

Pierpont Community & Technical College
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES
November 16, 2010

Call to Order

A meeting of the Pierpont Community & Technical College Board of Governors was held on November 16, 2010 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Falcon Center Board Room. Present at the meeting were Board Members: Dixie Copley, Earl McConnell, Kyle Hamilton, Beverly Jones, Rick Pruitte, Tom Stose, Drew Kelly and Linda Aman. Jeff Tucker joined by phone. Absent were Jim Griffin, Eugene Weaver, and Sharon Shaffer.

Vice Chair Dixie Copley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Drew Kelly moved the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting be approved. Kyle Hamilton seconded. Motion carried.

Special Recognitions

President Dr. Doreen Larson recognized Tracey Corbin, Coordinator – Emergency Medical Services, for receiving the West Virginia Community College Association Outstanding Contributor Award.

President's Report

Dr. Larson announced that we will have Board retreat in December in lieu of a regular meeting. Pierpont is continuing to focus on our priorities of strategic planning and accreditation, off-site presence and curriculum, faculty and staff development, student retention and graduation, and the identity and marketing of Pierpont. Dr. Larson and a selected group attended a Higher Learning Commission Orientation Workshop in Chicago. The workshop introduced us to the Open Pathways accreditation process. Pierpont will be among a select group of 2 and 4 year institutions that are going to pilot this new process. The model process takes place over a 10 year cycle, but our group is expected to complete the process in just over 3 years so that the Higher Learning Commission can launch this new process in 2014 for general use. Pierpont was selected to be a “pioneer” college because we have substantial assessment practices in place and we also have the unique opportunity to create our college’s strategic plan in perfect alignment with accreditation. Pierpont serves 13 counties in North Central West Virginia and the Board has indicated a need to focus not only the scope but the quality of service to our entire region. Jeani Hawkins, Assistant Vice President for Off-Campus Programs is part of the leadership team in our Pioneer accreditation process. She will assure that our goals and strategies are appropriate for and implemented throughout our 13 counties.

At the Board of Governors retreat data from the Pierpont Priority meetings, enrollment and graduation trends, economic indicators and state standards will be provided. The new state Master Plan for Community Colleges has added tracking and reporting of student success and graduation as major measures of college performance. This emphasis aligns with our accreditation emphasis on student learning and also Pierpont's commitment to student success. Tracey Corbin has the opportunity to attend the American Council of Education Women in Higher Education Leadership Forum to encourage her and two other faculty Nancy Parks and Mary Beth Angeline to consider leadership roles at Pierpont. Mr. Steve Leach will join Pierpont in December as the Vice President of Organization and Development. He will have two major areas of focus. Mr. Leach will serve as our connection with local, state and federal government officials and agencies. Mr. Leach also brings a deep background and experience in organizational development and management. Steve will be able to help us review options for overall organization and also help us deal with the logistics of organizational change. Pierpont has had record enrollment success this fall, and one of the major areas of growth has been at the Robert C. Byrd Aerospace Education Center. Pierpont is going down new pathways every day in terms of functioning as an independent college. We participated independently for the first time in the United Way Campaign. Several groups from Pierpont had 100% participation in the United Way Campaign.

Constituent Reports

Mary Beth Angeline presented the Faculty Assembly Report.
Mary Jo Rutherford presented the Classified Staff Report.
Jaron Hollida presented the Student Government Report.
Leslie Lovett presented the Academic Affairs Report.
Bo Sellers presented the Center for Workforce Education Report.
Jeani Hawkins presented the Off Campus Programs Report.
Dixie Yann presented the Foundation Report.

Finance Report

Dale Bradley delivered the report on the Pierpont Community & Technical College Unrestricted and Restricted Funds and Fund Manager Budgets for FY 2011.

Capital Projects Update

Jim Decker reported on the summary of FY 2011 Capital Projects Completion status.

Approval of Additional Capital Projects for FY 2011

Two Government Services Grants through the West Virginia Office of the Governor have been secured. One of the Grants is for the Fire Suppression System/Fire Wall at the National Aerospace Education Center. The second Grant is for the Phase III of the Folklife Center. Kyle Hamilton moved to approve the additional Capital Projects for FY 2011. Tome Stose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Dale Bradley reported on the adjusted budget plan for FY 2011. Earl McConnell made the motion for Approval of Recommended Budget Changes to the Unrestricted Funds for Fiscal Year 2011. Kyle Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Off Campus Operations Committee

Tom Stose reported updates on the signage replacement taking place at the off campus sites. The committee is interviewing architectures for off campus building improvements. The committee is planning a visit to Barbour County to expand our knowledge of the area and consider holding a meeting in that service area.

Marketing Committee

No report.

New Business

No report.

Old Business

The Board Retreat will be held on December 10, 2010 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. A calendar of Pierpont events was presented to the Board for the upcoming month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.