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 March 20, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors were present: Marcia Addison, Fran Hammerly, Gloria Komer, Irene Motts and Jennifer Ross.

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

Stark State Nursing student Jennifer Ross was introduced to the trustees. President Jones reported that she received a letter from Fran Hammerly, who is one of Jennifer’s instructors. The letter indicated that on January 23, Jennifer had come to the aid of a fellow student who was in an automobile accident on campus. In honor of the actions taken by Jennifer Ross, the following resolution was submitted for Board approval.

Resolution to Recognize Jennifer Ross

Whereas, Stark State College is an institution of higher education in the University System of Ohio; and

Whereas, Jennifer Ross is a student in the Stark State College Nursing program; and

Whereas, on January 23, 2013 Ms. Ross came to the aid of a fellow student who had a medical emergency that caused her to have an automobile accident on campus; and

Whereas, Ms. Ross demonstrated professionalism and true concern for the health and well-being of a fellow student.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Stark State College acknowledges and commends Jennifer Ross for her admirable actions on January 23, 2013.

Vice Chairman Halm moved to honor student Jennifer Ross with this resolution. Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.
ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Kari Groh, Jeffrey Halm, Stanley Jonas, Christopher Maurer, Michael Thomas, Fonda Williams and Bill Schweizer.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were no public requests.

AGENDA CHANGES

President Jones indicated that the New Business portion of the agenda would include a discussion about the status of the state budget and proposed fee changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer Tom Chiappini addressed the financials. He said the budget was tracking as expected and expenditures continue to be closely monitored.

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

Approved on the Consent Agenda were Minutes of the Board Meeting on 2/20/13, Financial Statements, Personnel Actions, a Family Medical Leave Policy and an Affirmative Action Policy.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business presented for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Status of State Budget and Proposed Fee Changes – Para Jones

President Jones referred the trustees to the article on HB59 (budget bill) in her @StarkState monthly report distributed the day before this meeting. She provided highlights of the bill as it stands at this time. She noted that the College will wait until the bill is finalized and its impact is known before determining the amount of a tuition increase. The current version of the bill would allow for a 2 percent increase. Dr. Jones noted that Stark State is trying to influence the portions of the bill that address Early College High School and dual credit because it would take away “home rule” and address funding for two-year colleges in these programs as though they all operate on the same funding model. The Stark State model is different and would suffer with the changes being proposed.

After reviewing the College’s fee structure, the administration felt it would be a good time to restructure some of the student fees. Dr. Jones then distributed copies of the proposed changes to revise several of the College’s student fees. The changes proposed were as follows:
• Eliminate $35 Graduation Fee and the associated $60 Late Fee
• Increase the Processing Fee from $75 to $85
• Eliminate the $40/year Parking Permit Fee
• Institute a Maintenance and Campus Security Fee of $30/term (to be assessed as determined by the administration)

After discussing the rationale for these changes, Trustee Groh moved to accept the fee schedule changes. Trustee Maurer provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

As noted earlier, President Jones provided her monthly report (@StarkState) to the Trustees via e-mail on Tuesday, March 19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:56 p.m., Trustee Williams moved to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes according to R.C. 121.22G(2). Vice Chairman Halm provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted aye.

At 6:57 p.m., Mr. Halm indicated he would be recusing himself from the discussion and left the room. He did not return.

At 7:37 p.m., Trustee Groh moved to return to Open Session. Trustee Jonas 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 7:38 p.m.

Michael Thomas, DDS     Para M. Jones, Ph.D.
Chairman     President
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