REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Stark State College held its regular monthly meeting at Stark State College at 6200 Frank Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720 on November 14, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors were present: Marcia Addison, Gloria Komer, Andy Milks, Irene Motts, Bill Williams and Kathleen Steere.

The following administrators were present: Tom Chiappini, Dorey Diab, Mike Droney, Para Jones and Cheri Rice.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Kari Groh, Jeffrey Halm, Stanley Jonas, Christopher Maurer, William Schweizer, Michael Thomas and Fonda Williams (6:33 p.m.).

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no public requests.

AGENDA CHANGES

With regard to 6.7 (Resolution to Amend the Stark State College Chapter 3305 Alternative Retirement Plan and Authorization for Adopting Future Amendments to Retirement Plans), Exhibit A was added to the document.

Discussion regarding the Affordable Care Act was added under New Business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Groh moved to consider the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Halm provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

Chief Operating Officer Chiappini explained that the revenues and expenditures were tracking well. He pointed out that one item that has increased is bad debt. He explained that the bad debt is a result of the significant enrollment increase a few years ago. Students would accept their financial aid money and then drop without returning the funds. The issue of higher than normal bad debt will continue for about two years. A budget revision will be submitted to the Board in January or February, and the bad debt will be one of the adjustments needed.
Mr. Chiappini was asked if he anticipated an impact on the College if any of the proposed fiscal cliff resolutions are approved. Mr. Chiappini responded that one possibility would be that we would lose the bond subsidy from our Build America bonds. This would amount to $246,000 per year and would impact the plant fund.

Vice Chairman Halm moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

Approved on the Consent Agenda were Minutes of Board Meeting on 10/24/12, Financial Statements, Personnel Actions, Resolution to Establish Student Fee for Respiratory Care Program, Agreement With Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce to Host Balloon Classic/Jackson-Belden Food Fest and Fireworks 2013 – 2017, Resolution to Amend the Stark State College Chapter 3305 Alternative Retirement Plan and Authorization for Adopting Future Amendments to Retirement Plans and a Resolution to Amend the Stark State College Chapter 3305 Retirement Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-up Report on Oil and Gas Initiatives – P. Jones and K. Steere

President Jones introduced Kathleen Steere to explain what has been happening with oil and gas initiatives since she last presented to the Board. Dr. Jones noted that Ms. Steere has built a reputation in the community and state as an expert in shale oil and commented how pleased we are that she is leading Stark State’s programming in oil and gas.

Ms. Steere provided a review of the kinds of oil and gas found in Ohio, the history of drilling in Ohio and how fracturing is done. She provided statistics regarding the status of current wells in Ohio and expectations for production coming out of Ohio.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on 2012 Complete College Ohio Conference – P. Jones and B. Schweizer

Dr. Jones reported that she and Provost Diab were joined by Trustee Schweizer at the 2012 Complete College Ohio Conference on November 13. She thanked Mr. Schweizer for representing the trustees.

Trustee Schweizer reported that the conference focused on completion of student objectives in entering post-secondary education. Principal themes included moving from a focus on access to a focus on completion in defining success and setting funding. He said that trustees will need to carefully and thoughtfully define success, and keep in mind that not everyone seeks or needs a degree. In many cases, completion can be defined as course completion, term completion, year completion, certificate completion, degree completion, transfer, etc. Trustee Schweizer said another theme at the conference was that consideration needs to be given to eliminating remedial courses as stand-alone courses and build them in as co-requisite courses.

December Board Meeting – M. Thomas

The Board was not scheduled to meet in December but decided a meeting was necessary. The date was to be determined by the President’s Office after checking the availability of the trustees.
**Affordable Care Act – T. Chiappini**

Chief Operating Officer Chiappini explained that the College is working with special counsel to develop a plan to implement the Affordable Care Act. Two-year colleges will be impacted a great deal because of the number of adjunct faculty we employ. Through the American Association of Community College, two-year colleges across the country have submitted a request for a waiver with regard to adjunct faculty.

**BOARD WORK SESSION**

**Dashboard Update – M. Droney**

Vice President Droney was asked to provide a presentation regarding how the Dashboard had evolved since it was first demonstrated to the Board.

Mr. Droney showed the Dashboard and explained that the metrics had been reviewed again to revisit the status of the measures. There is now greater capability to see comparisons to prior semesters, ability to access real-time data and to drill down into enrollment categories. He demonstrated the functions.

Trustee Groh complimented Mr. Droney and his team for the work on this project and said she was impressed with the granularity of the Dashboard.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Jones referred the Board to her monthly report/newsletter that went out earlier in the week.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:00 p.m., Vice Chairman Halm moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes according to R.C. 121.22G(2) and to discuss the employment of a public employee according to R.C. 121.22G(1). Trustee Jonas provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted aye.

From 8:10 p.m. to 8:26 p.m., Trustee Jonas recused himself from the conversation and exited the room. At 8:26 p.m., Trustee Williams recused himself from the conversation, left the room and did not return.

At 10:44 p.m., Trustee Groh moved to return to open session. Trustee Maurer provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Items of communication were provided in the packet for this meeting.

**BOARD ACTIVITY DATES**

Board members were asked to review the activity chart and notify the President’s Office of events they plan to attend.
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Michael Thomas, Chairman  Para Jones, President
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