

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOON RIVER COLLEGE

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 4:30 p.m.
Spoon River College, Canton Campus, Engle Conference Center, Rooms A and B
23235 N. Co. 22, Canton, Illinois

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spoon River College was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., at the Canton Campus, Engle Conference Center, Rooms A and B, 23235 N. Co. 22, Canton, Illinois.

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.1 Call to Order

Jerry Cremer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

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| Members Present: | John Biernbaum Linda Butler – by phone due to work commitments Jerry Cremer Dave Maguire Phillip Murphy Kent Schleich Savannah Smith-Coulter |
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| Members Absent: | Kevin Meade |
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Present: Dr. Curt Oldfield, President; Holly Norton, Vice President of Educational and Student Services; Raj Siddaraju, Chief Information Officer; Missy Wilkinson, Dean, Student Services; Brad O'Brien, Dean, Career and Workforce Education; Andrea Thomson, Director, Human Resources; Sarah Gray, Chief Fiscal Officer; Brian Dalpiaz, Mathematics Faculty; Dr. Andrew Kirk, Speech Faculty; Aaron Mayall, Diesel Tech Faculty; Eryn Way, Welding Faculty; and Julie Hampton, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees/Recorder.

1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

Jerry Cremer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 Welcome of Guests

Jerry Cremer welcomed those in attendance.

1.5 Public Comment

Jerry Cremer asked if any members of the audience wished to address the Board. There were no requests or public comments.

1.6 Approval of Minutes

1.6.1 December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Phillip Murphy, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

1.7 Report – ICCTA Representative

Mr. Dave Maguire presented the following report:

ICCTA has begun the year continuing to monitoring actions at the state and federal legislative level as well as working to provide services directly to the individual college boards through trustee education, interaction and consulting services.

Illinois Lawmakers returned to Springfield for the second year of the 103rd General Assembly on January 16, 2024. It was a light week. Given it is an election year, expect a very slow start and a reluctance to confront controversial issues. Historically, much of the heavy lifting occurs in the first year of any General Assembly. Legislators do not return to the Capitol until February 6.

Wednesday, February 21 will be the Governor's Budget Address and State of the State address. The current FY24 budget is being impacted by rising costs related to the increasing migrant influx. The costs of shelter, medical care are projected to be well over \$300 million per year. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget are saying Illinois could face a budget deficit of \$891 million next fiscal year, which begins July 1. That deficit could rise to \$1.4 billion in fiscal year 2026 and \$1.66 billion in FY27. Add to that over 50% of the House Democrats are so new to the process they have never dealt with the process of a deficit budget.

It is anticipated there will be a lot of discussion but the budget workings will probably be a last minute deal as the legislature tries to adjourn before their self-imposed May 24 deadline. As mentioned earlier the Annual Community College Lobby Day will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 this year.

ICCTA is in the process of receiving nominations for the annual community college awards and scholarships. A great opportunity to recognize outstanding accomplishments by students, faculty, industry and alumni. The deadline for the first round of awards is in February.23rd and the deadline for the second round of awards is March 29th.

ICCTA announced that the March 8 & 9 meeting will be hosted on the campus of Kankakee Community College. Kankakee plans to showcase their campus and programs for the trustees in attendance.

The next meeting of the ICCTA Board of Representatives will take place in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C on February 4-7, 2024.

1.8 Report – Student Government Representative

Savannah Smith-Coulter presented the following report:

Congratulations to the students who were named to the academic honor lists for Fall 2023:
President's list w/a grade point average of 3.6 or higher-144 full-time students and 88 part-time students.

Dean's list w/a gpa of 3.0-3.59-106 full-time students and 42 part-time students.

The weather may have delayed it by a day, but we were excited to kick off the Spring 2024 semester. The hallways buzz with students, and to usher in the new term, complimentary grab 'n go snacks were on offer throughout the initial week, complemented by a free lunch provided in Canton and Macomb.

1.9 Report – Spoon River College Foundation

Phillip Murphy presented the following report:

Financials \$165,715.59 month – mostly from Giving Spoon Day
\$6.8 million in current assets
\$139,713 in 2023 scholarships awarded

At the last Foundation Board Meeting, Brandy Chasteen reported on a new Innovation Grant. Giving Fall Campaign and Giving Spoon Day – Donors: Phillip said that there were more than 445 donors for fall and over 1,100 donors for 2023 and approximately \$117,000 raised

Phillip said that at the meeting, Colin discussed with Board members many of the important activities that occur each year that will need attention. Colin also discussed with Board the timeline for his departure. Phillip reported that Colin updated and provided the Board with details of the Lynn McPheeters \$500,000 gift and the potential for further gifts.

1.10 Report – Board Member Comments

John Biernbaum commented that he thought the College Theme presentation was really impressive. It speaks very highly for the students faculty and staff and those responsible deserve kudos.

1.11 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. The proposed Regular Board of Trustees Meeting schedule is included in attachment 1.11 to the agenda. Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: January and July Board Meeting times are scheduled for 4:30 in order to follow the scheduled Board Retreat. The November meeting date is the third Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving recess; and the December meeting date is the second Wednesday in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Kent Schleich, John Biernbaum moved to amend the schedule to move the October Rushville meeting to August and the October Rushville meeting to Canton. Mrs. Butler asked how August impacts staff with the start of classes and is that a good month to select. President Oldfield said typically by the time of the August Board Meeting, classes are underway. Missy Wilkinson and Holly Norton said this year we will be a week in to the start of the semester and that will work. Mrs. Butler asked if there is a better month for staff. President Oldfield said August will still allow us to be in Havana in the spring and not switch that with Rushville. Changing August and October for Canton and Rushville works for the schedule.

Following John Biernbaum's motion to amend the schedule, which was seconded by Phillip Murphy: August location is Rushville and October location is Canton, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board Meeting schedule be amended as follows: August location is Rushville and October location is Canton, was approved.

Based on the original motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Kent Schleich, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the Regular Board Meeting Schedule, as amended: Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m., except for the following: January and July Board Meeting times are scheduled for 4:30 in order to follow the scheduled Board Retreat. The August meeting location is now Rushville, and the October meeting location is now Canton. The November meeting date is the third Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving recess; and the December meeting date is the second Wednesday in order to accommodate the holiday schedule.

2.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2.1 Communications

President Oldfield thanked the Board for the day-long retreat today and the dedication and commitment to plan and move forward. It is great to have the semester underway with a couple of weather days to get past. He said he appreciates the flexibility of faculty and staff during that unknown weather.

2.2 Business and Finance Report

2.2.1 Authorize the following payments for the month of January 2024:

| Item | Amount |
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| Payroll | \$565,875.43 |
| Accounts Payable (excluding travel) | 654,260.53 |
| Accounts Payable Travel Expenses | 17,138.34 |
| Accounts Payable BOT Travel Expenses | 319.47 |
| Electronic Payments (Health/Life Insurance) | -0- |
| Student Refunds – Accounts Payable | -0- |
| Student Refunds – Nelnet (electronic) | <u>7,084.48</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,244,678.25 |

Following a motion by Linda Butler, seconded by John Biernbaum, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorized the following payments for the month of January 2024:

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2.2.2 Naming rights for VoTec Lab

President Oldfield is asking the Board to consider renaming the VoTec Lab as follows: The McPheeters Family Hands-On Learning Lab. The funds would come from the Foundation, and we will follow up with a naming reception and ribbon cutting following the renovations. This follows the Board’s naming rights policy.

Following a motion by Kent Schleich, seconded by Dave Maguire, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the VoTec Lab as follows: The McPheeters Family Hands-On Learning Lab.

2.3 Institutional Planning

2.3.1 Approve the appointment of Sarah Turner to the position of Nursing Faculty, effective January 16, 2024, at an annual salary of \$50,981. This is a full-time, tenure track position, and a biographical résumé is included in attachment 2.3.1.

President Oldfield presented this for approval. He said that Sarah comes to us with a lot of great experience. We are excited to have her join the faculty.

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Linda Butler, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sarah Turner to the position of Nursing Faculty, effective January 16, 2024, at an annual salary of \$50,981. This is a full-time, tenure track position.

- 2.3.2 Approve the appointment of Hannah Stinocher to the position of Nursing Faculty, effective January 16, 2024, at an annual salary of \$50,981. This is a full-time, tenure track position, and a biographical résumé is included in attachment 2.3.2.

President Oldfield presented this and recommended approval. Hannah comes to us with a unique background and has moved through the ranks and completed her MSN nursing degree. We are excited to have her and her experience to the faculty. This will bring us to full capacity with our nursing department.

Following a motion by Dave Maguire, seconded by Kent Schleich, and a roll call vote of unanimous approval, it was,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Hannah Stinocher to the position of Nursing Faculty, effective January 16, 2024, at an annual salary of \$50,981. This is a full-time, tenure track position.

3.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

There were no additional items for the Board.

- 4.0 CLOSED SESSION. In accordance with the Illinois Meetings Act, Section 2 (c), the Board of trustees will adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of 1). The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; or 2). 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.

Jerry Cremer said there was not a call for Closed Session.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by John Biernbaum, seconded by Savannah Smith-Coulter, and unanimous approval, the Regular Meeting of the Spoon River College Board of Trustees, January 24, 2024, adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Jerry Cremer, Chair

Date

Linda Butler, Secretary