

# TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

MEETING NO. 289

JANUARY 14, 2016

Meeting number two hundred and eighty-nine of the Tidewater Community College Board was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in the TCC Regional Automotive Center in Chesapeake.

**Members Present:** Lee B. Armistead Edna V. Baehre-Kolovani  
Cynthia S. Free John D. Padgett  
Dwight M. Parker John A. Piscitelli  
Linda D. Ridenour Terri N. Thompson

**Members Absent:** Connie A. Meyer John M. Murray  
Laura L. Suggs Jared U. Turner

**Others Present:** Curtis K. Aasen, Director of Institutional Effectiveness  
Matthew J. Baumgarten, Executive Director for Real Estate  
Development/Chief Operating Officer of Facilities  
Felicia W. Blow, Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Executive  
Director of Educational Foundation  
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Provost of Norfolk Campus  
Daniel T. DeMarte, Vice President for Academic Affairs & CAO  
LaVonne P. Ellis, SBCC Liaison  
Susan M. James, Special Assistant to the President & Chief of Staff  
Beth Lunde, Associate Vice President for Human Resources  
Christine Damrose-Mahlmann, Chair of President's Advisory & Planning  
Council  
Monica McFerrin, Chair of College Faculty Senate  
Phyllis F. Milloy, Vice President for Finance  
Lisa B. Rhine, Provost of Chesapeake Campus  
Michael D. Summers, Provost of Virginia Beach Campus & Interim Vice  
President for Student Affairs  
James P. Toscano, Vice President for Public Affairs & Communications  
Michelle W. Woodhouse, Provost of Portsmouth Campus

## 1. **Welcome and Call to Order**

Mr. Padgett, chair, determined the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. He welcomed LaVonne Ellis, SBCC liaison, and thanked her for attending.

## 2. Program Highlight

Dr. Baehre-Kolovani thanked Dr. Rhine for hosting the meeting. She subsequently invited Dr. Beno Rubin, Director of the TCC Regional Automotive Center (RAC), to present the program highlight featuring “The Future of Transportation: Auto, Diesel, Collision Repair and Marine.”

The RAC opened for classes in August 2008 and continues to expand both its student body and its programs. The 30,000 square-foot facility is a pioneer in the industry and students earn both degree and certificate programs in various automotive platforms to support industry demands. With emphasis on automotive, collision repair, diesel, and marine technology, students can earn industry credentials and licenses in many fields and Manufacturer Credentials through TCC courses. Looking forward, the RAC projects a growth of 21,968 credits over the next five years and to sustain that growth, expansion of the programs and the facility are at the forefront of the business plan. As such, the technology programs will incorporate expansions modeled after other benchmark institutions to include expanded dual enrollment programs, interface with new enterprise, and new and expanded career studies certificates in related fields. Use of other facilities such as the Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology supports the expansion efforts. While discussions with vehicle and equipment manufacturers continue, the college is working with the TCC Real Estate Foundation to find suitable locations to house the expanded collision, diesel, and marine programs. Instructors at the RAC are engaging in additional training in preparation for the projected expansion.

The board engaged in lively discussion about the program and thanked Dr. Rubin for the presentation. A tour of the facility was offered to interested board members.

## 3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Padgett asked the board if there were any requests to remove any item(s) from the consent agenda to the full agenda. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. On a motion by Mr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Armistead, the board approved the consent agenda as proposed.

## 4. Approval of Action Items on Consent Agenda

Referring to Tabs 4a-d of the meeting packet, the board approved Meeting Minutes #288 for November 17, 2015; Proposed Program Discontinuances—Career Studies Certificates in Customer Service and Sales and Supervision in Ship Repair; Proposed Specializations Stackable to the A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice—Specializations in Forensic Science, Homeland Security, and Public Law; Proposed Certificates Stackable to the A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice—Career Studies Certificates in Law Enforcement, Forensic Science, Homeland Security, and Public Law.

## 5. Information Item(s)

➤ **Mr. Padgett invited Mr. Piscitelli, Curriculum & Student Development Committee Chair, to give the report of the committee.**

a. Guided Pathways. At the invitation of Mr. Piscitelli, Dr. DeMarte noted that research showed that only half of full-time students graduate within 6 years and that most incur

unnecessary debt. To facilitate a smoother process, TCC employed *Guided Pathways an uncomplicated path through college; a step-by-step roadmap with intrusive guidance to on-time completion-saving time and money-and significantly enhancing student success*. This approach is directly aligned with the college's Strategic Enrollment Management Phase III process, the Quality Enhancement Plan, the VCCS Student Success Institute, and the Stackable Program approach.

- b. Accelerated General Studies Degree. Mr. Piscitelli invited Drs. DeMarte and Boyd to discuss the Accelerated General Studies Degree. The college will pilot an accelerated degree program where students can complete a two-year associate degree in general studies in one year. Eligible students will receive personalized attention, start the bachelor's program immediately after completing the associate degree, and be on-track to complete the bachelor's degree in two years. Thousands of dollars will be saved and the students will graduate on time. The initial pilot will enroll 24 students from all TCC service areas and they will attend classes in 11 and 12-week sessions from July 2016 to June 2017.
- **In the absence of Mr. Murray, Finance & Facilities Committee Chair, Mr. Padgett invited Ms. Milloy and Mr. Baumgarten to give the report of the committee.**
- a. Routine Financial Statements for Month Ending November 30, 2015. Referring to Tab 5a of the meeting packet, Ms. Milloy noted that the budgets reflect activity for five months of the fiscal year and contributions were as expected. The average yield on investments of \$43.3 million yielded \$16,472 in interest.
- b. Capital Projects Update. Mr. Baumgarten noted that the Chesapeake Campus Parking Garage consisting of 1,200 parking spaces at an estimated cost of \$25.9 million, is scheduled for completion in August 2016.
- **Mr. Padgett invited Ms. Thompson, Advocacy Committee Chair, to give the report of the committee.**
- a. Committee Report. Ms. Thompson briefly addressed the itinerary for the General Assembly Session and the Legislative Reception on February 17-18 in Richmond. She noted that detailed information will be provided to the attendees.

## **6. Discussion & Approval of Action Items(s) Removed from the Consent Agenda**

Nothing to report.

## **7. President's Report**

- a. 2016 Legislative Update. The Governor has a heightened focus on community colleges and its abilities to strengthen Virginia's economy. His budget provides increased state investment in non-credential Workforce Credential Plan—\$24.6 million over two years toward certifications in high-demand fields. Credit Programs will be allotted \$5.3 million each year to educate and graduate more Virginians; \$1.1 million each year to establish a

veterans' advising program; \$1.58 million over two years to expand cyber security training; \$300K in planning funds each year to support post-secondary transition programs, and \$250K each year for the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative. Student financial aid will receive a 9.7% increase. TCC has three capital projects in the detailed planning phase of the budget.

- b. Spring Semester Enrollment Status w/Mr. Aasen. At Dr. Baehre-Kolovani's invitation and using a PowerPoint to frame his discussion, Mr. Aasen provided an update on enrollment. In summer 2015, the college achieved a 1.1% increase in FTE. While more part-time students are enrolled, the overall nation-wide headcount for public two-year enrollments for fall 2015 was down -2.4%.
- c. The Honor Foundation. TCC's Virginia Beach Campus was selected as the launch site for The Honor Foundation's East Coast Institute on January 28, 2016. The Institute will provide transition support to include professional development and career transition to the US Navy SEAL and Special Operations Forces. The collaborative event will engage business and political leaders, higher education, community patrons, and stakeholders in dialogue on how best to support the military population. TCC is honored to host the event as it is directly aligned with the Center for Military and Veterans Education's mission.

#### **8. Chair's Report & Announcements**

- a. The Board Chair had no actionable items or report on the agenda. However, he reminded the board that the next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Virginia Beach Student Center, but will begin with a tour of the Bayside Building.

#### **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Padgett adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edna V. Baehre-Kolovani, Ph.D.  
Secretary to the Board

APPROVAL



John D. Padgett  
Chair