

Frank Phillips College
Board of Regent
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2010

- Members Present: Steve Williams, Odis McClellan, Carlos Mendez, Ed Quiros, Sandra Hilbert, and Scott Radach. Members absent: Bill Cornelius and Conny Moore.
- Others Present: Herbert J. Swender, Sr., Jud Hicks, Becky Green, Lew Hunnicutt, Jerri Aylor, Brooke Huff, News Herald, Jay Campbell, Upshaw Insurance, and Gloria Rummel.
- Call to Order: In the absence of the Chair, Vice Chair Steve Williams called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Dr. Quiros presented the invocation.
- Introduction of New Employee: Aaron Lopez, Director of Student Central, introduced Meagan Gage, who began on February 8th as the new Student Central Specialist.
- Minutes of the January 25, 2010, Regular Meeting: Dr. Quiros noted that his name was left out of the Board Members absent from the January meeting. Ms. Hilbert moved that the minutes be approved with that correction. Seconded by Mr. Radach, the corrected minutes were unanimously accepted.
- Amend Agenda: Mr. Williams noted that he would entertain a motion to amend the agenda to include Item III.B. Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. On a motion by Mr. Radach, seconded by Dr. Quiros, Item III.B. was added to the agenda.
- Financial Report: Mr. Hicks presented the financial report noting:
Revenue:
 - State appropriations are not received in January or February
 - Tuition & Fees to date are ahead of last year at this time
 - The Budget is where it should be at this time of year
 - Taxes Collected this month: \$331,000 in Borger and \$158,000 in Ochiltree County
 - Donations include \$40,000 from ConocoPhillipsExpenditures:
 - An HVAC unit has been replaced in Goins Hall

Mr. Radach noted that taxes are not delinquent if post marked by January 31, 2010. Mr. McClellan added that the deadline for paying taxes had been extended due to weather. The College should still receive taxes well into the month of February.

State Employees

Charitable Campaign: On a motion by Mr. Radach, seconded by Mr. Mendez, unanimous acceptance was given for the recommendation that FPC elect not to participate in the State Employees Charitable Campaign.

The Local Government

Purchasing

Cooperative: Dr. Swender explained that the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative was a part of Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) of which the College is a member. The agreement has no financial obligation and no purchasing obligation. The Cooperative will allow the College to possibly get better pricing on an assortment of items.

Mr. Radach made the motion to accept the administrative recommendation to approve a Board Resolution to become a member of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. Seconded by Ms. Hilbert.

Mr. McClellan explained that he thought the agreement was lengthy and complicated and that he preferred to have legal counsel review the document before it was signed.

Dr. Quiros asked if the College would deal directly with the vendor and make payments to the vendor and was there a membership fee. Dr. Hicks said that yes, we would deal directly with the vendor and that no, there was no membership fee. He added that when he checked with TASB regarding the Cooperative, he was told that the College would have to have a Board Resolution to become a member and that there was no membership fee.

Mr. Radach agreed that the agreement should be reviewed by legal counsel.

Mr. Williams asked if there were specific items that we were planning to purchase. Dr. Hicks explained that items would be purchased if purchasing them through the Cooperative was advantageous to the College.

Mr. Williams called the question. The motion to accept the administrative recommendation to approve a Board Resolution to become a member of the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative was unanimously defeated.

Gifts and Donations: On a motion by Mr. Radach, seconded by Mr. McClellan, the \$40,000 donation (\$35,000 unrestricted to the College and \$5,000 to the Jerry Demos Memorial Scholarship Fund) from ConocoPhillips was accepted with grateful appreciation.

Items of Information: Included in the items of information:

- 2010 Election Calendar
- Annual Calendar for the Board of Regents
- Upcoming Dates and Events
- Administrative Reports

President's Report:

Included in Dr. Swender's report:

- The men's basketball team is 5th in the Conference and the women's team is 6th.
- The College will host Billie Miller, a Buffalo Soldier re-enactor/speaker who will speak at the Library at 8:30 a.m. and 9:55 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Everyone is invited to attend.
- The March Board of Regents Meeting will be Monday, March 22nd, to accommodate the Spring Break, which is March 15th – 19th.
- Dr. Swender has penned a letter to the Governor asking that small college be exempt from the 5% budget reduction. He will have more information after the meeting tomorrow.
- The editor of the American Community College Journal called Dr. Swender to ask for his position on "rural." Additionally, the editor asked for the names of student to interview. One name that Dr. Swender shared was an older student whose life had dealt her some hard situations. The student is living at Tyler Street and attended classes on campus.
- Becky Green will undergo rotator cuff surgery tomorrow.

Mr. Williams:

Mr. Williams noted that the News Herald was providing good coverage of the College and that it was appreciated.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.