



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FOUNDATION JOINT MEETING
The Olde Pink House, Savannah, GA
October 28, 2019
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rebecca Hadley-Catter
Merry Heath

Michael Powell
Jeff Stribling

Stone Workman

FOUNDATION
Nancy Blake
Jack Bowdoin

Gail Gardner

Janice Moore-English

Absent:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
David Campbell
Erin Cook
Kyle Fletcher

Keith Gettinger
Roger McDaniel
John Rainwater

Carman Templeton

FOUNDATION
Reshann Adams
Allie Edwards Armistead
James Atkins
Bobby Bickley
Gordon Dixon

Carson Gleaton
Randy Hayes
Hoppy Hopkins
Natalie Jones
Kathy Oxford

Lincoln Parks
Walter Smith
Evan Stitt
Ryan Tucker

Staff Members:

Dr. Alvetta Thomas
Dr. Mark Andrews

Barbara Jo Cook

Kim Santerre

Guests:

Kenneth English
Tom Gardner
Troy Hulon

Emily Matthews (Manager,
Dart Foundation)
Gail Stribling

Jean Workman

A. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Powell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Powell requested that each individual state his or her name and provide a brief statement regarding the affiliation to the College. Mr. Powell noted the two speakers from the Conference Opening Session reflect what the College does and that the College will continue to do good work.

C. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Thomas provided an update to the Boards and guests:

- Of the most recent group of Cosmetology students to take the state board exam, 100% passed.
- With two students remaining to test, 100% of graduates of the most recent Licensed Practical Nursing cohort have passed the licensing exam.
- The Esthetics program began with Mini-mester 2 (October 16).
- The A.S. in General Studies for the College was approved by the TCSG State Board allowing us to offer the degree beginning January 2020. The College is working on articulation agreements with Clayton State University, Fort Valley State, Gordon State College, and Southern New Hampshire University.
- The Griffin Region College and Career Academy has started to advertise the College's Associate degrees. Efforts are being made to market pathways in a manner for students and parents to be able to more easily visualize the path to completion.
- A graduate of SCTC's Early Childhood Care and Education program, Edelina Land, received the Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children Teacher of the Year award.
- Dr. Roz McCurry, SCTC's Dean for Business, Computer Information Systems, and Professional Services, has been selected to present her research at the 2019 International Conference of Education, Research, and Innovation, and her research will be published in the organizations journal.
- Chef Patrick Boutier was nominated as a Director for 2020-2021 for the American Culinary Federation Atlanta Chefs' Association Board of Directors.
- The Culinary Arts program has selected four students to participate in a study abroad program at Kendal College in Kendal, UK in the spring.
- Current year and prior year total funds available up to October 17, 2019 is \$3,486,912.64. This is a \$239,344.11 increase from this time last year.
- Southern Crescent Technical College is in a financial position to meet its outstanding obligations and is in good standing.
- The Adult Education program is doing well and looking at other credentials in addition to the GED. Focus being given to students being dually enrolled or transitioned to a credit program.
- The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation received notification that the Foundation has met all of the criteria established by the Technical College Foundation Association for the status of Role Model Foundation Board. This is the fifth consecutive year that the Foundation has achieved this award and will be recognized TCSG Leadership Conference banquet tomorrow night.
- The Inaugural Tech Connect event in Henry County was held on October 24, 2019, in Building B at the Southern Crescent Technical College Henry County Center from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The fundraising event was a wine, local craft beer, and charcuterie event designed to connect the College and the Henry County community. This was a great event with ~100 attendees. Net profit is expected to be \$15,000. During the event, Deborah Armstrong, CEO of Piedmont Henry Hospital, presented a check for \$100,000 to Dr. Thomas for the Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation. After the presentation of the donation, the naming of the Piedmont Henry Healthcare Wing was revealed to the guests at the Tech Connect event. The success of Tech Connect was determined in a large part by select community-minded businesses stepping forward

as Signature and Corporate Sponsors for the event. The Foundation uses funds from events like this to help the College provide additional student support. The Corporate Sponsors for the event were as follows:

- Event Sponsor C&C Fence Co.
- Charcuterie Sponsor Piedmont Henry Hospital
- Hospitality sponsor People Plus Solutions
- Platinum Sponsors Bellamy Strickland Chevrolet Buick GMC, Cooper Lighting Solutions, Heritage Bank, and Impact Office Interiors, Inc.
- Gold Sponsors AT&T (from a potential new Board member), Atlanta Heart Associates, P.C., Henry County Development Authority, Jones Petroleum Co., Snapping Shoals EMC, and General Storage-McDonough

- Enrollment is up (5288). The College has experienced a 7.8% increase over the previous fall term. The State average is a 4% increase. Dr. Thomas believes this increase is due in part from the high touch efforts that have been made.
- Dual Enrollment for Fall Term is 1320. This is an increase of 218 high school students.
- Graduation rate is 80%. This is an increase from last year (74.6%).
- The College has experienced a 28.1% increase for unduplicated awards and a 14.2% increase for duplicated awards.
- Career and Academic Planning Center is available to assist students and boasts a retention rate of 97.3% for students who visit the Center. A Student Navigator follows up on students that are not doing well.
- The Athletic program and student clubs are active. There are various club meetings and workshops scheduled throughout the month.
- The GOAL and Rick Perkins selection processes have begun. Winners will be announced in November.
- Thus far this year, the Economic Development Division has generated \$152,825 in revenue with a goal of \$534,865 by year-end.
- The welding programs for the Spalding County Correctional Institute (SCCI) and the Clayton County Correctional Institute (CCCI) are scheduled to resume in November and December respectively. Funding for the SCCI is through the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Atlanta Regional Commission for the CCCI.
- There are three classes scheduled at the SCTC Henry County Center for Goodwill of North Georgia in October, November, and December involving OSHA 10, Forklift, and CPR.
- The Division is piloting an on-line program for Industrial Systems with Sigvaris in Peachtree City.
- Industrial Systems classes on the Flint River and Griffin Campuses are going well. Several companies are participating to include Norcom, Clark Dietrich, Hoshizaki, Dart Container, and Standard Textile.
- The Division has also conducted Industrial Systems classes at plant sites the past few months at American Woodmark and Sigvaris.

Dr. Thomas thanked the Boards for their support and requested their continued support throughout the year. The College appreciates all you do.

D. ADJOURN

Mr. Powell made mention of looking forward to the upcoming workshops and that the Technical College System of Georgia hopes to become an official Ted Talks site for 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Dr. Alvetta Peterman Thomas, Executive Secretary