

MINUTES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 9, 2024
5:00 pm, Regular Meeting
FGC Administration Building, Board Room

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees was called to order May 9, 2024 at 5:04 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Renae Allen.

Board Members Mr. Chuck Brannan, Mr. Lindsey Lander and Mr. David Crawford were absent.

All votes were unanimous unless stated otherwise.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Suzanne Norris led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Audience of Any Citizen

Mr. Stew Lilker addressed the Board.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Kathryn McInnis made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 Board meeting minutes. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Student Government Report

There was no report.

VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda

- A. *Personnel Matters
- B. *Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. *Surplus Property
- D. *Approval of Program Changes
- E. *Approval of Course Changes

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items "A" through "E". Dr. Miguel Tepedino seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. Academic Affairs

Dr. Lawrence Barrett, President, shared that, Valerie Myers, an FGC Digital and Media student, has been awarded the Gilman Scholarship of \$3000 for our Study Abroad program. The college has had a winner in each of the last four cycles this award has been given out.

The Spring 2024 Student Art & Design Exhibition was well attended with a total of 142 pieces of student art on the walls, and 20 pieces of 3D and ceramics work displayed. There were 64 different students represented and over 100 visitors.

The Teacher Academy is partnering with Project Learning Tree to host a professional development experience for our students, this event will take place on May 11th. The activities in this session will be correlated with B.E.S.T. standards for ELA and Math as well as Next Generation Sunshine State standards for science and social studies.

VIII. Student Affairs and Public Information

Mr. Tony Cardenas, Vice President of Student Affairs and Public Information, updated Board members on events in his area. An "After Hours" tutoring event was held in the Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center on April 22-25. This event provided students tutoring for their upcoming finals. Applications for our 2024-2025 residence hall housing are now available online. Both our STEM and Art summer camps are sold out but the academic and sports camps still have space. Free childcare will be offered after all camp sessions.

Mr. Cardenas reported that, this week Stephen Culotti spotlighted FGC professor Elizabeth Carroll and her newly released children's book, "Oh Henry!" in a press release and article. This book hit bookshelves on May 7th.

Vice President Cardenas gave an update on our athletics programs. The Athletic Department is projecting 12 Academic All-Americans, 26 Regional All-Americans, and more than 40 Academic All-Conference athletes.

Lastly, the FGC Women's Flag Football team are NJCAA National Champions. The championship tournament was played in Atlanta this week in a best of three series. The Timberwolves took home the final win with a 45-6 score against Hesston.

IX. Enrollment and Marketing

Ms. Kacey Schrader, Dean of Enrollment and Marketing, gave updates in her area. Summer enrollment is up 7% in headcount, at 1,680 students compared to 1,556 students last year. Credit hours compared to this time last year are 11,472 compared to 10,852.

Ms. Schrader thanked students and staff for their hard work on the Spring Graduation ceremonies that were held on May 3rd.

Ms. Schrader continued by saying the FGC Dual Enrollment staff attended two parent meetings this week at Columbia High School for incoming ninth graders students and parents. Those students will be testing next week for college readiness.

There were 62 Board of Trustees' scholarship selected recipients. BOT yard signs were taken to students' homes and those students will be recognized at each high school awards ceremony.

Ms. Schrader ended her report by giving an update on her recruitment staff. On May 2nd they attended the Sunshine State Scholars College recruitment fair in Orlando, FL. This event hosted Florida's top high school STEM scholars. They were also able to attend the

Build My Future event in April at the Columbia County Fairground where they connected with high school students interested in the construction and trade industries.

X.

Business Services

Ms. Michelle Holloway, Vice-President of Business Services requested Board consideration of the following items:

A. General Information

B. * Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Ms. Kathryn McInnis made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. * Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal year 2023-2024

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected plant fund (Fund 7) Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XI.

President's Report

Dr. Barrett began his report by thanking Trustee Kathryn McInnis for her help delivering BOT Scholarship signs in Dixie County and thanked all Trustees for their support over these last few difficult months.

Dr. Barrett gave an update on the search for Vice President of Academic Affairs. The college had over 87 applicants and of those 6 were brought to campus for interviews. These were all day interviews with the entire campus having a chance to meet each candidate and send in a rating on each. We are currently in the process of vetting a couple of these candidates and will be bringing you a finalist in the June meeting.

The college received approval from the State Board of Education for the AS in Fire Science, this program will start Fall 2024. We are currently working towards a Bachelors degree in Public Safety Emergency Management.

President Barrett stated Human Resources is currently working on getting things ready for the change to the State insurance plan. The cost to the college for this is still unknown, more updates to come on this matter. The college is working to implement a new college website that will have added features for the community.

Dr. Barrett closed his report by congratulating the women's Flag Football team for their victory today in Atlanta. This team for the second year in a row won the Women's Flag Football NJCAA National Championship. Five FGC players were named to the All-

Tournament team, Alexandra Harris, Makenzie Phillian, Chinera Shaheed, Tremesha Harris and Ashley Smith. Ashley Smith was awarded Most Valuable Player of the NJCAA Tournament and head coach Rick Huffy was named NJCAA Flag Football Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

B. *2023-2024 Presidential Evaluation Results {M. Logan}

Ms. Logan discussed the results of the Presidential Evaluation. Dr. Barrett received almost all 5 ratings with the exception of three categories in which a newer trustee felt that he had not had an adequate opportunity to observe Dr. Barrett in these categories. She read some of the Board members comments from their evaluations regarding Dr. Barrett's amazing leadership and dedication to the college.

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Presidential Evaluation. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Topics for Future Meetings

XIV. Inspect Warrant Register

XV. Set Time for the Next Meeting

June 13, 2024

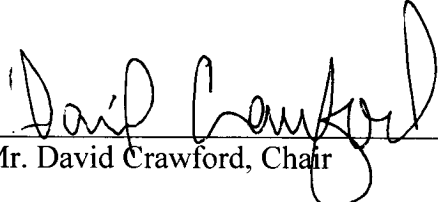
Time: 4:00 pm/ Workshop


5:00 pm Regular Meeting

Location Workshop & Regular meeting: Florida Gateway College Board Room
Administration Bldg. 1

Ms. Kathryn McInnis made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm


Mr. David Crawford, Chair


Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary