

**New River Community College Board  
(Region 10)  
Meeting Number Three Hundred Forty-One**

***MINUTES***

**September 10, 2018**

Meeting number three hundred forty-one of the New River Community College Board was held on Monday, September 10, 2018, at NRCC Mall site in Christiansburg, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Onassis Burress (City of Radford)  
Mr. Richard Chidester (Giles County)  
Mr. Steven Harvey (City of Radford)  
Mr. Steven Kaylor (Floyd County)  
Mr. Brian Kitis (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Walter (Benny) Keister (Pulaski County)  
Mr. James Loux (Pulaski County)  
Mr. Michael Patton (Floyd County)  
Dr. Sharon Scott (Montgomery County)  
Mr. Jonathan Sweet (Pulaski County)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Jessica Littlejohn (Montgomery County)  
Mr. James Wheeler (Giles County)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Peter Anderson, Vice President for Instruction and Student Services  
Mrs. Debbie Bond, Dean of Business and Technologies  
Ms. Angie E. Covey, Executive Director NRCC Educational Foundation  
Dr. Patricia B. Huber, President  
Dr. Deborah Kennedy, Dean of Student Services  
Mr. Tony Nicolo, Director Facilities Services  
Mrs. Kathy T. Ridpath, Administrative Assistant President's Office  
Dr. Mark C. Rowh, Vice President for Workforce Development and External Relations  
Dr. Fritz M. Streff, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research  
Mrs. Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz, Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences  
Mr. John Van Hemert, Vice President of Business and Technologies

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Steve Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published.

### 2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Harvey welcomed the new Board members present - Mr. Onassis Burress of the City of Radford and Mr. Jonathan Sweet of Pulaski County. He commented that an orientation for the new board members was held on September 6.

### 3. **Agenda for Approval**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

### 4. **Minutes for Approval**

The minutes of meeting three hundred forty, held on Monday, June 4, 2018, were approved as distributed.

### 5. **President's Report**

Dr. Huber provided a report and update on the costs for dual enrollment. Dual enrollment provides an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit from NRCC while they are still enrolled in high school. The discussion relates to classes taught in the high school by appropriately credentialed high school faculty, according to SACSCOC credentialing guidelines.

NRCC negotiates reimbursement rates with each of the public school districts according to criteria for responsibilities and provisions by each entity; these rates are negotiated each year. Currently, NRCC reimburses at a rate of 100 percent. This has been the negotiated rate since 2006; prior to this date school systems paid at a rate of 100 percent.

Dr. Huber explained that the tuition reimbursement rate has become a topic of much discussion across the state because of variability in these rates across the colleges. For example, one college may negotiate a reimbursement rate of 100 percent while a neighboring college may negotiate a rate of 70 percent. Rates may even vary within a specific school district because a school district may be split in the service region between two separate colleges.

A Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) Report in 2017 recommended that the VCCS "develop a single, statewide dual enrollment funding formula and a tuition and fee structure that is consistent across all courses and colleges." An initial recommendation from the VCCS was for \$50 per credit hour plus fees; NRCC's fees are \$2.55 per credit hour. The State Board for Community Colleges

delayed action on this recommendation when the proposal was first presented in May. This proposal was a discussion item at the July meeting of the State Board, but no action was taken in July.

Dr. Huber explained that meetings are occurring with the Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, the chair of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), three public school superintendents, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of the VCCS, and two representatives from VCCS colleges concerning a proposal. VASS has also surveyed public school superintendents.

Dr. Huber said she wanted board members to be aware of the situation because of recent publicity throughout the service region. She affirmed that she and staff members have kept the school superintendents informed of updates, particularly as superintendents are already beginning to build their operating budgets for the next year.

Dr. Huber completed her report by saying that she and President's Staff members will join an 8 p.m. conference call with other Virginia college presidents, the Virginia Secretary of Education, and the Director of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management concerning preparations for Hurricane Florence.

## **6. Instruction and Student Services**

Dr. Peter Anderson informed the Board that the college recently submitted a Student Success Enrollment plan, which was required by the VCCS. The goal of the plan is to devise a proactive academic and career advising strategy to structurally redesign the advising process and fully support students from entry through completion.

Dr. Anderson provided a report on new initiatives the college is implementing -- EAB Navigate and Ad Astra Platinum Analytics. EAB Navigate is an online tool to help students with onboarding, academic planning and advising management. Ad Astra is a course demand analysis system that assesses student course needs and suggests high-impact schedule changes.

## **7. Enrollment**

Dr. Fritz Streff reported on enrollment for the fall semester. Total headcount enrollment as of September 10, 2018, is 4,293. Total FTEs stand at 2,667, a decrease of 3.36 percent over the same relative date last fall. Dual enrollment shows a decrease of 9.5 percent (data from one locality has not been entered). Relative to the VCCS, when discounting dual enrollment, the college shows a decrease of 0.18 percent. A brief discussion was held on reasons for the decrease in dual enrollment.

## **8. Finance and Technology**

Mr. Van Hemert discussed the Local M&O Budget and explained that when the participation formula is applied, the amounts requested from the jurisdictions fluctuate with the population in each jurisdiction and the total property values in each jurisdiction.

This budget has routinely been recommended for action at the December meeting each year. After this fiscal year, he requested that the local M&O budget be moved for approval at the September meeting each year thereafter. He explained that these budgets are due to the localities at the end of December annually. If, by chance, a December meeting is canceled for any reason that leaves no time for the Board to take action before the deadline. A discussion was held on the request. No action was taken; the recommendation will be on the agenda for action at the December meeting.

## **9. Workforce Development and External Relations**

Dr. Rowh discussed the FastForward program. These programs are an alternative to credit programs and are offered through Workforce Development. Courses offered under this program are designed to be completed on a short-term basis and subject to availability of funds. Students pay only one-third of the normal cost of training. Students with extreme financial need may get up to 90 percent of the cost covered. Programs discussed were the Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Tech and manufacturing courses.

Dr. Rowh gave an update on the reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The college received official notification of its reaffirmation of accreditation for ten more years. The wording from the official notification stated, "No additional report was requested." He informed the Board that the college is already working on the Fifth-Year Interim Report, a report required by SACSCOC in five years.

## **10. NRCC Foundation**

Ms. Covey provided a report on the 2017 audit recently completed. The total assets for the Foundation are \$15.7 million. The total assets for 2016 were \$13.4 million. She reported total gifts from January 1 to present total \$1.36 million. Contributions recently received include:

- The Community Health Foundation - \$500,000 (gave an additional \$30,000 to award 20 additional nursing scholarships immediately)
- Former college board member - \$50,000
- Doug Warren endowed scholarship

Ms. Covey gave updates on the ACCE programs in each participating locality. At this point, Montgomery County has 148 students enrolled; Giles County has 71 students; Floyd County has 48 students; and the City of Radford has 31 students enrolled in the program. She reported that Giles County has added 20 hours for each student to the community service piece of the program. These extra hours are to be served in a civic organization. She discussed some of the community service work offered in each locality. She commented that the total hours of community service for the four localities are 24,620 hours – hours that are given back to the communities.

Mr. Chidester informed the Board that due to the impending weather, Giles County postponed the Muddy ACCE race scheduled for September 15 until September 29. He reported that there are 250 registrants and over \$114,000 in donations given for the race.

Ms. Covey distributed articles recently featured in the Floyd Press and the Roanoke Times regarding the ACCE program.

Ms. Covey informed the Board that the annual Scholarship Brunch is scheduled for October 17. About 216 scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to meet with the donors who sponsored their respective scholarships.

**11. Standing Committees for 2018-2019**

The roster of Standing Committees for 2018-2019 was approved unanimously.

**12. Open Discussion/Q&A Session**

There were no further questions or discussions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the New River Community College Board is scheduled for **Monday, December 3, 2018**, in Edwards Hall, room 117.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Steven Harvey, Chair



Dr. Patricia B. Huber, Secretary