The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in Room H101, Havana Center, Havana, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Mr. Maguire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Members Present:  
Mrs. Gayle Blodgett  
Mrs. Linda Butler  
Mr. Dave Maguire  
Mr. Rusty Melhouse  
Mr. Phil Murphy  
Mr. Kent Schleich  
Mrs. Betty Taylor  
Mr. Joshua Webb

Present:  Mr. Curt Oldfield, President; Mr. Brett Stoller, Vice President, Administrative Services; Dr. Randy Greenwell, Vice President, Instruction and Student Services; Ms. Carol Davis, Vice President, Community Outreach; Ms. Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services, Ms. Michelle Bugos, Director, Human Resources; Ms. Tamatha Schleich, Director, Nursing; Mr. Brian Dalpiaz, Mathematics Faculty; Ms. Teresa Welch, Assistant, Havana Center; Ms. Sally Shields, Coordinator, College Information; Mr. President/Recorder.

Also present:  Brendon Bauman; and Larry Eskridge, Canton Daily Ledger.

1.3 Invocation

Mr. Murphy gave the invocation.

Mr. Maguire asked for the Board to observe a moment of consideration and silence.  We have lost one of our former employees this week.  Monill McClure passed away Monday.  She had been an instructor at SRC for 32 years.  Our thoughts are with her family.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Mr. Maguire welcomed the guests in attendance.  He said it is always nice to have the March Board Meeting at the Havana Center.

1.5 Public Comment

Mr. Maguire asked if anyone present would like to address the Board.

There were no requests.
1.6 Consent Agenda

Following a motion by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Schleich, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved Consent Agenda items 1.7.1 February 25, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; 2.2.1 authorized the following payments for the month of March 2015: Payroll $515,746.56; Accounts Payable: $339,213.42; Student Refunds: $908,272.86; TOTAL: $1,763,232.84; 2.3.1 approved the appointment of Elizabeth Rankin to the position of Senior Office Assistant, Macomb Campus, effective March 9, 2015, at an hourly rate of $10.00. This is a full-time, Classified Staff position; and 2.3.2 approved the appointment of Rick Duvendack to the position of Specialist, Financial Aid, effective March 16, 2015, at an hourly rate of $11.80. This is a full-time Classified Staff position.

1.7 Approval of Minutes

1.7.1 February 25, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.

1.8 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Maguire presented the following report:

Our last meeting of the Trustees Association was held on March 12-14, 2015 in Naperville, Illinois. A summary of the meeting is included in the ICCTA Board Highlights.

Considerable time was spent in the presentation of materials about the proposal to award applied baccalaureate degrees by Illinois community colleges. Dr. Debra Bragg, Director of the Office of Community College Research and Leadership at the University of Illinois, Dr. Judith Bilsky, Provost of Florida State College at Jacksonville, and Dr. Malcolm Grothe, Associate Vice Chancellor for Applied Baccalaureate Degrees and Workforce Education at the Seattle Colleges presented information and answered numerous questions for an extended session on Friday afternoon. It was interesting to note that in Florida where this has been in operation for ten years, the data showed that there had not been a decrease in enrollment at the four year institutions. The discussion ranged from cost of implementation, institutional accreditation, what type of degrees would be considered, to the lack of understanding by the four year institutions to what are being proposed.

During the Government Relations Committee we further discussed the proposal and prepared a recommendation for the Board of Representatives that delays any action until an opportunity to obtain additional data and input from all segments of higher education could occur. The final motion adopted by the Board of Representatives on Saturday morning established a November 1, 2015 deadline date for this to occur. The motion was adopted with only one dissenting vote. This will effectively take the consideration out of this year’s legislative session.

There are numerous pieces of pending legislation that have a direct effect on community colleges during the Government Relations meeting. Highlighted were Illinois Community College Board’s proposal to separate from the Board of Higher Education; SB688 requiring reporting on purchases through minority providers and the possible establishment of future goals for compliance; Northern Illinois University’s proposal to form a new university that would absorb community colleges and the more than 30 pieces of legislation as a direct result of the College of DuPage’s situation.
At the federal level there is considerable action underway concerning the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the FY 2016 Budget. The House and Senate are considering their FY 2016 budget resolutions. Both proposals call for significant cuts to federal student aid. In particular, the House budget calls for $150 billion in cuts through the elimination of several student aid benefits. Both proposals would eliminate $80 billion in mandatory funds from the Pell Grant program. Additionally, the House proposal would freeze the current Pell Grant maximum award for the next decade at $5,775. The other $61 billion in cuts proposed by the House include: the elimination of in-school interest subsidy for low-income undergraduate Direct Loan borrowers; rolling back the expansion of Income Based Repayment; and the elimination of Public Service Loan Forgiveness. Also this week Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chairman, Lamar Alexander (R-TN) released three white papers on topics related to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA). The three papers are on: Accreditation, Risk Sharing and Data Collection and Consumer Information. All three will have a significant effect on community colleges, and we are in the process of checking out the details and preparing our response. Additional information should be available on the ACCT website.

The next meeting of the Trustees Association will be April 28-29 in Springfield in conjunction with the Community College Lobby Day and the annual Phi Kappa Theta All-Illinois Academic Team student recognition.

Upcoming dates and meetings of interest:

ICCTA Board of Representatives and committee meetings, Harry L. Crisp II Community College Center, Springfield, April 28, 2015
Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Awards Banquet, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield – April 28, 2015
ICCTA Lobby Day & Student Advocacy Day – April 29, 2015
ICCTA Annual Convention and Board of Representatives meeting – Schaumburg, IL – June 5-6, 2015

Mr. Murphy asked about the Governor’s budget issues and community colleges. President Oldfield said he hasn’t seen the specifics yet. Adult Ed and Career and Technical Ed are exempt. Mr. Oldfield said it impacted us in our credit hour reimbursement rate, equalization, and small college grant.

Mr. Melhouse asked if the four year institutions are weighing in with community colleges offering a baccalaureate degree. Mr. Maguire said one of the things we discovered during the presentations was the applied baccalaureate degree was not really a threat to the four institutions. Rusty asked if the four years understand that. Dave said no. The November 1 delay will allow time to meet with the four year institutions. Forums will be planned for this fall to address the issue. President Oldfield said the four years are concerned about the unknown. For his sake, Curt said his conversations with President Thomas center around the fact that SRC doesn’t have the specific need but we will work with WIU when we have students who have the need. The greatest majority of our students go to WIU so those discussions will continue. Dave said this discussion took place with the Board Reps because of those institutions that aren’t interested in doing this because there is a four year institution in their backyard. Transferability difficulties make that more of an issue. There are those institutions in the State of Illinois that this would serve well. President Oldfield said the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing is separate. Dave said the President at Lincoln Land said the nursing degree is different than the applied baccalaureate.

President Oldfield said that at the ICCTA meeting, Josh did his presentation for the Externship with three other students on Leadership. Josh represented Spoon River College very well and did an excellent job. Congratulations Josh!
Josh Webb asked about a person who he went to high school with who is having some issues with Nursing and the ability to transfer to WIU where she is told she won’t have enough hospital time. President Oldfield said a BSN is much different than an RN degree or an ADN degree. At the BSN level, the clinical experience is not required to the degree that is required for an ADN. The BSN is more theory based and the ADN is more patient based. What our students have the luxury with our program is having the ADN time and working with the patient in the clinical setting. If they transfer on, they already have the experience. This gives our students the best of both worlds.

Mr. Joshua Webb presented the following report:

After a much deserved spring break, students returned to the classroom this week to complete the final 8 weeks of the spring semester.

Brendon Bauman was elected by the student body to serve as the 2015-16 student trustee. Brendon is a 2014 graduate of Spoon River Valley High School and is majoring in business at SRC.

Five students and Dr. Michael Woods traveled over spring break to the National Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas. Traveling by RV, students logged over 2,500 miles, journeying through seven states and experiencing diverse landscapes, dissimilar soil types and viewed an array of agricultural practices. At the Houston Livestock Show, students viewed hundreds of livestock and specialty animals while viewing some of the nation’s premiere livestock being exhibited and livestock auctions that set world records topping millions of dollars raised for agricultural education. Students also conducted interviews of livestock producers to gain a firsthand insight on opportunities, challenges and life as a livestock producer in other regions of the United States. The trip also included campfire chats on contemporary issues facing students and agriculture today, time at the National Rodeo, a festive Mexican-music concert and a celebration of their Irish(ish) roots in New Orleans at the annual Saint Patrick’s Day parade in the French Quarter.

TRIO students participated in Adopt a Classroom on March 2 at Lincoln School in Macomb. Students and staff read a Dr. Seuss book and did an art activity to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday that week. TRIO students participated in an onsite Western Illinois University visit on March 6.

Kaleidoscope staff met on Friday, March 20th to judge submissions for this year’s Kaleidoscope and begin finalizing the magazine. The staff continues to work on the final draft and will meet again on Friday, March 27th.

Over 300 theatre patrons enjoyed the SRC spring comedy The Nerd from the Department of Drama & Theatre, including an invited group from Lewistown High School at a special matinee preview. This production, along with the Fall 2014 production of the classic Greek tragedy Antigone, completes the first season for the recently revived program. Between the two productions, more than 20 students were directly involved. Almost 600 patrons came to campus to attend performances, including more than 150 invited guests from local high schools.

Auditions for drama scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year were held March 23-24. The 2015-2016 season will be announced soon, including the second installment of the Fall "Hour Classics" series, which are sixty-minute versions of classic plays.

In preparation for midterms, the Havana Center passed out ink pens and candy to students the week of March 9.
SRC Peer Ambassadors will assist with 8th Grade Reality Store on the Canton Campus Friday, March 27. Approximately 600 8th graders will be on campus to experience the career-awareness event.

Josh also announced that Habitat for Humanity will host on April 24 the first Clash of the Snappers event. There will be pool tournaments, card games, and ping pong. A Smash Brothers video game will be played and there will be gifts and prizes as well.

1.10 Spoon River College Foundation

Mr. Phil Murphy presented the following report:

Mr. Murphy reported that the Foundation met last Wednesday. First on the Agenda was Missy Wilkinson who presented information on the Student Services Department and work with the Foundation on scholarships. The Fellheimer grant was awarded once again to SRC for Macomb Nursing students. Monthly deposits were down slightly but at about $8,000. At the Foundation meeting, an update was given on the reorganization, and interviews for the Foundation Director are tomorrow and Friday. The membership is seeking recommendations for new Foundation members and is especially interested in attracting people from Rushville. Board Campaign fundraising – Mr. Murphy said that Carol Davis reported that 100% of the Foundation Board has supported the Foundation. It would be nice if everybody in all areas of the College would do that. The President’s Reception is scheduled for April 30 after the Celebration of Progress at 3:30 p.m. The President’s Reception is at 5. Lastly, Phil reported that the Havana Center has made a request of the Foundation for a new exterior bench which the Foundation approved. The second request from Havana is for one of the classrooms to be a smart classroom. The Foundation will review that request at its next board meeting.

1.11 Report – Board Member Comments

Mr. Maguire asked if any Board members had any comments.

Mr. Schleich said that he did attend the play, and Josh Webb did an outstanding job. The entire crew was great, and Kent said he was very impressed.

2.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2.1 Communications

Mr. Oldfield reported that a year ago the Illinois legislature passed a law that all public colleges and universities, by July 1, to be smoke free and vapor free. We have a committee working on that, and we are choosing to also become tobacco free. Educational opportunities, as well as signage, will be available to our students and employees. The question how we will police the issue is a good one, and we will be courteous and realize it will take time to educate our students and employees.

President Oldfield reported that we will have interviews on Thursday and Friday for the Foundation Director position. The committee will meet Friday after the final interview. The Board will be contacted to schedule a dinner with a person or persons prior to the April Board Meeting. We would have liked to be done earlier, but we have had some diverse schedules to work around.

President Oldfield said that Congresswoman Bustos was on Campus and met with some of our students in a roundtable format as well as our student services staff. Her topic was Pell funding, and from that presentation, the Congresswoman presented the story of one of our students, Annalea, on the floor in Washington, DC. It was a nice opportunity for the Congresswoman to hear face to face from our students and the value of the Pell funding. We were very pleased to
host the Congresswoman, and pleased with the time she spent with our students. Dave said there is a link on the College’s Facebook page to the Congresswoman’s comments.

President Oldfield said the postcard invitation for the Celebration of Progress, which is scheduled for April 30 at 3:30 p.m., has been mailed. The importance of this event is to thank those individuals who helped us get to this point. The Athletic Advisory Committee members have been invited as well. It is a nice opportunity to thank those who have been a part of us getting to this stage. This event will be followed by our President’s Reception as well.

The April Board Meeting is April 29 this year because of the April election.

President Oldfield reported that ICCB was on campus for a recognition visit. Their results have been received. We had a few minor advisory issues which we have addressed and responded to ICCB.

President Oldfield reported that Julie was contacted today by ICCB which indicated they would like to hold their ICCB meeting on March 18, 2016 at the Canton Campus. We will host the ICCB Board Meeting in the Engle Conference Center. We are excited for this opportunity.

Lastly, President Oldfield reported that Dr. Lazaro Lopez, Board Chair for ICCB has a K-12 background and has a very unique perspective on community colleges. He is a very energetic individual who has a lot of aspirations for community colleges and the ICCB. He is very interested in workforce preparation as well. Curt found him to be very engaging and it will be interesting to see how his leadership shapes the ICCB moving forward. Dave said he is currently an assistant superintendent of a school system. Gayle asked if he has charter school experience. Curt said yes.

President Oldfield introduced Stephanie Howerter, Director, Havana Center, who provided the following report:

- Havana Center Update – Stephanie Howerter presented the following report:
  - Welcome
    Stephanie welcomed everyone in attendance. She reported on Center News and indicated that Teresa Welch is the full-time Center Assistant and Patricia Reagon, is the part-time evening Office Assistant. Both are great additions to the Havana Center and have helped get things moving along.
  - Upcoming semesters. Stephanie reported on upcoming semesters:
    - Advising/registration is underway
    - Advising appointments being made
    - Additions to schedule – Stephanie said she has been working with Holly and for the first time in ten or twelve years is the addition of a physical science class. She is very happy about this addition – especially for those students who have transportation issues.
    - Registration is ongoing (online)
  - Community Outreach in Havana. Stephanie reported on the following opportunities:
    - Indoor AD – The Havana Way of Life (23)- This was a two part series on Indian Culture, and this had great enrollment. Michael Wyant was the instructor for this.
    - Summer Youth planned again for this summer.
    - RLI (26/50) – last week (details here)
  - Upcoming series
    - Outdoor Photography, taught by Bob Coker
    - Gardening Series, taught by Rhonda Ferree
    - Goodwill Series, taught by Andrea Barbknecht
• Community Involvement – trying to spread SRC into the Havana area:
  o Parades
    ▪ Homecoming Parade
    ▪ Oktoberfest Parade
    ▪ St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Stephanie reported that this was a new parade for
      the City of Havana. The idea for the parade came from our dual credit
      Human Growth and Development class which is taught by Brenda Stadsholt,
      Mayor of Havana. They worked with George Caton, the high school music
      teacher as well.
  o Organizations – Stephanie reported on the following organizations that she serves on
    behalf of SRC:
    ▪ Mason County Coordinating Council – meets monthly
      ▪ Health Fair at Havana School (fall 2015)
    ▪ Mason District Hospital Auxiliary – meets monthly
    ▪ Havana Chamber of Commerce Board – recently elected to the Chamber –
      first meeting last week.
      ▪ New member as of March 2015

President Oldfield said Mayor Stadsholt has taught and supported SRC for a number of years.
He also appreciates Stephanie, Theresa, and Patricia, and the staff continue to work to move us
forward.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of March 2015:

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2.3 Institutional Planning

• Dual Credit Update – Randy Greenwell presented the following report:

Dr. Greenwell reported on Dual Credit and said this is an area that remains fairly steady. He did
reference a slight decline in 2012, and as a result, we began to address relationships with our
district high schools. He reviewed the following offerings:
  o Astoria: Welding (supported by Perkins funds)
  o Canton – Machine Tool, Nursing Assistant, and Welding
  o Cuba – Ag. Working on Welding and Nursing Assistant
  o Havana – Math. Working on Ag
  o Lewistown – Nursing Assistant, Welding, Speech, and English
  o Macomb – Early Childhood, Nursing Assistant, Electronic Design, and English
  o Rushville – Working to develop Welding
  o Spoon River Valley – Math, English, and Psychology
  o VIT – Welding and History

Randy reported that for Canton and Macomb, we are working on partnering a second lab for
high school dual credit for Nursing Assistant. In Rushville, work continues to expand Nursing
Assistant, and he is working on an agreement for more offerings in conjunction with the high
school. In Havana, we also offer Human Growth and Development. Dr. Greenwell also
reviewed future opportunities with Spoon River Valley and Farmington High School. He
explained that any faculty who teach dual credit transfer classes must have a Master’s Degree. We are working to develop curriculum to help with that limiting issue. The Department of Labor grants will allow us to offer welding in Macomb. We recently started working with transfer as well. Mr. Schleich asked if the welding in Macomb is the result of efforts previously reported by Mike Denum. Randy said yes, and we plan to launch in the Fall of 2015. Kent asked about equipment purchases and needs. President Oldfield said those issues are being reviewed at this time, and we are investigating clean air machines for shops. We are working through those details. Kent asked about the Ag teachers. Are they able to teach dual credit? Randy said Astoria and Macomb both have instructors for in school dual credit. Kent asked about high schools without the instruction. Randy said we are doing that in Canton with Welding. Curt said Canton High School students come to the Canton campus for welding. Mrs. Blodgett asked about Early Childhood. Will it be a certificate program? Randy said yes. Gayle asked about internship needs. Missy Wilkinson said there are needs for daycare settings. Gayle asked about libraries. Randy said he would check. Mr. Maguire said earlier we took a hit in Farmington because they lost an instructor at the high school which impacted our ability to offer dual enrollment. Randy said we run into that all of the time. One of the things we are finding is that the high schools are starting to consider masters prepared faculty. We are also getting more requests for our faculty to go into the high schools. Dave said the issue that the school has is they need to have the student in their seat in order to count for their daily attendance. Randy said that became more of an issue four or five years after dual credit was rolling. Gayle said that K12 teachers have to be encouraged to get Master’s degrees in subject areas versus Ed Administration which doesn’t qualify teaching at the college level. Curt said the early childhood certificate is a total of 24 hours.

- Facilities Update – Brett Stoller presented the following report:

  Mr. Stoller reported that all of the steel is up including the roof panels. The next step is the concrete block around the gym. We are still waiting on the ground to warm so the gravel can be compacted for the footings to be poured. That will probably be happening next month. The other project we have coming up is the parapet walls for the Taylor and Centers buildings. That project will finally address some roof leak issues in those two buildings. Josh Webb asked if the Multi-Purpose Building project is on time. Brett said it is a little behind, but they hope to make up that time with the upcoming block work.

- Community Outreach/Workforce Development Report – Carol Davis presented the following report:

  Carol Davis reported on Foundation Scholarships and said spring dual credit scholarships have been awarded. Next week 108 scholarships will be awarded for the 2015-16 students.

  - The second Senior Learning Network seminar was conducted this week which was a live internet tour of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City with 16 in attendance. A bonus discussion was held locally by IVS with Dr. Jeremy Krock, SRC Alum, and founder of the Negro League Grave Marker Project.
  - The Business Expo was successful. Job Fair details are being completed. These two events highlight opportunities available to employers and prospective employees.
  - Retirement Learning Institutes continue to be very popular. The Havana RLI was held last Friday. Canton and Rushville are coming up in the next two months. In addition, a Plus 50 reception will be held on May 7th to recognize those 50 and over who have earned certificates or degrees since the program’s inception.
  - The department is having Windows 8 and Office 2013 installed on departmental training laptops as we are getting more and more requests to train using these systems. IT has informed us that faculty will be moving to Office 2013 in the fall so the CO department is gearing up to assist with those internal trainings. The department is also beginning initial training on Office 365. It is the department’s mission to anticipate and prepare for new programming.
Carol Davis has been working with the Canton Museum Project committee on strategic planning. The second session will be held on Thursday evening with the Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Museums in attendance.

As President of the Canton Kiwanis Club, Andrea Barbknecht and her committee held at Business After Hours last Thursday celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club. The Canton Club first formed in 1920. Chad Murphy and Carol Davis attended the event. Chad will also be attending HLC Conference this upcoming weekend.

Velvet Powell attended the regional Economic Summit in Bloomington last week. President Oldfield was in attendance as well.

Cooperative event at the MOC this Saturday with the U of I Extension’s Gardeners’ Big Day.

2.3.1 Approved the appointment of Elizabeth Rankin to the position of Senior Office Assistant, Macomb Campus, effective March 9, 2015, at an hourly rate of $10.00. This is a full-time, Classified Staff position.

This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.

2.3.2 Approved the appointment of Rick Duvendack to the position of Specialist, Financial Aid, effective March 16, 2015, at an hourly rate of $11.80. This is a full-time Classified Staff position.

This item was approved under the Consent Agenda.

2.3.3 Approved the appointment of Katey Kohler to the position of Accountant, effective April 13, 2015, at an annual salary of $45,000. This is a full-time, Professional Support Staff position.

Following a motion by Mrs. Butler, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Katey Kohler to the position of Accountant, effective April 13, 2015, at an annual salary of $45,000. This is a full-time, Professional Support Staff position.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Presidential Goals Discussion

Mr. Maguire said he would like to defer discussion until after closed session.

4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of Trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purposes of paragraph 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and 3) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Mrs. Butler made a motion to go into Closed Session for performance of a specific employee of the public body. Mr. Melhouse seconded, and following a roll call vote of unanimous approval, the Spoon River College Board of Trustees adjourned to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Maguire noted that action was not expected following the Closed Session.

The Spoon River College Board of Trustees returned to Open Session at 8:36 p.m.
5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Butler, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, March 25, 2015 adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Mr. Dave Maguire, Chair

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Date

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Mrs. Gayle Blodgett, Secretary