of the college facilities are appropriate and no changes in existing names are needed. Dr. Dewald-Link will make that recommendation to the full College Board.

Dr. Dewald-Link suggested adding photos and a brief description of all individuals who have buildings/facilities named after them to the wall near the Admissions Office. She will make this suggestion to the College Board during the meeting on September 14.

Dr. Rowh reported that the ad hoc committee also discussed the possibility of considering Dr. Nathaniel L. Bishop as a possible name for a building or facility in the future. Since Dr. Bishop currently serves on the State Board, this would need to occur after his term expires.

Campus Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

Mr. Van Hemert presented the Campus Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) for review. After a discussion, a proper motion and second were given to approve the plan as presented. The committee will make the recommendation for approval to the full Board at the meeting on September 14.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ridpath