

MINUTES

COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 21, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Skype Meeting

Present from Fiduciary Board: Mr. Steven Cohen, Mr. Andy Crawford, Mr. Bruce Hawkins, Mr. Robert Montagnese, Mr. J. Park Shai, Ms. Cheryl Snyder, Ms. Marion Sutton, Mr. Paul Thompson, Mr. Gordy Yance, and Ms. Sarah Wallace, Board Emeritus

Present from the OSUN board: Mr. Chris Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Rob Montagnese called the skype meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and informed the board that notice of this meeting has been given in conformity with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 17 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17 board meeting. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the March 17 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 26 EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26 board meeting. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the March 26 board meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, the following gifts as presented:

Gifts – March

The Barnes & Noble College Bookstore Scholarship	\$ 10,000.00
The Science and Technology Building Capital Campaign	868.96
The Elizabeth Barnhart Award for Nursing Excellence	828.60
The Judy Ratliff Stansbury Scholarship	400.00

The Officer Thomas W. Cottrell, Jr Award	205.00
The COTC Presidential Scholarship	25.00
The TrueCore Emergency Grant	20.00
The Faculty & Staff Premier Scholarship	12.00
The Laverne A. Messimer Memorial Scholarship	2.50

Gift in Kind donation:

- 3 – Respironics Esprit Ventilators from Knox Community Hospital
Value = \$ 150.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chris Meyer, OSUN Advisory Board member provided the following report:

Murphy receives Teacher of the Year award

Ohio State Newark’s Lucy Eldersveld Murphy, PhD, has been named 2020 Teacher of the Year by The Ohio Academy of History. This award is intended to “recognize excellence in the teaching of history.” Her research focuses on intercultural, interracial and gender relations on midwestern American borderlands. She teaches courses on Native American, U.S. women’s, immigration, antebellum American and U.S. western history. Read more about our faculty accomplishments.

2020 Student Research Forum Winners Announced

In early March, twenty-five undergraduate students at The Ohio State University at Newark were diligently preparing presentations showcasing results of their mentored academic research. Unfortunately, this premier annual student event became one of the first Newark campus events to be cancelled due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Associate Professor Nathaniel Swigger, PhD, however, wanted to find a way to both acknowledge the tremendous student efforts involved and provide an alternative forum for presentations. He quickly arranged a virtual research forum to make the forum still possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pataskala Campus Updates

Brian Boehmer reported that this project is still moving forward. Bid documents were completed last month. Bids were received yesterday. 10 companies submitted bids \$3.2 million is the projected cost. Robertson Construction came in with the lowest bid. Miles McClellan became the low bidder when alternates were factored in. Discussion followed regarding consideration to a local contractor and reputation/experience. Brian will investigate the ORC restrictions and guidelines in place. Brian went over the next steps leading up to the controlling board. At this time, the controlling board is only approving projects deemed essential. A letter has been created and sent to OACC and Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC). They can provide additional leverage and support to our project. We have solicited additional letters of support from other Pataskala area individuals.

John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology Update

Construction on 32 million-dollar project began last September and it is now 20% complete. March 2021 is the expected completion date. Site work is about 99% complete. Brian went through list of projects that are done or nearly done. He also went through the list of scheduled tasks. He reminded the board of the webcam in place for anyone that wishes to follow its progress. Some covid-19 issues, OSU has all capital projects over \$4 million on a “pause” or “go” list. Currently, we are not on the “pause” list or the “go” list.

We are on a list that will be continually reviewed every 3-4 months. Much of our funding is already secured. Dr. Berry will compose a letter to be sent urging the continued progress with this building.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Berry provided campus updates on our response to the Coronavirus and how it has made an impact on financials, students, faculty, staff, and the community.

- Financial implications –
 - SSI formula (expecting some type of cut possibly 15 – 20 % reduction this year and next)
 - Enrollment (majority have held on through this remote process)
 - Anticipate a reduction in the short-term (continue as remote more than likely)
 - Summer we are currently 20% lower than last year but closing this gap
 - COVID-19 Relief Act/CARES Act (over 1.6 million received) ½ to student support
 - Budget – tough decisions to be made for the future. Currently all staff and faculty are still working but this could change. May look at a first phase of employees back on campus.
- Students First –
 - Communicate with them on a regular basis (faculty, staff, president)
 - Adena parking lot Wi-Fi hot spot
 - Extended campus computer labs
 - Emergency Funds
 - Admissions placement testing modified “test optional”
 - Clinicals remotely for summer semester
 - Early degrees awarded (74 COTC students) COTC and Columbus State both did this
 - Commencement Ceremony postponed but will be recognized locally
- Faculty and Staff –
 - OCIO/IT loaner laptops provided
 - Wi-Fi accessibility
 - Weekly communications and/or videos
- Community Engagement –
 - Supplies provided to our local hospitals
 - Advancement Office provided baked goods at The Inn at Chapel Grove
- Other –
 - Coshocton Promise – Clarence Miller funding from the Coshocton Foundation \$59,500 initially. Enrollment went up about 20%. Today they announced they plan to increase to \$88,000 per year.
 - Student Leadership Awards – virtual announcements on social media to these students

OTHER BUSINESS - none

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 8:30 a.m., Skype or Zoom Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Rob Montagnese
Chairman

Steve Cohen
Vice-Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

To meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.