

MINUTES OF MEETING  
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
ARKANSAS BOARD OF VISITORS

January 4, 2021

Vice Chair Robert Martinez called the regular meeting of the Board of Visitors to order at 12:08 p.m. following a light meal at the UA Cossatot Bank of Lockesburg Gymnasium.

Present:       Angie Walker               Jimmy Tumey  
                  Dr. Glenn Lance         Robert Martinez  
                  Brenda Tate                 Barbara Dixon

Absent:        Barbara Horn               Kathy Beavert  
                  Tim Pinkerton             Tyler Davis

**Staff Reports**

Dr. Cole reported to the board the importance of a trucking program. The college was provided a report generated by Burning Glass, a data mining company that identifies employment gaps for specific areas. The results of the report spotlighted on which types of jobs were available in the four counties UA Cossatot serves. The number one category on the list included help needed in general merchandise stores. Dr. Cole mentioned number two on the list of jobs available, which is general freight trucking. This has always been known to be a high-demand field, but we had no idea it would be number two. With this information handed to us, the college is currently working with three other community colleges in Arkansas to start the Arkansas Trucking Academy (ARKTA), which is line up to receive a \$720,000 grant to begin operations and hopefully start to fill the jobs available in this industry.

Charlotte advanced to present the latest financial report. In December, the college was short on revenues from this time last year. The expenditures are running behind. Accounts Receivable balance did not increase. This is due to lower enrollment numbers. The college has over 3.3 million in grants & other restricted programs. We will be adding a couple of new grants soon. The Schedule of Bank is estimated at 4.6 million for all accounts. In Certificate of Deposits, the college had 945,000 at the end of December. The Endowment CD's were at 75,000. The schedule of endowment funds is over 80,000 in total. Charlotte communicated to the board the college does not partake the foundation budget. It is now under the umbrella of UofA.

Dr. Ashley Aylett reported the latest Academic Services report. UA Cossatot hosted the first virtual graduation December 18 through all social media platforms. Dr. Aylett mentioned classes are set to begin January 11. As of today, there are a total of 1151 enrolled. 38% are high school students, 87% were enrolled in the fall, 4% are new students and 9% are returning after an extended break. Dr. Aylett informed the planning process to have as normal of a semester as possible, most likely very similar to our fall 2020 semester with smaller groups meeting on various days for face-to-face classes. The college plans to continue spacing students six feet apart for all face-to-face course meetings.

Mike addressed a Facilities update report. The department has recently repaired leaking roof drains at our Little River campus. The leaks have been repaired, as well as porch supports repaired. They are currently waiting on the third and final quote to repair the roof to Middle School Building as well as Diesel Repair Building. Mike informed the process of “demo-ing” the interior of the Middle School Building has begun and once they receive the final approval of the architectural plans, it will be in a good position to move quickly with the renovation to the building. The 2019 Clery Report was submitted to the US Department of Education. The Clery Report is an annual report of crimes committed on campus or adjacent public property, hate crimes, crimes involving violence against women, or drug and alcohol abuse. Mike then presented the Blue Darter Heritage Renderings to the board. The Blue Darter Heritage campaign is to provide lighting and beautification. People will be able to buy bricks with a memory, there will be rooming naming opportunities, and parking spaces sold as well. The Blue Darter Heritage campaign is also set to award a scholarship opportunity to a 71846 resident.

**Action Items:**

**No.1 Approve the Minutes of November 2, 2020, Board of Visitors Meeting.** Jimmy Tumey motioned for passage and Brenda Tate seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

**No. 2 Approve Revised IRB- GSTARS.** Barbara Dixon motioned for approval. Jimmy Tumey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

**No. 3 Approve Revised IRB-Title III.** Barbara Dixon motioned for passage and Jimmy Tumey seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Vice Chair Robert Martinez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Glenn Lance made the motion and with a second from Brenda Tate, Vice Chair Robert Martinez adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tim Pinkerton, Secretary

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