REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Stark State College District held its regular monthly meeting at Stark State College at 6200 Frank Avenue NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720 on January 16, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors were present: Gloria Komer and Irene Motts.

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

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no public requests.

AGENDA CHANGES

There was a change to New Business. In the interest of time, Item B (Security Update) was removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Halm moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion.

With regard to the financials, Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer Tom Chiappini reported that the budget is tracking well. All major expenditures are below projections, and he is cautiously optimistic about revenues.

The question was called. The motion carried

Approved on the Consent Agenda were Minutes of Board Meeting on 11/14/12, Minutes of Board Meeting on 12/5/12, Minutes of Board Meeting on 12/19/12, Financial Statements, Personnel Actions and the 2013 Schedule of Board Meeting Dates.
OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business presented for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring 2013 Enrollment Report – P. Jones and M. Droney

Vice President Mike Droney provided an update on Spring 2013 enrollment. The following were highlights of the presentation:

- Preliminary headcount for Fall 2012 indicates that Stark State’s enrollment was up 0.8% from Fall 2011. Overall, the two-year colleges in Ohio were down an average of -13.0%.
- Headcount on the 14th day is what most people look at when examining enrollment figures. That is purely a reference point. Funding is based on end of term FTE enrollment.
- For Spring 2013, enrollment on the 14th day was down -2.2% and FTE was down -4.6%.

President Jones reported on the changes to policy and funding that will impact the future. She pointed out the following:

- Pell Grant reductions
  - From 18 to 12 semesters of eligibility
  - Family income of $30,000 reduced to $23,000 for full PELL eligibility
  - Direct student loan interest subsidy dropped

- Performance-based SSI (State Share of Instruction), effective July 1, 2013
  - 50% of SSI based on access (enrollment)
  - 25% of SSI based on course completion
  - 25% of SSI based on student success factors (retention, graduation, job placement, university transfer)

Vice President Droney reviewed updates made to the Board portal. These included the addition of more relevant categories of measurement, the ability to drill down further into a category and the ability to get live data.

Dr. Jones described what she views as immediate opportunities. These include the following:

- New Enrollment Management Approach and Plan to drive Access with Success
  - Completion by Design
    - Career Coach
    - DegreeWorks Implementation
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Scholarships (to encourage students to attend full-time, which increases completion)
  - Honors College

- A new pathway to completion based on stackable certificates
• Outreach to Summit
  o Barberton opening January 10th
  o Akron Public and Summit County Schools
    ▪ 177 new dual enrollment students

• University Partnership and Transfer

• Oil and Gas Programs
  o Downtown Campus

February 1 Board Retreat – M. Thomas and P. Jones

Chairman Thomas reminded the Board that there would be a retreat on February 1. The focus of the retreat was to be on Board professional development. Dr. Jones reviewed the credentials of the facilitator from the Association of Governing Boards she was recommending to the Board.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Jones indicated that the February Board meeting would be held in the Business and Entrepreneurial Studies Center. That location is close to the newly opened bridge over Mega Street, and a tour will be provided in conjunction with the February meeting.

Dr. Jones commented that this would be Provost Dorey Diab’s last Board meeting at Stark State College before he moves on to assume the presidency at North Central State College in Mansfield. Dr. Jones presented the Board with a resolution prepared to honor the significant contributions made by Dr. Diab during his 17 years at Stark State College.

Vice Chairman Halm moved to approve the resolution honoring Dr. Diab, and Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:22 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). Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted aye.

Vice Chairman Halm recused himself from the conversation at 8:30 p.m. He left the room and did not return.

At 9:39 p.m., Trustee Williams moved to return to open session. Trustee Groh 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 9:40 p.m.

Michael Thomas, DDS
Chairman
February 20, 2013

Para Jones, Ph.D.
President
February 20, 2013