

Minutes

SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING October 26, 2023

I. Call to Order

The Seminole State College Board of Regents' regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

II. Roll Call of Members

Roll call was conducted. Regents Franklin, Hyden and Pitts were absent. The members present were Curtis Morgan, Robyn Ready, Marci Donaho and Bryan Cain.

III. Introduction of Guests

President Reynolds introduced administrators, guests and staff present at the meeting. Special recognition was given to members of the STEM Division. Members present included: Emily Carpenter, Division Chair; Wendy Rich, Assistant Professor of STEM; Dr. Ricky Streight, Assistant Professor of STEM; Cullen Birney, Assistant Professor of Math; Dr. Nilmini Senaratne, Assistant Professor of STEM; and Leigh Ann Wilson Assistant Professor of Life Science. Special recognition was also given to Matt Bauman with Hinkle & Associates and Leslie Sewell, Athletic Director.

IV. Minutes

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held August 23, 2023; Regent Donaho made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Regent Ready seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

V. Communications to the Board

Financial Report – Melanie Rinehart, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs presented a review of the College's revenue and expenses through September 30, 2023. Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented and Regent Donaho seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

Purchases over \$15,000 for August

- Howard Industries \$18,249.00
- Crawford and Associates \$23,024.03

Purchases over \$15,000 for September – None

VI. Hearing of Delegations

None

VII. President's Report

President Reynolds discussed items under the President's Report and the Business portion of the agenda by utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. (See enclosed copy of the PowerPoint presentation)

Personnel Update – President Reynolds gave the Board a personnel update. New hires included: Rick Amos, Campus Police Chief; Misty Gray, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Rachele Jones, Talent Search Advisor; Emery Martin, GEAR UP Coordinator; Leah Martin, GEAR UP Coordinator; Alicia Ryan, NASNTI Student Success Specialist; and Belinda Villot, Accounts Payable Clerk.

Honors and Awards – President Reynolds told the Board about several awards and honors since the August Board meeting. Shakira Stafford, PTA Director and Andrita Chavez, Financial Assistance Clerk were recognized as the Faculty and Support Staff of the Month by the Chamber of Commerce. Crystal Bray, Director of Nursing; Kay Wallace, NASNTI Director and Christie McKee were honored by OACC as the Faculty Member, Professional Staff Member and Classified Staff Member of the year. The SSC Nursing Program was awarded a \$1 million grant and the NASNTI program was given a supplemental grant award in the amount of \$150,694.

Campus Activities – President Reynolds told the Board members about several campus activities. These were:

- ✓ Graduates of the SSC PTA program achieved a 100% pass rate on their licensure exams from the Oklahoma Medical Board
- ✓ Constitution Day was observed September 15th
- ✓ Presidents from 11 colleges in Arkansas and Oklahoma met in Seminole to conduct the business of the NJCAA Region II
- ✓ The SSC Educational Foundation golf tournament was held on September 29th
- ✓ The Little Bitty Acres Mobile Petting Zoom visited campus on September 26th
The SSC PLC class visited the Gathering Place in Tulsa on October 5th
- ✓ Dr. Amanda Estey and Scarlet Figueroa presented at the National Council for Workforce Education's annual conference Oct. 4th and 5th
- ✓ Administrators from ECU and SSC met in Seminole to discuss possible collaborations, partnerships and opportunities for shared services between the institutions
- ✓ Regents Hyden and Ready attended the annual REP event held by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on October 10th

- ✓ Student Support Services, STEM Student Support Services and GEAR UP students toured Tinker Air Force Base
- ✓ SSC Student Government officers met with the Administrative Council on October 23rd
- ✓ President Reynolds gave an update on the tournament play for the SSC Soccer and Volleyball teams.

Discussions with Seminole Nation – President Reynolds told the Regents about discussions the Board and Foundation officers have had with Seminole Nation regarding land located across Hwy 3 from Seminole State College. After meeting with executive groups from the SSC Educational Foundation and the Board of Regents, it has been determined that we would not be interested in selling the tribe access to the land.

Chickasaw Nation Scholarship Program – President Reynolds told the Regents about the SSC Educational Foundation being selected as the pass through for the Chickasaw Nation Scholarship Program for all state colleges and universities.

Efforts to Partner with Seminole High School on Agriculture Education – President Reynolds told the Regents about a potential partnership with Seminole High School on agriculture education at the old Pleasant Grove school site on the west of Seminole.

Baseball Alumni Fundraising Efforts for Sports Complex Field – President Reynolds told the Regents about a fundraiser being coordinated by some baseball alumni to raise funds for the sports complex in honor of Coach Lloyd Simmons.

Upcoming Events – President Reynolds told the Regents about several upcoming events. These events were:

- Tribal Fest – November 1st
- Military and Veteran Resource Fair – November 3rd
- SSC Sporting Clay Tournament – November 10th
- Foundation Holiday Reception – December 11th

VIII. Business

Acceptance of the FY23 External Audit by Hinkle & Company – President Reynolds presented the Board with a copy of the FY23 External Audit for their review. The Audit Committee consisting of Regents Hyden, Morgan and Cain reviewed the audit via Zoom before the Board meeting with President Reynolds, Vice President Rinehart and representatives from Hinkle & Company. Matt Bauman from Hinkle & Company discussed the audit and stated that there were no major concerns. He commended Vice President Rinehart and her staff on a job well done. President Reynolds recommended approval of the External Audit as presented. Regent Morgan made a motion to accept the FY23 External Audit as presented, and Regent Ready seconded this motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

Approval of Board Policy Regarding Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Usage – President Reynolds presented a proposed board policy regarding name, image and likeness (NIL) usage. This policy was developed in accordance with Oklahoma Senate Bill 48, 2021 Okla. Sess. Laws ch. 559, § 20 and to address the growing issues surrounding student-athlete compensation. Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the proposed policy on NIL usage with one small change as discussed. The title “SSC Vice President for Community Relations” will be changed to “Vice President for Student Affairs” Regent Donaho seconded this motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

Approval of the Agreement for Exchange of Services with the SSC Educational Foundation – President Reynolds presented the Board with a copy of the agreement for exchange of services with the SSC Educational Foundation and recommended approval. Regent Donaho made a motion to approve the agreement with the SSC Educational Foundation for exchange of services as presented and Regent Morgan seconded this motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

IX. Consent Agenda

Regents were presented information concerning items on the Consent Agenda. President Reynolds recommended approval of these items. Regent Donaho made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items and Regent Morgan seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Donaho, yes; Ready, yes and Cain, yes.

- ✚ Program Modification – Psychology Associates in Science (202)
- ✚ Program Modification – Pre-Engineering Associates in Science (214)
- ✚ Program Modification – Computer Science Associates in Science (226)

X. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Bryan Cain, Vice Chair