

**Approved by Board, May 15, 2023**

**PATRICK & HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
College Board Meeting  
12:30 p.m. – March 20, 2023**

**Minutes**

The Patrick & Henry Community College Board held its regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Hooker Exhibit Hall, Frith Economic Development Center, with Mr. Robert Haley, Chair, presiding.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Robert Haley, Chair; Mr. Sean Adkins; Ms. Pamela Allen; Mr. Gary Collins; Ms. Jewell Drewery; Mr. Robert Foster; Ms. Belinda Graham; Mr. George Hippisley; Dr. Shana LeGrant; Mr. Wayne Moore; Mr. Ouss Sahhar; and Mr. Tim Stone.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Roger Hayden, and Mr. Brandon Scott.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Greg Hodges, Sue Ann Ehmann, Gerry Bannan, Jennifer Bowles, Meghan Eggleston, Dr. Colin Ferguson, Randy Ferguson, Jack Hanbury, Letitia Pulliam, Tiffani Underwood, Roberta Wright, Terry Young, Dr. Chloe Mayhew, Thomas (TJ) Philpott, Megan Walker, Kenya Dillard, Caleb Murphy, David Craig, Jalena Spikes, Kinya Moore, and Grace Gongora.

Mr. Robert Haley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m. A quorum was present. Media representative Monique Holland, *Martinsville Bulletin*, was welcomed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2023, MEETING**

**Motion #1.** Mr. Sean Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, regular meeting. Seconded by Ms. Pamela Allen, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Given by Dr. Greg Hodges

Dr. Hodges reported the following:

- Enrollment is up for the first time in 4 years and only the second time in a decade.
- Spring 2023 enrollment is 6% higher than last spring which makes P&HCC's percentage enrollment increase the second largest in the VCCS.
- Work Force enrollment continues to be extremely strong.
- We are now offering welding classes in MET II with a grand opening scheduled for the fall.
- These figures link directly to JOBS! Economic renaissance in our service area is very real!
- P&HCC was featured in a national publication by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program, *Rural Community College Excellence*. Point after point demonstrated how central P&HCC is to our region's economic recovery.

- Our new Chancellor, Dr. David Doré, begins on Monday, April 3, 2023. He will be visiting every campus in his first six weeks and will be on our campus the morning of Thursday, April 13. He will be back the next day for the Inauguration. Please complete the survey you received to help him gain a good perspective on our school and its attributes.

Dr. Hodges then introduced our new full-time employees who had come aboard since our January meeting.

- Dr. Chloe Mayhew – Interim Coordinator for Dual-Enrollment
- Thomas (TJ) Philpott) – Upward Bound Math & Science Advisor and Instructor
- Megan Walker – Student Success Navigator and Advising Technologies Lead
- Kenya Dillard – MHC After 3 Middle School Director

He also introduced five of the students who are participating in his Presidential Scholars Fellowship: Caleb Murphy, David Craig, Jalena Spikes, Kinya Moore, and Grace Gongora.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

### **Report on Local Funds Expenditures – Period Ending February 28, 2023**

Report given by Mr. Jack Hanbury, Vice President for Financial & Administrative Services.

- **Local Funds Summary**  
All funds are in the black. Income has caught up with expenses. Our ending balance is \$1,465,273.47.
- **Locality Fund Budget**  
We are showing a surplus because we are waiting for completion of the MET II final projects.
- **Auxiliary Funds Budget**  
Everything is within budget. We can now transfer the \$35,000 to Student Activities.
- **Auxiliary Funds Investments Performance**  
Although the market has been choppy, we are nevertheless up 3% YTD.
- **Student Activities Budget**  
Student Activity Fees exceeded our expectations. Expenses surpassed income, but it should even out by the end of the semester.
- **Student Activities Funds**  
All student clubs are doing well and remain within budget.

- **Parking Funds**

Funds have been set aside to finish the crosswalk in front of the Walker building. Pavers in the shape of a compass will go into the middle of the crosswalk. These are still on back-order.

### **ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Report given by Meghan Eggleston, Dean of Student Success in the absence of Dr. Chris Wikstrom, VP of Academic & Student Success Services.

- **Spring Enrollment**

- We continue to see a strong increase over last spring's enrollment in both dual enrollment and non-dual enrollment sectors. This increase could very well result in an overall increase for this academic year.
- Some 8-week courses started last Monday. We will have final numbers at the next board meeting.
- We are grateful to our K-12 partners, The Harvest Foundation, and our faculty/staff for the post-pandemic rebound.

### **WORKFORCE, ECONOMIC, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WECD)**

Report given by Rhonda Hodges, VP of WECD

- **Career Center**

- On April 6, 2023, there will be a Career Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Stone Hall Gymnasium. The fair is open to students and the public. So far around forty employers have signed up to participate.
- NASA Visits P&HCC! Tuesday, March 21 from 12 – 2 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.
- We are actively collaborating with several of our local employers on paid internships and work-based learning opportunities which provide benefits to the students and is a recruitment strategy for employers.

- **Fast Forward** (Short-Term, Non-Credit programs that lead to industry recognized credentials/certification.)

- As of March 13, 2023, we have 239 students enrolled in Fast Forward programs. Up 14.35% over FY23.
- We are starting a new Fast Forward program – Power Line Worker – in collaboration with Wytheville Community College thanks to a \$750,000 G3 Innovation Consortium grant from VCCS. Wytheville Community College helped with the development of our Electrical Groundswoker program in 2019 with discussions of that feeding into a Power Line Worker program. We hope to begin this program in Patrick County this fall.

- **Community Development**
  - Startup and Grow MHC is underway – 12 students with 9 new business proposals.
  
- **NC3 National CTE Letter Signing Day – April 20, 2023**
  - Celebrating students intending to attend P&HCC this fall and study: CAD, General Engineering Technology, HVAC, Industrial Electronics Technology, Motorsports Technology, Power Line Worker, Precision Machining, Residential/Commercial/Industrial Electrician, and Welding.
  - The Martinsville/Henry County program will meet at the MET at 9:30 a.m.
  - The Patrick County program will meet at the Baliles-Reynolds Learning Center at 1:00 p.m.

### **INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

Report given by Tiffani Underwood, Director of Development and the P&HCC Foundation.

- **Patriot Players** – Matilda will open in April with shows April 13 - 16, and 21-23. Tickets are on sale now!
  - Sponsorship opportunities are available, so please see me if you or your business would be interested in sponsoring the show or the season.
  
- **Presidential Inauguration for Dr. Hodges**
  - April 14, 2023 – 10:00 am at Stone Hall with a reception to follow at the MET.
  - Hopefully, everyone received their invitations, please be sure to RSVP before March 22.
  - Regalia was handed out to those Board members who are planning to take part in the Presidential Inauguration on April 14, 2023.
  
- **Scholarships**
  - Patrick & Henry Scholars Application – opened February 1, 2023.
    - This prestigious award provides full tuition and fees.
    - Honors academic achievement, leadership potential, and civic engagement.
    - Deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.
  - The application for all other Foundation scholarships will open on April 1.
  
- **Donations**
  - Carter Bank & Trust Donation - \$48,000 to support Workforce Development efforts.
  - ValleyStar surprise donation of \$16,000.
    - \$6,000 will go towards scholarships.
    - \$10,000 will go to support the Motorsports program.

- **Announcements**

- We will be honoring ValleyStar Credit Union in April with the Chancellor's Award for Philanthropy. We are thrilled to be able to recognize the more than 30-year partnership we have shared with ValleyStar.

**ATHLETICS**

Dr. Hodges gave the Athletic report in the absence of Mr. Brian Henderson, Asst Vice President of Student Engagement & Inclusion/Athletic Director,

- Ten of our soccer players have signed 4-year letters of commitment for scholarships. Our player of the year, Carlos Trott, received a full ride to Liberty University.
- Our first game of the year will be at UVA and will be aired on ESPN.
- We have already signed fifteen new international student athletes from New Zealand, Colombia, Mexico, Sweden, Brazil, Spain, and South Africa.
- Wrestling went to Nationals for the second year in a row. Trey Kratko picked up our first two wins at Nationals and was a win away from being an All-American.
- Baseball is on fire, winning 8 of the last 9 games.
- Bass Fishing competed in their first tournament of the season at Buggs Island. We have six anglers, and they travel with three boats.
- Golf and outdoor track began this weekend.
- Tennis hosted our first ever match at Jaycee Park.
- Our Softball team is on fire, winning 13 of last 15 games. The Lady Pats are first in the nation in all categories of hits, RBIs, and doubles, and they are second in home runs. This gives them a chance for a national ranking for the first time in over a decade.
  - Three of our Softball team are National leaders:
    - Morgan Strickland is the national leader in RBIs, and is tied for the lead in Home Runs, and tied for the lead in wins by a pitcher.
    - Leanna Mills is 22nd in the nation in RBIs.
    - Patrick County's Makenzie Belcher is tied for the National leader in stolen bases.
- P&H student-athletes have started a community service project called "Breakfast Buddies". Every morning they go to Stanleytown Elementary and read to students. We are so proud of our student-athletes.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Board to consider approval of Professor Emeritus Appointment (Board Report #435)**

Dr. Hodges reported that anyone in the P&HCC employment base may recommend a retired faculty member who has at least ten years of service and has made a significant, meritorious contribution to the college. Those letters of recommendation come to the office of the President who confirms with Human Resources that the nominee meets the criteria. Then an ad hoc committee chaired by Dr. Wikstrom, deans, and other personnel meets to review those nominations

and then presents those approved nominations to the Board for final approval. Professor Joe Gravely has been nominated, and the ad hoc committee has approved his nomination. Professor Gravely is quite legendary here at P&HCC.

**Motion #2.** George Hippisley moved to approve Board Report #435. Wayne Moore seconded the motion and without further discussion, it passed unanimously.

- **Appointment of ad hoc Nominating Committee**  
Chairman, Robert Haley reported that Monica Hatchett had resigned her position on the Board leaving the Vice-Chair seat vacant. He appointed Gary Collins, Jewell Drewery, and Robert Foster to sit on this ad hoc committee which he will chair. The committee will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in Frith 145.
- **Information Technology Annual Report**  
David Deal, Dean of Technology was unable to attend the meeting, but Dr. Hodges told the Board that highlights of the full report will be emailed to all Board members. The full report had already been sent to Board members.
- **Bob Vogler Teaching Scholarship**  
Gary Collins reminded the Board that they had voted to support the Bob Vogler Teaching Scholarship. Bob Vogler had been a resolute Board member for many years. His background was teaching and education. Robert Haley, Board Chair, distributed a letter to all Board members with information about the scholarship including a return envelope for mailing any contributions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further discussion or comments brought forth, Robert Haley, Chair, reminded the Board that the next regular meeting of the Board will be May 15, 2023. He then adjourned the meeting at 12:57 pm.

Minutes Approved By:



Robert W. Haley, Board Chair



Greg Hodges, Secretary to the Board

Minutes Recorded By:



Sue Ann Ehmann