The Cisco College Board of Regents met Monday, March 9, 2020, in the Board Room of the Regents’ House on the college main campus in Cisco, Texas. Officers in attendance were President Brad Kimbrough and Secretary Ricky Whatley. Regents present were Matt Johnson, Jerry Conring, Sharon Wilcoxen, Joe Jarvis and Staci Wilks. Vice President Ronnie Ledbetter and Regent Greg Cary were absent. College administrators present were Dr. Thad J. Anglin, President; Dr. Jerry Dodson, Vice President for Student Services; and Audra Taylor, Chief Financial Officer and Dean of Business Services. Dr. Carol Dupree, Provost and Vice President of Instruction was absent. Sydni Rabb, recording secretary, was present.

Guests present at the meeting included Roger Tighe, Cisco College Chief of Police; William Hagood, Faculty Senate Representative and Professor of History; and David Trussell, Professor of Government and History.

Regent Ricky Whatley offered an invocation.

President Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Kimbrough asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2020. 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 February 29, 2020. The first page shows the Cash/Investment totals followed by the Revenues on the 2nd page. Overall, we have a surplus of $2.8 million.

President Dr. Thad Anglin, gave the fundraising report since the last board meeting held February 10, 2020. A total of $2,400.00 was received, this included $800.00 from Alumni and Friends; $900.00 for Athletic Program Donations; $200.00 for the Rodeo Fund; and $500.00 for the Student Emergency Financial Aid Program.

Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Jerry Dodson, gave the enrollment update. The 2nd 8 week flex term will begin on Monday, March 16th. As of March 9th, there are 354 students enrolled, last year at this time there were 300 enrolled, making it an 18% increase.

Moving on to New Business, President Dr. Anglin read a recommendation for the college to purchase hardware/software replacement. It is recommended the college purchase VMWare software with Dell hardware in order to provide desktop functionality to up to 150 terminal clients in computer/library labs. This will replace an outdated and End of Life (Citrix) system that can deliver Windows 10 for the student’s use. The current Citrix system can only support up to Windows 7 which is at end of life. This is critical for students to have up-to-date software. After a brief discussion, Regent Conring moved and Regent Wilcoxen seconded, to purchase the VMWare software and Dell hardware, as presented. Motion passed 6 – 0, with Regents Ledbetter and Cary absent.

There is a handout in the board packet with a recommendation for tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year. Every year, Cisco College carefully reviews the tuition and fee rates. After much research, it is recommended that Cisco College increase its tuition fee by $2 per semester
credit hour effective the Fall 2020 semester. This is less than a 2% increase. It is estimated that such an increase would generate approximately $90,000 additional revenue. The new proposed rates for each semester credit hour would be $140 for the Cisco Campus and $160 for the Abilene Campus and Online students. This proposal would not apply to the dual credit courses. Cisco College did not increase the tuition and fees last year as many other community colleges increased. In comparison with other colleges similar to Cisco, we will remain competitive and below the state average. Regent Whatley moved and Regent Wilks seconded to increase the tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 academic year, as presented. Motion passed 6 – 0, with Regents Ledbetter and Cary absent.

Dr. Anglin moved to the next item on the agenda regarding the Academic Calendar for the year 2020-2021. The start date for the fall 2020 semester will be August 24th. There are many semesters at various times, including 1st 8-weeks, 2nd 8-weeks, Winter Term, etc. It is very much like past calendars. Regent Wilcoxen moved and Regent Wilks seconded to approve the 2020-2021 academic calendar, as presented. Motion passed 6 – 0, with Regents Ledbetter and Cary absent.

Dr. Anglin presented an update to the Regents on the Title V McMurry Cooperative Grant. We’re identifying and advising students in key STEM disciplines (Biology and Agriculture Focus). We are currently in Year 2 of the grant that ends September 30, 2020. We have completed the first round of science equipment purchases. Projects include: renovate unused science lab (Cisco). Year 3 that begins in October 2020, we will begin planning for the Greenhouse. Dr. Anglin will continue to keep the board updated throughout the process.

President, Dr. Thad Anglin, announced there was one resignation announced since the last meeting, Deborah Castleman, Counselor/Disability Services Coordinator – Abilene Campus. There were no retirements, terminations, or recommendations for the employment of part-time personnel. There was one recommendation for full-time employment for Klarissa Shafer, Library Manager. Under other personnel matters, Link Harris to transition to the position of Dean of Workforce and Economic Development; Dr. Jerry Dodson to assume the role and duties as the Cisco College Athletic Director; and Ryan Taylor, for the position of Head Football Coach. On a motion by Regent Jerry Conring and a second by Regent Sharon Wilcoxen, the board voted to accept the resignation, recommendation of full-time employment and all other personnel matters, as presented. Motion passed 6 – 0, with Regents Ledbetter and Cary absent.

Remarks from Faculty Senate Representative William Hagood, all is going good. We have 3 new senates representing us. in April we will have the election for the position of Vice-President, this year he/she will be from the Cisco Campus.

Under Remarks by the President, Dr. Thad Anglin, the following was discussed: COVID-19 Plans – Emergency Preparedness Team engaged in planning meetings; graduation; reorganization; Faculty and Staff Open Forums – March 17th and 18th; Abilene Advisory Council Meeting – March 27th; CDE Contest – March 24th; Crawford Theatre Production – Dinner Theater “Almost Maine” begins on March 27th; and the baseball/softball building.

In Remarks by Board Members, discussed the athletic programs at the college.

The next board meeting is April 13, 2020.
President Kimbrough entertained a motion to adjourn. Regents Jarvis and Whatley obliged with a motion and second, respectively. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes presented and approved the 13th day of April, 2020, 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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