

Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Minutes

October 20, 2020

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Dennis Cobb, Jr.
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Mayor Fred Perriman
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jimmy Parker
Judge Lawton Stephens

SPECIAL GUESTS

Ruth Durham, Athens Technical College Nursing Instructor
Elizabeth Heath, Athens Technical College Nursing Instructor

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Rebecca Dally called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the October board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Becky Allen, Executive Assistant in the President's Office, called the roll.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Glenn Henry and Don Pruitt presented a PowerPoint presentation on Trauma Hal, which is an emergency care patient simulator. Trauma Hal was developed specifically to meet the needs of EMS field training programs. He is wireless, water resistant and fully functional in nearly any environment, which allows students to train in real settings.

Trauma Hal can bleed, has palpable pulses, interchangeable trauma limbs and a 12 lead capability which allows students to use a EKG on him. A chest tube can also be inserted into him. The instructor can use a helmet to speak through allowing Trauma Hal to act like a real patient.

Trauma Hal is used in our EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic Programs. He helps students learn to interact with patients, conduct assessments, and manage a patient with multi-systems trauma.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the September minutes. Tom Denny made a motion to approve the minutes and Mayor Fred Perriman seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2020.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. We are a little bit past the midpoint of Fall semester which is going good.

The Fall mini-mester began last week.

Students are currently registering for Spring semester.

He is working on purchasing more personal protective equipment (PPE) for the college.

The Veterinary Technology Program had a virtual site visit last week. There were no recommendations.

The college held a flu shot clinic last week. There was a good turnout for it.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. There are currently 1,220 students who have registered for Spring semester so far.

Student Affairs is working with students who have account balances to get them resolved.

We will hold a Fall Festival on October 28th. People will be required to wear masks and social distance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. Driver's Education class will begin on November 9th.

They are working with Zaxby's to provide some training to their employees.

They just completed some forklift training for Purina in Hartwell.

He is working with Stephanie Benson on a welding to work program for the Department of Corrections.

Steel is going up on the new Agriculture Science Building on the Elbert County Campus.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. Right now they are at about 44% for enrollment which means they are on track to reaching their goal.

Competition grant has been finalized and is awaiting Dr. Daniel's approval.

They recently started offering GED and ESL classes at Goodwill in Athens.

CAREER ACADEMIES

Jennifer Benson gave board members an update on Career Academies. She is attending board meetings for three career academies including Clarke, Madison, and Hart Counties.

She has made contact with all the career academies and is working on setting up meetings with them.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Antoine Boynton gave board members an update on the Athens Tech Foundation and Public Relations. Snapchat advertising campaign has started. He is working with the Athens Banner-Herald on the campaign.

Television commercials will begin soon which will include student testimonials.

Radio interviews will also begin soon.

Scholarships have concluded for this semester. He is happy to announce that the Athens Tech Foundation awarded \$3,000 more in scholarships this year than they did last year.

We have sent a letter to the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation for a \$15,000 grant, which will be used for our rescue rollout fund. He thanked Judge Lawton Stephens for his help with this grant.

The Athens Tech Foundation will soon begin their internal campaign called "Fun with Funds".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She described the partnerships between Athens Technical College and Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center. Part of the agreement includes the naming of two scholars. She is happy to announce the naming of two Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center Eminent Scholars in Healthcare. The two scholars are in the Nursing Program. They are Ruth Durham and Elizabeth Heath. Congratulations to them both. She presented each of them with a certificate from the college and had a photo taken.

She received an email from Superintendent Beverly Levine from Oglethorpe County this morning commending the staff at Athens Technical College along with Barbara Cabaniss for the assistance they provided to one of her students who was interested in taking classes at Athens Technical College. Dr. Daniel read the email from Beverly Levine along with an email that she sent to the TCSG Commissioner.

She is happy to see the steel going up for the new Agriculture Science Building on the Elbert County Campus.

There have been some changes in administration at the college. Lenzy Reid is now the Vice President for Student Affairs. Jennifer Benson is now the Vice President of Career Academies as well as in charge of the Walton and Greene County Campuses.

Dr. Daniel thanked Glenn Henry for organizing the flu shot clinic last week. She was pleased with the turnout.

She is working to purchase some new equipment to help in the fight of COVID-19 on campus. The equipment includes flushless toilets, sinks that come on automatically, and Ionic equipment that will hook up the HVAC system to cleanse the air from viruses such as COVID-19.

Athens Technical College is a member of the Community Colleges of the Appalachia (CCA). With the passing of Dr. Mark Ivester, President of North Georgia Technical College, she was recently nominated to become a board member of CCA.

There will be a virtual SACSCOC annual meeting as well as a SACSCOC board meeting during the first week in December.

Employees at the college are currently working on required state training that is due in November.

The design selection process and demolition of the Compass Church Building will begin soon.

She recently petitioned the state to allow two students in the cab of the truck while training is occurring in the Commercial Truck Driving Program. One student will be in the front seat and the second student will be in the back seat with safety precautions such as masks, cleaning and sanitation in place.

She is continuing to work with three other colleges on the SK Battery project taking place in Commerce, Georgia.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to report. Barbara Cabaniss spoke about how good the front entrance to the college looks and how easy it was to navigate through the campus. She also spoke about the student that she was able to help begin taking classes at the college. She thanked numerous people at the college for their hard work in getting the student enrolled in classes.

Dennis Cobb thanked Glenn Henry for providing him a tour of the college as part of his board certification. He was able to see Trauma Hal first hand along with students working in the classrooms. He was very impressed with the students and the things he saw during his tour.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:55 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
October 20, 2020

Next scheduled Board Meeting: November 17, 2020

** Denotes action items that require a vote for approval by the local board.*