

MINUTES

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE

March 3, 2015

4 p.m.

Summit Bank Conference Center

Members Present: Ralph Roberson (presiding), Don Crisp, Leah Dunn, Jim McKnight, Steve Millaway, Katie Patronis, Joe Tannehill, Jr., and David Warriner

Participating via Phone: Elizabeth Kirvin

Others Present: Dr. John Holdnak, Derrick Bennett, Dr. George Bishop, Dr. Cheryl Flax-Hyman, Dr. Melissa Lavender, and John Mercer

- 1. Call to Order** Mr. Roberson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.
- 2. Master Plan** Mr. Joe Sorci presented the proposed Science Building design and responded to questions about location, size, funding, and strategies.
- 3. Accreditation** Mr. Roberson introduced Mr. Mike Mattimore, a labor attorney with Allen Norton & Blue. Accreditation issues were discussed and Mr. Roberson outlined the roles of trustees and administration. Trustees were provided with a copy of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Comprehensive Standards related to Governance (3.2.6 and 3.4.10).

A page from the SACS Reaccreditation Manual was provided to the trustees.

Ms. Dunn provided a summary of the extensive research that she had collected, other relevant information, and interviews that she had conducted with local healthcare providers concerning the field of nursing and the educational preparation of nursing students. Spirited discussion ensued, specifically on the use of the HESI Exam in the nursing program, and the use of high-stakes exams in higher education in general.

Ms. Patronis suggested that the college develop a policy addressing final exams for courses in programs that have state licensure or certification exams.

Dr. Holdnak expressed concern about taking sufficient time to develop a policy that would adequately address the issue and avoid unintended consequences.

- 4. Strategic Planning** Dr. Flax-Hyman presented Strategic Planning, followed by general discussion. Dr. Lavender provided insight into student completion.
- 5. Naming of Student Union** President Holdnak requested permission to name the Student Union after previous President Robert L. McSpadden, and the board approved his request to proceed.
- 6. Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman