

Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Minutes

February 16, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Mayor Fred Perriman
Judge Lawton Stephens
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Jimmy Parker
Mayor Fred Perriman

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Daniel presented a PowerPoint presentation on Construction Projects and College Partnerships. The college currently has two building projects taking place, one on the Athens Campus and one on the Elbert County Campus. On the Athens Campus, the old Compass Church Building will be demolished and an Industrial Systems Building will be built in its place. Last year we received \$1.7 million for this project. In the Governor's budget this year we received \$12,400 for the remaining construction cost.

The Industrial Systems Building, which will be 45,000 square feet, will house Air Conditioning Technology, Industrial Systems Technology, and Megatronics. It will also house our Economic Development Department, which will include a presentation room, classroom, and office spaces.

On the Elbert County Campus, the new Agriculture Science Building is being built. It will consist of two buildings, one with labs and the other will be an arena. The project is 44% complete. She would like to thank Kevin Price Construction who has been working on the project even during bad weather. She is hoping that classes will begin in the new building Spring semester 2022.

The college is partnering with Elbert Memorial Hospital to provide a drive through vaccine clinic beginning on February 22nd. Our students and faculty will be providing vaccines at the clinic. Elbert Memorial Hospital will be providing meals for the volunteers and we will be helping with transportation. The vaccine clinic are open to residents in Elbert County, Hart County, and Wilkes County. The college received an anonymous donation to help with the clinic. The college will also be helping the Elbert County Health Department with vaccines.

Dr. Daniel let board members know that she has been unable to move on the proposed new Social Circle Campus. We have gotten the land donated to the college but it is very difficult to get a new campus approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the January minutes. Tom Denny made a motion to approve the minutes and Judge Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the Budget Amendments. There are two budget amendments this month, which include WIOA Case Management funds and CARES funds. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Tom Denny made a motion to approve and Dr. Reginald Woods seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of January 31, 2021.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. Spring semester is going well. We are still taking COVID-19 protocols at the college, which include wearing masks, washing hands, practicing social distancing, etc.

Morgan County Career Academy has approached the college about offering Diesel Electrical/Electronic Systems Technician Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC). This will be offered at the bus barn (intermodal transportation facility) in Morgan County, which is a very nice facility with all the equipment necessary to offer the TCC. He is working with Stephanie Benson on the necessary SACSCOC notification. This program would begin either Fall 2021 or Spring 2022.

Mr. Henry asked the board for approval of the Diesel Electrical/Electronic Systems Technician TCC at the Morgan County Career Academy. Dr. Reginald Woods made a motion to approve and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Diesel Electrical/Electronic Systems Technician TCC at Morgan County Career Academy was approved.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. He wants to thank the Records and Registration Department for all of their hard work lately. We have graduates who were just approved for the National Student Clearing House.

Mr. Reid provided the board members with some important dates:

1. February 23rd - Early Owl registration
2. March 1st – online registration for returning students
3. March 19th – new student registration at Walton and Greene Campuses
4. March 22nd – new student registration for Athens and Elbert Campuses
5. March 28th – registration closes

He would like to thank Disability Services staff for all of their hard work with students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. Project management training is currently taking place at Sign Brothers.

CNA classes are taking place through April. They have been working on updating the lab.

Several Servesafe classes having been taking place in Athens and Walton.

Restaurant Ready class will take place on February 25th.

DOT hazardous materials regulations awareness training took place recently through the Community Colleges of the Appalachia. They are going to be offering another class soon.

Forklift training is occurring at Certainteed as well as the Clarke County Diversion Center.

They are providing CPR training to the Early Childhood students.

They are doing their first virtual Driver's Education course. The instructional part of the class will be done through Blackboard and the driving part will be done in person.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stephanie Benson could not attend the meeting today. Marchelle Sandoval will provide an update on Adult Education. Our adult education program is now in the process of receiving COGNIA accreditation that will allow us to offer a high school equivalency to students who dual enroll.

We are part of a consortium on a grant that Savannah Technical College was awarded for \$4.8 million. The grant is called the "Future Is Now". The career pathways will be in Manufacturing, Healthcare and Information Technology and involve micro credentials. Virtual reality tools will be involved in this grant.

TCSG asked our program to apply for Advancing Innovation in Adult Education project along with Gwinnett Technical College. ATC and GTC are the only two colleges selected for this pilot that will award National initiatives.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Antoine Boynton gave board members an update on Public Relations and the Athens Tech Foundation. The Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) trucks that were obtained from Lanier Technical College are being wrapped with the Athens Technical College logo. These trucks are being leased from Lanier Technical College after they shut down their CDL program.

He has been working on Hope Career Grant ads. The ads seem to be getting a lot of views.

The Athens Tech Foundation scholarships closed yesterday. There are 130 scholarship applications. They are planning to award approximately \$60,000 in scholarships.

The Athens Tech Foundation is continuing to work on the Rescue Rollout Fund. We received donations from the Frances Wood Wilson Foundation and North Georgia Community Foundation to be applied to the Rescue Rollout Fund. They also received an anonymous donation.

They are trying to plan a social distance event at the Southern Brewing Company.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She is excited about the TCSG federal grant, which will strengthen community colleges. There are twelve technical colleges in Georgia participating.

She is happy that the Morgan County Career Academy is expanding their programs.

CARES funds are being used at the college for COVID-19 efforts.

She would like to thank Glenn Henry, Stuart Frew, and Lori Callahan for all of their hard work in completing the application for the college to become a closed vaccine pod. This will allow us to give out vaccines to faculty/staff, their families, and to students.

She is pleased with the Governor's budget for FY2021. There are no budget cuts or furloughs planned. Employees making under \$80,000 will be getting a one-time \$1,000 bonus.

COVID-19 cases at the college continues to remain very low.

Due to COVID-19 she is not allowing any major social events at the college right now.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to report. Barbara Cabaniss attended a virtual Oglethorpe County Rotary meeting last Friday and Jessica Felts presented on the Rotaract Club and some other programs at Athens Technical College. She did an excellent job presenting and explaining everything.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:50 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
February 16, 2021

Next scheduled Board Meeting: March 16, 2021

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