Minutes of the Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission
April 9, 2019

Members Present: Joe T. Branyon, Jr. Fedrick D. Cohens
Dr. Robert J. Farrar Donald W. Helms
Robert P. Hucks, II Y. Melvin Nobles
Orrie E. West Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore

Members Absent: Brent D. Groome (excused)
J. David McMillan (excused)

Guests: Dr. Melissa Batten, Sarah Bonnoitt, Stephanie Danesie, John Dove,
Christine Farrior, Buzz Freeman, Harold Hawley, Lori Heafner, Audrey
Heisler, Gregory Mitchell, Lari Roper, Jacquelyne Snyder, Sheri Tanner,
and Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks

Media: None

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission held its bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fowler Dining Room, Conway Campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

A written notice was provided to all media in Horry and Georgetown counties advising the date, time and place of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Branyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for acceptance of the agenda and approval of the February 12, 2019 minutes. Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Nobles and carried to accept the agenda and approve the February 12, 2019 minutes. (Vote: 7 yes 0 no) M/S/C

Spotlight

Permanent Professors:
Dr. Wilbanks introduced Audrey Heisler and Sheri Tanner, as having earned their permanent professor status. Each faculty member has successfully completed their two-year probationary period at the college as well as presented their portfolio. Each professor was presented a certificate signed by their local Legislative Delegation member.

Lori Heafner – AVP, Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Grants:
President Fore announced Ms. Heafner has been selected to serve as a Chair for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
5A. Appointment of Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers:
Chairman Branyon appointed Donald Helms as Chair, Robert Hucks, and Fedrick Cohens to serve as the Nominating Committee to bring back a slate of names for the election of officers at the June meeting. **Motion by Mr. Helms, seconded by Mr. Nobles and carried that the Area Commission approves the nominating committee consisting of Donald Helms, Fedrick Cohens and Robert Hucks.**
(Vote 7 yes 0 No) M/S/C

5B. Fall Tuition Increase:
Mr. Hawley brought forth for approval a request to increase fall tuition by 3% for in-state (in-county) students. The tuition cost per credit hour for in-state (in-county) students will increase by $5 from $166 to $171. **Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Mr. Helms and carried that the Area Commission approves a fall tuition increase of 3.0% as allowed by HEPI (2019 HEPI is 2.8%). For in-state (in-county) students, the fall tuition cost per credit hour will increase by $5 from $166 to $171.**
(Vote 7 yes 0 No) M/S/C

5C. Contracts and Agreements:
Mr. Hawley brought forth for approval all academic consortia agreements and contracts for goods and services exceeding $25,000 annually. **Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried that the Area Commission approves all academic consortia agreements and other contractual agreements as outlined in the attachment. Mr. Hucks abstained from voting.**
(Vote 6 yes 0 No) M/S/C

5D. Financial Institutions and Annual Report on Investments:
In keeping with current college policies that the Area Commission annually review the investment programs and financial institutions, Mr. Hawley brought forth for approval a list of the college’s current investment programs and financial institutions. **Motion by Mr. Helms, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried that the Area Commission approves the financial institutions and investment program of the College as outlined in the attachment. Mr. Hucks abstained from voting.**
(Vote 6 yes 0 No) M/S/C

5E. Property Easements:
Mr. Hawley presented for approval a request to relocate existing overhead utility and telecommunications lines underground at the Grand Strand Campus. The College must authorize easements permitting the existing utility structures to be relocated on or beneath its property. **Motion by Mr. Helms, seconded by Mr. Nobles and carried that the Area Commission approves**
granting general “utility and access” property easements to local utility and telecommunications firms in support of their work at the Grand Strand Campus.
(Vote 7 yes 0 No)

5F. Academic Affairs Curriculum Changes:
Dr. Wilbanks presented various curriculum changes for Area Commission approval. **Motion by Mr. Helms, seconded by Mr. Cohens and carried that the Area Commission approves the following curriculum changes: creation of a new AAS Degree in Cybersecurity, new Cloud and Database certificate, and new Vascular Sonography Certificate; the termination of the Computer Aided Design Certificate, Natural Resources Certificate, and Pharmacy Technician Certificate.**
(Vote 7 yes 0 No)

Discussion

6A. Capital Projects and Major Renovations Update:
President Fore and Mr. Hawley gave an update on the following construction and renovation projects:
- Renovations to the Diesel Motor Technician Lab as well as the Marine Motor Technician Labs are complete.
- Construction of the Georgetown Center for Advanced Manufacturing continues with plans to be complete by August 20, 2019.
- Pampas Drive Streetscapes approved by City of Myrtle Beach and Santee Cooper. This work being done by Santee Cooper at no cost to HGTC.
- Design work for the renovation of Grand Strand Campus Buildings 100, 200, 300 and Campus Infrastructure has begun by Becker-Morgan Group Architect.

6B. Enrollment Update:
Dr. Batten reported Summer Overall Headcount is 2368 and Summer Overall FTE is 1189.

6C. Commencement Update:
Dr. Batten announced HGTC Commencement Exercises scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center at 4:00 p.m. Board members are to arrive by 3:15 p.m.

Reports

7A. President’s Report:
President Fore hosted Congressman Tom Rice on Campus and gave him a tour of the Advanced Manufacturing Center and Outboard Marine Lab. Additionally she participated in an Educator Summit called Connecting South Carolina Students with Opportunity. This event was hosted by Congressman Tom Rice and the South Carolina Ports Authority. Dr. Fore also participated in the South Carolina Technical College System Legislative Day in Columbia.
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7B. College Budget Status Report:
Mr. Hawley reviewed the current budget status report ending March 31, 2019.

7C. Foundation Report:
Mr. Freeman announced Foundation assets stand at $12.4 million. The Annual Black Tie Gala raised approximately $140,000. President Fore announced Tidelands Health committed $100,000 to HGTC to help defray nursing salaries.

7D. President’s Cabinet Report:
- Dr. Batten announced WaveNet Central and the Office of Information Technology Help Desk successfully merged to form TechCentral.
- Mr. Dove also reported on the collaboration between WaveNet Central and Office of Information Technology. A goal is to have a student-led Help Desk and Technology Center.
- Mr. Hawley’s report stands as written.
- Ms. Heafner announced the Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Grants received a Duke Energy Grant for Electrical Lineman and now working on a Duke Energy Grant for Cybersecurity.
- Mr. Mitchell announced the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will be offering Youth Summer and STEM Camps. Horry Telephone, Inc. donated $30,000 to fund scholarships for the camps.
- Ms. Roper announced a mass promotional mailer went out to Horry and Georgetown County residents. Ms. Bonnoitt reported the Addiction and Recovery Series received lots of media coverage.
- Ms. Snyder announced the launch of a new employee recognition program.
- Dr. Wilbanks reported the Culinary Arts Technology Study Abroad students traveled to Paris. The Office of Academic Affairs launched the Academic Affairs Update Newsletter.

7E. Faculty Assembly Report:
Professor Farrior stated it’s humbling to see what her colleagues are doing in the community as well as their accomplishments and awards. She thanked President Fore and Dr. Wilbanks for their continued support.

Upcoming Events

- Lt. Governor Pamela Evette to tour Conway Campus on May 7 at 9:00 a.m.
- Employee Appreciation Luncheon to be held May 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the International Culinary Institute on Grand Strand Campus.
Adjournment

*There being no further business, motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.*

(Vote: 7 yes 0 no)

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Tommy Branyon, Jr. Chairman

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Y. Melvin Nobles, Secretary

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy L. Myers,
Administrative Coordinator

Date:_____________________________