

**MEETING OF TRUSTEES  
GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**February 24, 2015**

Trustees Present: Merylyn Douglass, Jeff Crist, Steve Sterling, Terri Worf

Trustees Absent: Ron Schwartz

Others Present: Debra Atkinson, Deputy Clerk  
Donna Boese, Assistant Registrar  
Sarah Bradley, SGA President  
Jason Brown, Football Offensive Coordinator  
Ryan Busz, Super Circuit/Football, Defensive Assistant  
Sean "Rico" Cherico, Associate Head Football Coach  
Donte Ellington, Running Backs Coach  
Dr. Bruce Exstrom, Vice President of Instructional Services  
Blake Freeland, MFLP Coordinator  
John Green, Assistant Director of Residence Life  
Angie Haflich, *Garden City Telegram*  
Nate Haremza, Football Offensive Line Coach  
Miranda Harris, GC3 Media, Silhouette  
Martha Hernandez, President's Receptionist  
Janet Huerta, ETS Advisor  
Brian Michalowski, Defensive Coordinator  
Larry Pander, Fire Science Instructor/Faculty Senate Representative  
Ray Putnam, Head Cross Country/Track & Field Coach  
Ryan Ruda, Vice President of Student Services/Athletic Director  
Lisa Sims, Academic Advisor  
Jeff Southern, Director Information Technology  
Robert Sperling, Community Member  
Herbert Swender, President  
Tammy Tabor, Student Services Specialist  
Nancy Unruh, GCCC Registrar  
Jerrad Webb, Director of Workforce  
Dee Wigner, Executive Vice President

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Douglass called the regular board meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:**

Chair Douglass, introduced herself, and thanked everyone for attending the GCCC Board of Trustee meeting. Douglass reminded attendees that all were welcome to remain for the entire meeting or that participants could leave as their business was completed.

Chair Douglass took this opportunity to congratulate the following students:

**Itzel Moreno-Rodriguez and Andres Pacheco Olivas**

These students are currently in the Science Technology Engineering and Math grant program coordinated by Praveen Vadapally and Ryan Ruda. These two students have worked with Dr. Vadapally to put together a presentation on their research at a national conference in Washington D.C. this spring

### Alonso Barragan- Martinez

Alonso has been selected as one of twenty students nationally who will be participating in the 2015 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program in Salamanca, Spain. The program is coordinated through the Council for Opportunity in Education, the national professional organization for TRIO Professionals. Alonso was selected from a nation-wide pool of applicants from Student Support Services and Ronald E. McNair programs. Alonso will be in Spain from May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 27, 2015. He will have the opportunity to take courses at the University of Salamanca in Spanish language and culture. He will also have an opportunity to travel in the Segovia region of Spain.

Chair Douglass noted that Dr. Swender was recently in Starkville, Mississippi at Mississippi State University to participate on a president's panel to discuss Free Community College Tuition and the Future of Access: A Public Policy Discussion. Dr. Swender was one of three presidents invited to sit on this panel and the only president from Kansas.

Chair Douglass asked Dr. Swender to share about the award that he received on behalf of GCCC from Rural Community College Alliance (RCCA) in Washington D.C.

Dr. Swender shared that this award was given in order to honor GCCC for its initiative in launching the studies that the Education Policy Center (EPC) of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa conducted on Pell Grant accessibility to rural serving states, as well as, being recognized as CNN Money Magazine's top 24 CC's in the nation; Ranked 31st in the list of "50 Best Community Colleges"; Aspen Institute's Top 10% of CC's; GCCC is recognized as a Military Friendly" college for the past three years; and GCCC is ranked #13 in the 50 most affordable CC's in America. The Award was presented by United States Senator Pat Roberts and Congressman Tim Huelskamp. Senator Roberts and Representative Tim Huelskamp spoke about the pride they have in GCCC and the accomplishments of the school at the ceremony.

In addition Dr. Swender was invited to attend meetings which took place in the Indian Treaty room of the White House. Deputy Director, James Kvaal, White House Domestic Policy Council was in attendance and addressed the group regarding the challenges of President Obama's new initiative, "The College Promise Plan" and hear feedback from select rural serving community college presidents.

Chair Douglass expressed her thanks to Dr. Swender for all he does for GCCC and most especially, for advancing the community college movement in America, his efforts are very much appreciated.

### **OPEN COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:**

Chair Douglass noted that no one from the public had registered to make comments.

### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

Ryan Ruda, Vice President of Student Services/Athletic Director introduced new GCCC employees, Blake Freeland, MFLP Coordinator, Sean "Rico" Cherico, Associate Head Football Coach, Jason Brown, Football Offensive Coordinator, Donna Boese, Assistant Registrar, Ryan Busz, Super Circuit/Football, Defensive Assistant, Nate Haremza, Football Offensive Line Coach, Brian Michalowski, Defensive Coordinator, Donte Ellington, Running Backs Coach, Ray Putnam, Head Cross Country/Track and Field Coach, Janet Herta, ETS Advisor, and Lisa Sims, Academic Advisor. Dr. Herbert Swender, President introduced new GCCC employees, Martha Hernandez, President's Receptionist, and Jerrad Webb, Director of Workforce.

Dr. Swender welcomed all employees and presented them with a GCCC Broncbuster lapel pin.

### **REPORT FROM STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:**

Sara Bradley, President of Student Government Association, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of presenting a report to the Board from SGA.

Bradley reported that SGA hosted the following events:

- SGA hosted the design your own free t-shirt event on February 3. This event had a great turnout with approximately 80 people designing their own shirts.
- Casino night is tonight, Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in the student center; starting at 8:30 pm. The theme will be a Hawaiian Luau and beach attire is preferred.

Future Events:

- Phone skins will be Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the student center, from 10:30am until 3pm.

Bradley also reported that residence life directors and Great Western Dining worked together to put on a great spread for Mardi Gras! Students appreciated the traditional food and festivities, everyone had a wonderful time.

Chair Douglass thanked Bradley for her report.

### **REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE:**

No representative was present to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

With the resignation of Dr. William S. Clifford, a vacancy now exists with the Garden City Community College Board. Chair Douglass asked for a motion to fill the vacancy.

#### **Motion:**

*Sterling moved, seconded by Crist, to appoint Melvin Neufeld to fill the vacant position on the Garden City Community College Board of Trustees.*

Trustees express their appreciation for the candidates to apply to fill the vacant position.

*Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Sterling, Worf*

*Nays: None*

*Motion carried: 4-0*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORTS:**

#### **Fine Arts Parking Lot:**

The fine arts parking lot is finished. Stalls have been painted and handicap signs were installed. The appearance of the lot was greatly improved as well as night visibility with the new lighting. Trash dumpsters have been moved away from the sidewalk and relocated in the center of the lot.

#### **Campus Police**

The City of Garden City began installation of the campus tornado siren, which will be constructed at the southeast side of the Facilities building. GCCC has been advised that the project will be completed prior to tornado season.

#### **Facilities**

Grounds crews have been trimming trees and removing shrubs in an effort to insure the safety of persons that are on GCCC campus. Plans for additional lighting, surveillance equipment and cameras are in the process. The DPAC parking lot was recently sandblasted and handicap parking stalls painted and signage installed.

#### **Enrollment**

The 20<sup>th</sup> day certificate date has been reached and at this point, there is a slight decrease, 1%, in total credit hours for spring 2015 from spring 2014 comparatively. However, there are a number of second 8 weeks courses and enrollment opportunities remaining for the spring semester, and it is expected that overall

enrollment will eclipse the spring 2014 final numbers by the end of the spring semester. Very few Kansas community colleges experienced level enrollment like GCCC, several were down substantially.

### Athletics

Fall Team GPA's have been figured and there is significant success and achievement by all of the athletic programs at GCCC. Eight (8) out of the fifteen (15) programs at GCCC obtained a 3.0 GPA or higher in Fall. Dr. Swender credits quality of institutional commitment to student success and to the athletic leadership and instructional dedication, thus resulting in successful winning programs in the classroom and on the court/field.

### Additional Classes

Second eight week session began on March 23. This session allows for students to enroll in some classes that provide flexibility in their work schedules and allows students to enroll in classes who may have missed the initial semester start date or allow for students to pick-up extra credit hours and expedite their program completion allowing for graduation sooner.

### Cohort Default Rate

Dr. Swender reported that GCCC's three year average loan default rate was 8.5. The rate is slightly up from the 2011 cohort but still outstanding. Dr. Swender went on to state that anything under double-digits is something to really acknowledge and celebrate. Dr. Swender attributes the direct correlation and success of this low default rate to the staff in student services who work extremely hard to inform students about choices and responsibilities regarding student loans. GCCC has one of the lowest default rates in the state and certainly in the surrounding state/region. Again this is because of GCCC's commitment to student success.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Chair Douglass asked if Trustees wished to remove any items from the consent agenda. No items were removed.

Chair Douglass then asked for a motion approving consent agenda items IV A-E

### **Motion:**

***Sterling moved, seconded by Crist, to approve consent agenda items, IV A-E as presented.***

***Ayes: Crist, Douglass, Sterling, Worf***

***Nays: None***

***Motion carried: 4-0***

### Approved actions follow:

**(A) APPROVED MINUTES** of previous meeting (January 13, 2015)

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(B) APPROVED PERSONNEL ADJUNCT/OUTREACH CONTRACTS**, as presented

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(C) APPROVED SUBMITTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**, as presented

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**(D) APPROVED PURCHASES OVER \$20,000**

D-1 Football Uniforms

Vendor: RT Sporting Goods

For: Football Uniforms which include two (2) sets of jerseys and pants for 70 players

Amount: \$25,900

D-2 Fifty Passenger Bus

Action: Authorize administration to purchase a passenger bus

Amount: Not to exceed \$425,000

D-3 Two High Capacity Copier/Printer for Print Shop

Vendor: Century Business Technologies, Dodge City, Kansas

For: Two high capacity copier/printer machines (one color and one black and white)

Amount: \$65,000

(Supporting documents filed with official minutes.)

**MONITORING REPORTS and ENDS REPORTS:**

Trustees indicated they had received and reviewed the following monitoring reports:

Annual, General Executive Constraints, #10

Annual, Budgeting/Financial Planning/Forecasting #3

Annual, Personal Enrichment

Trustees agreed to accept monitoring reports as presented.

**BOARD PROCESS AND POLICY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:**

Trustees reviewed the following monitoring reports:

Information and Advice

Asset Protection

No changes were recommended at this time.

**REPORT FROM FINNEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:**

No report was given.

**REPORT FROM KACCT/COP:**

No report was given.

**OWNERSHIP LINKAGE:**

Trustees indicated that they had not received any communications.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive Session was held.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**

March 10	Regular monthly meeting, Endowment Room, Dinner 5:00 p.m., call to order at 6:00 p.m.
March 12	Band Concert
March 16-20	Spring Break, No classes, Offices Closed March 19-20
April 3, 6	Easter Break
April 10	GCCC Endowment Association annual auction
May 8	GCCC Commencement

---

Debra J. Atkinson  
Deputy Clerk

---

Herbert J. Swender  
President

---

Dr. Marilyn Douglass  
Chair of the Board