

**J. SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD MEETING**

March 5, 2009

Minutes No. 322

The J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board met on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at the Parham Road Community College Workforce Alliance facility. Chair Creery called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Benjamin L. Alexander, City of Richmond
James Bowles, Jr., Goochland County
Mark Creery, Hanover County
James Cuthbertson, Henrico County
Beverley Donati, Henrico County
Doug Freeman, Henrico County
Gerald E. Kilgore, Henrico County
George Long, Henrico County
Doris McCray, Louisa County
Maureen Moslow-Benway, Powhatan County
Harold L. Watkins, II, Richmond
Janelle Wilson, Hanover County
Gary Rhodes, JSRCC College President

Board Members Absent:

Robert Comet, City of Richmond
Rondle E. Edwards, City of Richmond
William A. Rees, City of Richmond

Staff Present:

John Ambrose	Jackie Manley
Skip Bottom	Miles McCrimmon
Amy Bradshaw	Mac McGinty
Steve Brandon	Roland Moore
Diane Brasington	Jennifer Morrison
Tim Brown	Charlie Peterson
Judy Harris	Mark Probst
Bob Heinz	Nannette Smith
Thomas Hollins	Steve Vehorn
Genene LeRosen	
Bess Littlefield	

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Mr. Bottom, Vice President of the Faculty Senate, stated that there was no report at this time.

CLASSIFIED COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Manley, President of the Classified Council, briefly review the Council's report (Attachment A).

PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Dr. Moore, President PAFS, stated that there was no report at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rhodes acknowledged Diane Brasington and the college staff for a job "well done" for their many long hours in preparing the SACS reaffirmation report. He also noted that the SACS Visiting Team will be at the college October 20-22, 2009.

Dr. Rhodes thanked Board members for accompanying him on the many visits to legislators. He will be sending a thank you note to each legislator in the college's service area. Dr. Rhodes also noted that the stimulus package will allow level funding for the next year.

Dr. Rhodes also noted that the Chancellor is anticipating going to the State Board to seek a 6 percent tuition increase. This will bring tuition up to approximately \$94 per credit hour. More information will be forthcoming.

Dr. Rhodes stated ant he and Tim Brown met with Richmond City officials on the college's local funds request and that the request is now in the mayor's and city council's budget. He thanked Board members who assisted with meetings with City Council members.

Dr. Rhodes informed the Board that he, staff members, College and Foundation Board members, along with staff from VCCS have toured buildings that are available for lease/purchase from Union PSCE on their campus on Brook Road. Also available are parking and playing fields. A meeting will be held to access whether these facilities will meet the needs of the college's short- and long-term vision.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. LeRosen asked if anyone had any questions on the JSRCC's Reaffirmation Briefing Report that was mailed to Board members. She noted that the report is due by March 16 to the Commission on Colleges. The report will be reviewed by a team in May and will provide their findings to the college, the college will have to respond to the findings in August, and the committee visit will occur October 20-22, 2009.

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Brown had no report at this time.

CCWA REPORT

Mr. McGinty had no report at this time.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT

Ms. Littlefield provided an update on the Major Gifts Campaign (Attachment B). Also, Ms. Littlefield informed the Board that Elaine Jordan, Chair of the Foundation Board, has recently stepped down as chair as she has accepted a job out-of-state and Ivor Massey now serves as Chair.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING COMMUNITIES REPORT

Mr. Peterson presented a Learning Communities Update: Progress on Student/Faculty Initiative to the Board. He noted that there are three basic ingredients for learning communities: (1.) Common cohort of students taking the same class, (2.) Student collaboration is encouraged, and (3.) Faculty coordinate topics and assignments to varying extents. Multiple studies show higher rates of student retention, improved student GPAs, and higher levels of student and faculty satisfaction as the result of participation in learning communities. The benefits of Learning Communities are improved persistence/retention of students, fosters student to teacher relationship, and improves success rates.

MINUTES

Chair Creery stated that the minutes of the January 15, 2009, meeting of the Board were mailed to members and asked if there were any additions or corrections to these minutes.

Upon a motion by Mr. Cuthbertson and seconded by Dr. Wilson, the minutes of the January 15, 2009, meeting was approved as mailed. The motion carried 12-0-0.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Mr. Creery thanked Board members for their support at the January legislative reception sponsored by the VCCS. Also, he thanked Doris McCray for introducing him and Dr. Rhodes to a potential Board member to succeed her this year.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Dr. Bowles stated that the committee had no report at this time.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Cuthbertson stated that the committee had no report at this time. However, the budget reports (Attachment C) and facilities projects update (Attachment D) were mailed to members.

COLLEGE BOARD INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Retreat Planning—Tentative plans are to hold the Board retreat in late August or early September on the Parham Road Campus. Mr. Rees is chairing the Retreat Planning Committee and a meeting is scheduled for March 12. Mr. Rees will provide a report to the Board at the May meeting. If members have ideas, please forward them to Mr. Rees.

2. Presidential Evaluation—Ms. Moslow-Benway noted that one of the duties of the Vice Chair is the evaluation of the president. She outlined the evaluation process. She noted that the president will be evaluated on competencies, as well as his work plan. An on-line survey will be sent to faculty, staff, and students. Once all data is collected, the Board Executive Committee will meet with Dr. Rhodes and in May the Board will review the findings and act on the evaluation.

3. Upcoming Events

- May 14, 2009, 10th Annual Employee Recognition and Wards Program
- May 17, 2009, Graduation
- May 7, 2009, Next Board Meeting

4. Connie Moslow, former College Board member and a member of the Foundation Board, will be recognized at the YWCA Outstanding Women Awards luncheon on April 24. Chair Creery stated that Board will be getting a table for this event. If any members of the Board would like to attend, please contact Judy Harris.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Creery adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Gary L. Rhodes, Secretary

Mark A. Creery, Sr., Chair