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 September 18, 2013.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeffrey Halm called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Halm began his first meeting as chair by reading the College’s mission and vision.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

The following visitors were present: Gloria Komer, Linda Morosko, Irene Motts, Don Mullen, Cathy Spino and Kathleen Steere.

The following administrators were present: Para Jones, Tom Chiappini, Mike Droney, Lada Gibson-Shreve and Cheri Rice.

OATH OF OFFICE

President Jones administered the oath of office for Fonda Williams. Trustee Williams’s new term began August 2, 2013 and concludes August 1, 2016.

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

Under Old Business, the minutes from the July 22, 2013 meeting were being returned to the table for a correction to be made by Trustee Jonas.

During discussion of the Consent Agenda, Dr. Jones distributed a revised copy of Personnel Actions. Two entries were removed for further internal discussion.

Trustee Maurer moved to accept the agenda changes. Trustee Williams provide the second for the motion. The motion carried.
CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Thomas moved to consider the Consent Agenda as revised. Trustee Groh provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

Vice President Chiappini noted that the fund balance in the financial report will be adjusted to reflect the lump sum payment to employees in July. The year-end closing is underway.

Trustee Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda as revised (see Agenda Changes). Trustee Maurer provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

Approved on the Consent Agenda were Minutes of Board Meeting on 8/21/13, Financials and Personnel Actions.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the Board Meeting Held on July 22, 2013 – Chairman Halm

Mr. Jonas requested that the minutes of the July 22 meeting be changed to reflect that he was not in the room when the vote was taken regarding participation in a Brownfield Grant.

Trustee Schweizer moved to approve the correction to the July 22 minutes. Trustee Williams provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.

Dashboard Update – President Jones

Dr. Jones provided the Board with an update on the College’s Dashboard. President Jones explained to the Board how they could drill down for more information in each category.

Dr. Jones reported the addition of a new measure to the Dashboard – the College’s Senate Bill 6 rating. Dr. Jones explained that this is a state rating indicating the College’s financial stability. The scale for all institutions goes from a rating of 1.0 to 5.0, with 1.0 being the worst rating. Stark State’s rating is 4.0. The Board previously set 3.0 as the goal; therefore, the color-coded standing for this measure is green. The Board has the option of revisiting the goal at any time.

Chair Halm asked for a report on the Dashboard at every meeting.

Upcoming Board Retreat – Chairman Halm

Chair Halm reminded the Board members that there would be a planning retreat on Friday, September 27 from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. in the Board Room.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall 2013 Enrollment Report – President Jones, Vice President Droney, Vice President Rice

Vice President Rice noted that the preliminary fall enrollment report is based on the state’s required 14th day enrollment report that must be provided to the Ohio Board of Regents by every institution. Funding is actually based on end-of-term enrollment figures.
Vice President Rice reported that headcount for this preliminary report was at 15,452, which is down 1.4% from last fall. The FTE (full-time equivalent enrollment, which is what the College is funded on) was at 4,296, which is a 2.6% decline from the previous year. A comparison statewide indicates that Stark State’s slight enrollment decline from last year is typical across the state and that many institutions have experienced bigger declines. The College projected a 5% enrollment decline for both headcount and FTE and implemented strategies to bolster enrollment, such as utilizing scholarships to recruit college-ready students, increased enrollment in dual credit (from 1,900 to 2,400) and increased outreach in Summit County and Barberton.

Chair Halm asked to have the Enrollment measure moved to the front of the Dashboard.

**BOARD WORK SESSION**

**Bylaws Discussion – Chair Halm**

Chair Halm reported that he will review a section of the Board Bylaws at each meeting as a means of keeping the Board focused on its role in the governance of the College.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Jones reported the following:

- Invited by Rep. Christina Hagan to provide testimony at Higher Education Subcommittee meeting at University of Mount Union. Spoke to the need to restore OCOG (Ohio College Opportunity Grants) to community college students.
- Congratulated accounting professor and IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) club advisor Linda Gibson and our IMA students. The chapter has been awarded the 2012-2013 Award of Excellence and recognized as an Outstanding Student Chapter. The Stark State chapter was the only two-year college chapter in the country to receive this distinction.
- She is participating in College Credit Plus discussions led by OBR and ODE.
- 2013 Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Drive has begun with leadership meetings and rallies. Goal is to exceed $50,000 raised last year.
- OACC has appointed an interim president, Dr. Karen Rafinsky, recently retired president of Clark State Community College (Springfield). The search for permanent president has begun.
- Shared an e-mail from a grandfather expressing gratitude for the efforts of an employee in assisting his family with dual enrollment difficulties his grandson was having. He stressed the fact that dual enrollment is the only way his grandson would have access to a college education, even though his parents both work very hard to provide for their family. Dr. Jones stated that this is the scenario for many of our dual enrollment students.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:32 p.m., Trustee Groh moved to go into Executive Session to consider 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.

At 8:30 p.m., Trustee Groh moved to return to Open Session. Trustee Maurer provided the second for the motion. The motion carried.
Upon returning to Open Session, Trustee Maurer moved to utilize the Downtown Canton Land Bank site purchased by the College earlier this year as the ShaleNET indoor/outdoor training site needed to provide training for the oil and gas industry. Trustee Groh provided the second for the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m., Trustee Maurer moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee according to R.C. 121.22g(1). Trustee Groh provided the second for the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted aye.

At 8:50 p.m., Trustee Maurer 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 8:53 p.m.

Jeffrey Halm, Chairman          Para Jones, President
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