

Cisco College Board of Regents
Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 2017

The Cisco College Board of Regents met Monday, April 10, 2017, in the Board Room of the Regents' House on the college main campus in Cisco, Texas. Officers in attendance were President Brad Kimbrough, Vice President Ronnie Ledbetter and Secretary Ricky Whatley. Regents present were Sarah Adams, Jerry Conring, Sharon Wilcoxon, Joe Jarvis and Staci Wilks. College administrators present were Dr. Thad J. Anglin, President; Dr. Jerry Dodson, Vice President for Student Services; Audra Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Dean of Business Services; and Carol Dupree, Provost – Cisco College, AEC and Vice President of Instruction. Sydni Rabb, recording secretary, was present.

Guests present during the meeting included Tom Bell, Faculty Senate Representative and Professor of English; Jerry Clemons, Division Chair of Math and Sciences and Professor of Mathematics; Diane Carlile, Student Activities Director; Charles Humphries, former Regent that resigned his seat earlier this year; Greg Cary, recommended to fill the unexpired term of resigned board member Charles Humphries; The Honorable John Bailey, spouse of board member Sarah Adams; and Stephen Forester, Cisco citizen.

Regent Joe Jarvis offered an invocation.

President Brad Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The members appointed by President Kimbrough to seek a qualified applicant to serve the unexpired board term of Charles Humphries, recommended in the March board meeting that Mr. Greg Cary be accepted and appointed to serve the remaining term of office in Place 4. Mr. Cary's recommendation was accepted by the board members and his Oath of Office was scheduled during the April meeting. Thus, the Honorable John Bailey, was present to give the Oath of Office to Mr. Cary. He had, prior to the meeting, signed the Statement of Office and had proved himself to be a qualified (registered) resident of the college district. Judge Bailey gave him the Oath as witnessed by the board members, guests and members of the administration. Upon completion of the vocal portion, he signed the Oath and Judge Bailey notarized the paperwork and sealed it with the County Judge Seal of Eastland County. Ms. Diane Carlile photographed the swearing in and Mr. Cary officially became a member of the Cisco College Board of Regents.

President Kimbrough moved to the next item on the agenda, Resolution 2017-001. He read the resolution thanking Mr. Humphries for his service to the board over the course eight years and eight months. The Resolution expressed how Mr. Humphries was first sworn into office on May 10, 2008, and since then has served with dignity and diplomacy, recognizing the importance of order and civility in a board meeting, and has continued to serve faithfully since that time and was re-elected by the citizens of the College District to serve and advocate for the students, staff, faculty and administration. Board Members Joe Jarvis and Sharon Wilcoxon moved and seconded, to approve Resolution 2017-001, appreciating Mr. Charles Humphries for his service. Motion passed 8 – 0.

President Kimbrough asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 20, 2017. There were none voiced and he declared the minutes approved as presented.

Dean of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer, Audra Taylor, presented the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2017. The first page shows the *Cash/Investment* totals followed by the *Revenues* on the 2nd page. In summary, the surplus is up from this time last year by almost \$200,000.

Ms. Taylor continued and noted the handout listing the 10 largest purchases made by the College during the past month of March, 2017. A few included are, two checks to Great Western Dining, for a total of 5 weeks of food services; iModules Software, Inc., annual fee for college website; Constellation Newenergy, monthly electric bill – Cisco Campus; Taylor EC Texas, monthly electric bill – Abilene Campus; Eastland County Appraisal District, quarterly payment; and a purchase to Westex Connect, monthly internet bill for both the Cisco and Abilene Campus.

President Dr. Thad Anglin, gave the fundraising report since the last board meeting held March 20, 2017. A total of \$2,350.00 was received, this included \$25 from the Cisco College Faculty and Staff; \$50 from Athletic Fund Raisers; and \$2,275.00 from Alumni and Friends for Wrangler Day at the Abilene Campus, donated by Lawrence Hall, Taylor Electric, Hardin Simmons, Willis Supply, Midway Plumbing and Abilene Maintenance Supply.

Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Jerry Dodson, gave the enrollment update. Today is opening day for summer registration. Fall registration will open on April 24th. As of today, we have received 991 applications for the fall 2017 semester. At this time last year, we received 777 applications for the fall 2016 semester. We are continuing to work on enrollment.

Moving on to New Business, Dean Taylor gave a Quarterly Investment Summary for the period ending February 28, 2017. The top sheet of the report indicates the College's investments; all other pages are broken out by individual fund. Cisco College's current investment strategy is to protect the College's investments and preserve liquidity. There were 2 new CD's added this quarter, one from Southwest Bank and one from Texas Exchange Bank. Dean Taylor stated that investments, according to the Public Policy Investment Act, must be made with a financial institution whose home offices or main bank is located within the state of Texas.

Dr. Dodson presented the Campus Conceal Carry Policy to the board. In accordance with Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Legislature, authorizing a concealed handgun license holder to carry a concealed handgun while on the campus of a public institution of higher education in Texas. Cisco College is committed to maintaining a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests, while at the same time respecting the rights of individuals who are licensed to carry a concealed handgun where permitted by law. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for compliance with state campus carry law. Individuals who are licensed to carry may do so on Cisco College campus premises except in locations and at activities prohibited by law or by this policy. Implementation of this policy begins August 1, 2017. Regent Adams moved and Regent Wilks seconded to approve the Campus Conceal Carry Policy, as presented. Motion passed 8 – 0.

There is a handout in the board packet with a recommendation to increase tuition and fees for the 2017-2018 college year, due to projected reduction in state funding. The handout contained three different options to increase tuition. After careful consideration, the board agreed on Option 3, which will be an increase of \$5 at both campuses. The increase will make out-of-district classes in Cisco \$133 per semester credit hour and out-of-district classes in Abilene and online classes \$153 per semester credit hour. Dual credit courses will remain \$204 per course.

Regents Ricky Whatley moved and Jerry Conring seconded, respectively to approve Option 3, the \$5 increase to the Cisco and Abilene campus. Motion carried 8 – 0.

Provost and Vice President of Instruction, Carol Dupree approached the board with the recommendation from the faculty and curriculum committee, for Cisco College to offer the Associate of Science degree. By offering this degree, it will benefit many of our students, especially those interested in STEM degrees and will lead students into a stronger pathway. Regent Adams moved and Regent Whatley seconded to approve the recommendation of the Associate of Science degree to be offered at Cisco College. Motion passed 8 – 0.

President Dr. Anglin briefly reported on the upcoming graduation, nursing and certificate ceremonies. Graduation is Friday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., in Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium. Nursing is Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church in downtown Abilene. Friday, May 12, 7:00 p.m. will be the Certificate Ceremony, also at the First Baptist Church in downtown Abilene. Robes will be worn at the graduation only. Will send out reminders as dates get closer.

Moving on to the next item of business, President Kimbrough stated that an executive session was necessary and the board would enter into Closed Meeting at 8:15 p.m. on April 10, 2017, for the Discussion of Personnel Matters, as provided by Secs. 551-071 through 551-076 of the Texas Government Code, specifically 551.74.

At 8:45 p.m., the Board of Regents of Cisco College returned to Open Meeting on April 10, 2017. President Kimbrough announced no decisions were made and no votes were taken while in Closed Session.

President Dr. Anglin announced there was one retirement letter received since the last board meeting. Jeff Lawrence, Respiratory Care Program Director, effective May 31, 2017. There were no letters of resignation or terminations. There were no recommendation for the employment of full-time or part-time personnel. On a motion by Regent Sarah Adams and a second by Regent Sharon Wilcoxon, the board voted to accept the retirement of Jeff Lawrence. Motion passed 8 – 0.

Remarks by Faculty Senate, Tom Bell, updated the Regents on the Faculty Senate meeting that was held on March 22, 2017. President Dr. Anglin attended and answered various questions asked of the faculty. Overall, it was a positive meeting and Dr. Anglin's message was well received by the faculty.

Under Remarks by the President, Dr. Thad Anglin informed the board of the upcoming events at Cisco College. Wrangler Day – Abilene Campus, April 18; Ranch Day – Cisco Campus, April 25; Wrangler Belles Spring Show – Cisco Campus Auditorium, 6:00 p.m., April 29; and Band Concert on April 30, at 3:00 p.m., at the Cisco Campus Auditorium.

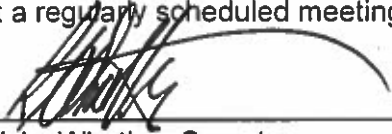
In Remarks by Board Members, Regent Whatley informed the members that Wednesday, April 12th, at 3:00 p.m., 6 Cisco College Volleyball girls will be signing to 4-year Universities. The event will be held in the Student Union Building (SUB) on the Cisco Campus. Regent Whatley encouraged the other members to join him at the signing. Vice-President Ledbetter asked about the auto mechanic program at the college.

The next board meeting is May 8, 2017.

President Kimbrough entertained a motion to adjourn. Regents Jarvis and Whatley obliged with a motion and second, respectively. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Minutes presented and approved the 8th day of May, 2017, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Cisco College Board of Regents.



Ricky Whatley, Secretary
Board of Regents
Cisco College



Brad Kimbrough, President
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