

West Kentucky Community & Technical College
Board of Directors
March 1, 2016
2 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Shirley Menendez

Dr. Menendez called the meeting to order. Members of the board attending were: Tom Butler, Deborah Edmonds, Steve Grinnell, Larry Kelley, Georgiana Roberts, and Jennifer Smith.

Others present were: Dr. Barbara Veazey, Janett Blythe, John Carrico, Susan Graves, Trent Johnson, Jim Pape, Tena Payne, Amanda Scheidegger, Nate Slaton, and Barbara Maxey.

Dr. Menendez opened the meeting thanking the board members for allowing her to serve as chairperson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-November 19, 2015

A motion was made by Deborah Edmonds to accept the minutes. Steve Grinnell seconded the motion.

III. PRESIDENT’S REPORT-Dr. Barbara Veazey

Dr. Veazey discussed that the budget was reduced last fall to adjust for lower enrollment. WKCTC will have a \$1.5 reduction this academic year. Dr. Veazey has submitted a plan to KCTCS giving details of how WKCTC will address this shortage. She again encouraged the board members to contact legislators concerning the proposed budget which includes a 9% reduction to postsecondary education. Dr. Menendez discussed the issues that occur when the budget has to be adjusted midyear. Susan Graves stated Kentucky is one of the few states to not increase state funding since 2008. Steve Grinnell asked what percent of the budget is personnel costs and where does WKCTC fall nationwide. Ms. Graves replied that according to the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), WKCTC is on target with the rest of the nation. Dr. Veazey stated WKCTC has never borrowed money and has never been “in the red”.

Dr. Veazey congratulated Georgiana Roberts on being selected the 2016 New Century Scholar for the state of Kentucky. She will attend the American Association of Community Colleges convention in April to be recognized and will receive a \$2000 scholarship. She was also selected the WKCTC Student of the Year.



Dr. Veazey will be the keynote speaker for the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce Power in Partnership breakfast on March 1st. She will announce the launching of a \$5 million campaign to continue the Community Scholarship Program (CSP). CSP students have better retention rates, take more credit hours and have a higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) than non CSP students.

The Open House for the Paducah School of Art & Design will be on March 31 at 5 p.m. Artist demonstrations, building tours, music and café demonstrations will be included in the evening.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dr. Menendez encouraged board members to continue making contact with the legislators concerning the proposed budget.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m. with Larry Kelly making the motion to adjourn and Jennifer Smith seconding it. The next meeting will be on May 31 at 2 p.m.

