

**Minutes of the  
Gaston College  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Myers Center Auditorium, Section C  
November 15, 2021**

**Members Present:** Judge Jesse Caldwell  
Sheriff Alan Cloninger, Secretary  
Mr. John Dancoff, Chair  
Mr. Jonathan Fletcher  
Mr. Steve Hall  
Ms. Iris Hopper  
Ms. Resa Hoyle  
Mr. Steve Huffstetler  
Ms. Janie Peak  
Mr. Tim Smith  
Ms. Julie Stroupe  
Mr. Randy Vinson  
Mr. Joseph Wittmer, SGA President

Dr. John Hauser, President

**Members Absent:** Ms. Jennifer Davis, Vice Chair  
Mr. Tom Keigher

**Others Present:** Ms. Shelly Alman, Mr. Todd Baney, Ms. Pamela Beard, Mr. Sam Buff, Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Ms. Mary Ellen Dillon, Ms. Annette Everette, Ms. Elizabeth Flowers, Ms. Monet Freeman, Ms. Danielle Greb, Ms. Andrea Grenier, Ms. Debora Hager, Ms. Guyann Howe, Ms. Katelin Johnson, Ms. Meagan Lingerfelt, Ms. Tammy Lowery, Chief Talmadge McInnis, Dr. Jennifer Nichols, Mr. David Nutt, Ms. Julie Ostrowski, Ms. Alisa Roy, Dr. Audrey Sherrill, Mr. Greg Smith, Ms. Elizabeth Standridge, Ms. Holly Steuerwald, Officer Crystal Todd, Mr. Luke Upchurch, Ms. Linda Vespa, Ms. Tanisha Williams, Dr. Heather Woodson; and Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney.

**Chair Dancoff called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present for the meeting.**

- **Invocation – Ms. Hopper**

- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Chair Dancoff reminded Trustees of the ethics requirements of public servants and requested they identify any conflicts of interest or appearance of conflicts of interest present. No conflicts were identified.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Chair Dancoff asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda.** Chair Dancoff relayed that the topics on the agenda would not change; however, due to a time constraint the Campus Affairs Items may be reviewed earlier than listed.

**Ms. Stroupe moved to approve the agenda; Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2021, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.**

**Chair Dancoff presented the Minutes of the September 27, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. No changes were identified.**

**Ms. Peak moved to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2021, Board of Trustees Meeting; Ms. Hoyle seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**C. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. Welcome Guests and Introduce New Employees**

Dr. Hauser welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized Ms. Tanisha Williams, Staff Senate President. Mr. Sid Sowers, Faculty Senate President, was not present.

Dr. Hauser invited Ms. Alman, Mr. Baney, Dr. Dellinger, Dr. Sherrill, Mr. Smith, Mr. Upchurch, and Dr. Woodson to introduce the new employees in their divisions:

Ms. Alman, Vice President for Finance, Operations and Facilities introduced:

Ms. Katelin Johnson, Administrative Assistant – Technology Services

Mr. Baney, Vice President for Human Resources, Organization Development and Safety introduced:

Ms. Danielle Greb, Human Resources Administrator

Dr. Dellinger, Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs introduced:

Ms. Elizabeth Standridge, Learning Resources Specialist

Dr. Sherrill, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management introduced:

Ms. Annette Everette, Academic Advisor  
Ms. Vondra Leak, Academic Advisor (Not in attendance)  
Ms. Debora Hager, Registration and Records Specialist – Continuing Education

Mr. Smith, Vice President for Economic and Workforce Development introduced:

Ms. Pamela Beard, Basic Skills Assistant Coordinator  
Ms. Monet Freeman, Coordinator/Instructor – Customized Training (Textile)  
Mr. Edward Flowers, Coordinator/Instructor – Customized Training (Manufacturing)

Mr. Upchurch, Chief Development Officer/Executive Director Gaston College Foundation introduced:

Ms. Holly Steuerwald, Coordinator – Development Office Operations  
Ms. Andrea Grenier, Scholarships and Donor Relations Specialist

Dr. Woodson, Vice President for Academic Affairs introduced:

Ms. Tammy Lowery, Instructor/Lead Faculty – Central Sterile Processing Position

## **2. Introduction of New Board Members**

Chair Dancoff welcomed Judge Jesse Caldwell, III to the Board of Trustees; he had been appointed to the Board for a four-year term by the Governor's Office.

### **Judge Jesse Caldwell, III**

A resident of Gastonia, Judge Jesse Caldwell, III, has a B.A. in Political Science and Government from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and he is a Juris Doctor of the University of North Carolina School of Law. Recently retired, he served in private practice as the Chief Public Defender, as Superior Court Judge since 1993, and as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for Gaston County since 1995. Judge Caldwell is very involved with the community serving as a member on various committees. He has also taught classes at Gaston College for 20 years in the paralegal and criminal justice programs, at Gardner-Webb University, and was an adjunct faculty member at the Charlotte School of Law. Judge Caldwell was honored to receive the Family Advocate Award from the Gaston County Commission on the Family and the Martin Luther King Unity Award from Gaston Together.

Judge Caldwell relayed how honored he is to serve on the Board of Trustees as he has been involved with the College in many aspects for many years. He is a longtime supporter of WSGE and has a great appreciation and affection for the College. Chair Dancoff, again, welcomed Judge Caldwell to the Board of Trustees.

**Please note:** At this time, Chair Dancoff relayed to the Trustees that he would move the Campus Affairs Committee items for review and approval up on the agenda as he was aware that Ms. Peak may need to leave the meeting early; she was filling in for Campus Affairs Committee Chair Davis. For the sake of the minutes, the sections will be kept in the order listed on the agenda.

#### **D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Hauser's activities, since the September 27, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting, were provided in the Board packet. Also, in the Board packet were reports from the Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Vice Presidents/Administrators for Economic and Workforce Development; Finance, Operations, and Facilities; Human Resources, Organizational Development, and Safety; the Foundation; and the Textile Technology Center.

Gaston Early College of Medical Science Ribbon Cutting - Representatives from Gaston County Schools and Gaston College came together September 28, 2021, for a ribbon-cutting and open house celebration for the Gaston Early College of Medical Sciences (GECMS). The GECMS is the newest school choice/magnet program for Gaston County Schools.

Gaston College Foundation Stampede for Student Success - The inaugural Stampede for Student Success 5k Run/2K Walk, presented by the Gaston College Foundation, was held on October 2, 2021, with approximately 100 runners/walkers participating. Runners/walkers followed a course through the College's beautiful 150-acre Dallas campus.

Gaston College Open House - Immediately after the Stampede for Student Success on October 2, 2021, Gaston College hosted an Open House, which was a huge success with over 130 pre-registrations and 65 attendees.

Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) Trade Presentation - Gaston College's Kimbrell Campus hosted the EDPNC for their October 7, 2021, presentation. The agenda focused on *Resources and Grant Opportunities for NC Exporters*. Mr. John Loyack, EDPNC Vice President for Global Business Services, spoke on the topic of International Trade.

Gaston College Rhinos 2021 Golf Outing - The Gaston College Rhinos Golf Outing took place on October 20, 2021, at the Verdict Ridge Golf & Country Club in Denver, NC. It began with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and officially got underway at 10 a.m. with approximately 30 teams of golfers.

Textile Academy Kickoff - The Kickoff for the new Textile Academy was held on October 27, 2021, at 11 a.m., at the Kimbrell Campus. The Academy will help with existing workforce retention, training for unskilled labor, potential onboarding/vetting processes for new hires, training for members of the local workforce in need of a career change, and career exploration for high school and college students.

Fiber Innovation Center Groundbreaking - The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Fiber Innovation Center at the Kimbrell Campus in Belmont was held on Wednesday, October 27,

2021, at 1:30 p.m. This Center will be a world-class facility focused on the future of the textile industry.

Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) Expo 2021 - On November 2-4, 2021, Dr. Hauser attended the IFAI Expo 2021 with administrators from the Textile Technology Center (TTC) and Manufacturing Solutions Center. The TTC had a booth at the event to distribute information on what services the College's textile facility can provide.

Chair Dancoff asked if there were any questions for Dr. Hauser concerning the activities; there were none.

## **E. SGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

SGA President, Mr. Joseph Wittmer, provided the SGA report on SGA activities as of September 27, 2021.

SGA Sponsored Events - SGA planned and sponsored various events since the last Board of Trustees meeting. A total of 1,838 students participated in the events that were held.

- Gaston College 57<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Gaston College Themed Cookies and M&Ms
- Trivia Thursday: Sports Themed
- SGA Fall Fest - Grab and Go (All three campuses)
- National Pumpkin Day - Pumpkin Muffins
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest (Entry and Voting Participants)
- Halloween Treat Bags Grab and Go (All three campuses)
- Gaston College Spirit Day - Cotton Candy and Popcorn

N4CSGA Division Meeting - On September 18, 2021, four SGA members and one advisor virtually attended the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association Division Meeting.

N4CSGA President and SBCC Student Representative - On September 28, 2021, SGA Senator Nathan Vasquez accepted the President position of the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA) for this academic year.

Stampede for Student Success and Open House - SGA was one of the sponsors for the Gaston College 5K/2K Stampede for Student Success and registered 38 students to participate in the event.

Fall Fest - The SGA Fall Fest was held October 5-7, 2021. On the Dallas Campus, students had the opportunity to learn about student clubs and campus/community resources. At the Kimbrell and Lincoln campuses, students received customized Gaston College notebooks and street signs.

Blood Drive with OneBlood - On October 6-7, 2021, SGA sponsored a blood drive with OneBlood.

N4CSGA Fall Conference - On October 22-23, 2021, four SGA members and two advisors attended the virtual North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Fall Conference.

Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Wittmer for his report.

## **F. CAMPUS AFFAIRS**

Chair Dancoff called on Ms. Peak to present the Campus Affairs items for review and approval.

Before presenting the items, Ms. Peak took a moment to thank Mr. Luke Upchurch and the others who were involved in the coordination of the Scholarship Legacy Luncheon that was held on November 9 – 10, 2021. It was a wonderful event for donors and students, and she knew how much work it takes to host these events. She also welcomed Judge Caldwell on behalf of Ms. Davis, who couldn't attend the meeting, to the Campus Affairs Committee. She then added that on December 3, at a Gaston County Chamber event, Ms. Davis would receive the Athena Award. She commented that it is a wonderful, well-deserved honor for Ms. Davis, but also for the community and the College. Ms. Peak then asked Dr. Woodson to present the proposed Gunsmithing A.A.S. program for review and approval.

### **1. Proposed Gunsmithing A.A.S. Program**

One of the strategic goals for Gaston College is to work closely with business and community partners to identify opportunities for academic and career pathways, both online and in person, and or to modify programs, services, and program offerings to meet the needs of the community. Dr. Woodson relayed that the request for this program came from the machining faculty. There is a considerable overlap between the two programs as gunsmithing actually requires that you have machining skills. As a result of data review and expressed community interest, an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Gunsmithing is being proposed to increase the options for individuals seeking employment in the Gaston College service area.

Recent job market analysis shows there are over 200 annual openings for workers in modifying, repairing, or designing firearms or in related jobs in firearms sales, instruction, and safety. Program graduates may also be employed in machining careers due to the prevalence of machining coursework in the Gunsmithing program curriculum. Additionally, gunsmiths may be self-employed as a primary or secondary career.

At this time, only four of the State's 58 community colleges offer associate degrees or diplomas in Gunsmithing with no curriculum instruction currently offered in Western North Carolina. In Fall 2021, the College began offering continuing education coursework in Gunsmithing. This course was filled to capacity and a second course is planned for Spring 2022. The Division of Academic Affairs seeks to add a curriculum program in Gunsmithing for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Ms. Peak added that in the Campus Affairs Committee meeting it was explained that the program would start with 12 students in the Gunsmithing Diploma program. As student interest increases, the program could be advanced to the associate degree level. Also, it

was noted that no live ammunition will be involved with this program, which could have been a safety issue.

Fall (Year 1)

GSM 127A - General Repair (Part A)\*

ACA 111 - College Student Success

COM 110 (Introduction to Communication) or ENG 111 (Writing and Inquiry)

\*GSM-127 Part A and B will count as one class over two semesters

Spring (Year 1)

GSM 127B - General Repair (Part B)\*

MAT 110 (Math Measurement and Literacy) or MAT 121 (Algebra/Trigonometry I)

Fall (Year 2)

MAC 141 - Machining Applications I

GSM 111 - Gunsmithing I

Spring (Year 2)

MAC 142 - Machining Applications II

GSM 120 - Gunsmithing Tools

Summer (Year 2)

GSM 125 (Barrel Fitting/Alteration) or GSM 227 (Advanced Repair)

As far as the budget is concerned, full-time or part-time faculty will be required to provide instruction. Program coordination will be assigned to an existing department chair within the Career and Technical Education Division.

**Upon the recommendation of the Campus Affairs Committee, Ms. Peak moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the proposed Gunsmithing A.A.S. program as presented.**

As this motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**The motion carried.**

## **2. Respiratory Therapy Instructional Service (ISA) Agreement**

Ms. Peak asked Dr. Woodson to guide the Board through the Respiratory Therapy Instructional Service Agreement.

In Fall 2020, the Division of Academic Affairs proposed a new curriculum program in Respiratory Therapy. The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Respiratory Therapy was planned for Fall 2021. This program addition was approved by the Campus Affairs Committee on September 28, 2020, and the full Gaston College Board of Trustees on

October 5, 2020. Additionally, a Substantive Change document seeking approval for the program was submitted to the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in December 2020.

As a part of the curriculum application process for the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), any North Carolina community college applying for a new program must submit a planning notification to all other community colleges in the system. Colleges currently offering the program have the right to object to another community college offering the program if they feel the proposed program will have an impact on their enrollment numbers or student clinical site placements.

The planning notification for the Respiratory Therapy program was sent to other NC community colleges from Gaston College on October 14, 2020. The College promptly received objections from Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) and Stanly Community College due to clinical sites. As a result of these objections, the College began conversations with academic leaders at CVCC to develop an Instructional Service Agreement (ISA). An ISA would allow for a shared Respiratory Therapy program to be offered by CVCC on the Gaston College campus. In this model, all general education courses are completed at Gaston College with full FTE funding from NCCCS. FTE funding for the Respiratory Therapy courses are proposed to be shared between Gaston College (85%) and CVCC (15%). Costs associated with this program will also be shared. While full GC Board of Trustees approval was received in Fall 2020, the Division of Academic Affairs seeks additional approval to modify the manner in which the program is offered at the College. If approved, both colleges will work to begin a Gaston College cohort for Respiratory Therapy for Fall 2022.

Costs associated with this program will be shared between Gaston College and CVCC, as follows: faculty costs (GC); equipment (GC); initial program accreditation (GC); on-going program accreditation (CVCC and GC); administrative oversight (CVCC); admissions, financial aid, and other support services (CVCC); and expendable supplies (CVCC).

**Ms. Peak moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve an ISA in Respiratory Therapy in partnership with Catawba Valley Community College; Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion.**

Chair Danoff asked if there was any discussion. It was clarified that Gaston College students would not need to travel to CVCC for the classes. Dr. Hauser added that there were several colleges that raised objections to Gaston College having this program. This agreement with CVCC is a way around that obstacle and a way for Gaston College to honor its commitment to CaroMont Regional Medical Center to help provide qualified workers with this particular set of skills.

Graduates from the program will have a CVCC degree, but Gaston College can advertise the program and work to obtain grants to support its students in this field. On the other hand, CVCC is not able to offer the Central Sterile Program, so Gaston College will partner with them so students in their area can take that program. These types of partnerships



with CVCC and other community colleges provide program access to students and helps to break regional barriers between colleges so everyone benefits.

Ms. Peak added that in May 2022, 48 of the nursing students graduating from Gaston College have made a commitment to work at the CaroMont Regional Medical Center and will have a job upon graduation. With their commitment to CaroMont, their College tuition is paid for them by CaroMont. This doubles the amount of students Gaston College sends to work at the Center.

**The motion carried.**

## **G. FACILITIES**

Chair Dancoff called on Sheriff Cloninger to present the Facilities items for approval and review.

### **1. Fiber Innovation Center Updated Design and Layout**

With the addition of two separate \$1,000,000 pledges, the scope of the Fiber Innovation Center project has expanded from a 20,600 square foot building to a 39,000 square foot facility.

Preliminary specifications based upon initial programming included an extrusion lab, spinning yarn and filament process, incubator space, administrative offices, and storage/warehouse areas. The expansion has added a Reiter Room, Treuttschler Room, Incubator Lab, Quick Spin area, and Physical Testing Lab. The lobby has also been expanded to include gallery space. The project scope and building design has been adjusted to fit the \$7.3 million in funding resources.

A rendering of the project was provided for preview.

**Upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Sheriff Cloninger moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the Fiber Innovation Center Updated Design and Layout as presented.**

As this motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there was any discussion. There was none.

**The motion carried.**

### **2. Capital Reports**

#### **Fiber Innovation Center**

The College recently received two separate \$1,000,000 pledges. These pledges have allowed for an increase in the scope of the project to a 39,000 square foot building.

New spaces added to the expanded square footage include a Reiter Room, Treutzschler Room, Incubator Lab, Quick Spin, and Physical Testing Lab. The lobby has also been expanded to include gallery space.

The schematic design package was approved in early July by State Construction with minor comments.

The revised 3-1 budget has been approved and additional fees for the WHN Design Team will be determined after Shelco's cost estimate is updated.

Mr. Davis Warlick selected a preliminary design option for the entrance that continues to evolve, and Don Rusch has supplied the building floor plan for equipment, and it has been approved. Mr. Rusch is working on collecting all the power and utility design requirements for the equipment. Plans, elevations, and zoning comments are progressing.

Updated elevations and renderings were submitted to Mr. Warlick mid-October with renderings to be completed before the groundbreaking. The design development phase will proceed.

A groundbreaking was held on October 27, 2021.

State Construction has instituted a new rule for construction projects. All projects over 40,000 square feet and built with state funds must be overseen by a commissioning agent. This gives a project a second set of eyes to manage the project's progress. The new rule may apply to this project should any state funding be added to the project.

### **Lincoln Campus Space Renovation**

The College has initiated the project description with the community college system and submitted the 3-1 capital improvement project approval form, which was approved by the State Board on September 18, 2020. An architect's contract dated September 30 was signed and returned to State Construction Office and NCCCS on October 7, 2020. Schematic design and design development documents were reviewed by State Construction and Construction documents were submitted to State Construction on July 12, 2021. Construction document comments were received at the end of August and the final documents were submitted in early September. Drawings have been submitted to Lincoln County to obtain a county building permit.

### **Water Leak Repaired**

The water leak has been found and repaired with minimal damage to the parking lot under which it was found. The Town of Dallas will work with Gaston College regarding the water bill that was incurred due to the leak.

These items were presented for informational purposes; no action was necessary.

## **H. FINANCE**

Chair Dancoff asked Mr. Huffstetler to present the Finance Items for review.

## **1. FY 2022-2023 Lincoln County Operating Budget**

The Lincoln County Manager's Office has requested that the College submit its County budget for FY 2022-2023 in January 2022. Capital expense and maintenance of the Lincoln Campus are budgeted by the County. The budget approved for the College by Lincoln County for FY 2021-2022 was \$269,949 for operating expenses and \$30,000 for capital. The College is requesting an operating budget of \$275,201 from Lincoln County for FY 2022-2023. This represents a \$5,252 increase.

The FY 2022-2023 budget includes the following budget requests:

- Funding retirement and health insurance increases (\$853)
- Funding 1.5% salary increase (\$4,399)

N.C. statutes require the tax-levying authority of each institution provide adequate funds to meet the financial needs of the institution for capital, plant operations and maintenance, campus police and security, and support services. (GS. 115D-32)

The College is requesting a capital budget of \$30,000 from Lincoln County for FY 2022-2023.

The FY 2022-23 Lincoln County Operating Budget request reflects an increase of \$5,252 from the approved budget of \$269,949 for FY 2021-22 for a total budget request of \$275,201 and a capital budget request of \$30,000.

**Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Huffstetler moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the FY 2022-2023 Lincoln County Operating Budget as presented.**

As this motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any discussion. There was none.

**The motion carried.**

## **2. One-Time Employee Stipend**

Gaston College continues to operate under the challenges and restrictions of a global pandemic. Our faculty and staff have sustained service to our students and employees while supporting the mission and operations of the college during the pandemic. The last salary increase appropriated to North Carolina community college employees was awarded in fiscal year 2018-19.

To recognize their continued efforts, and for employee retention, President Hauser is requesting to grant a one-time \$1,500 stipend to all salaried employees which includes full-time regular, full-time temporary, and part-time regular employees who were included in the September 30, 2021 payroll and remain actively employed. The stipend will be awarded in a separate check on December 10, 2021 prior to the holidays. A similar stipend of \$750 was awarded in March of 2021.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Stipend (includes benefits) | \$632,982 (392 employees)        |
| Funding Source              | Lost Revenues from Covid Funding |

**Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Mr. Huffstetler moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve a one-time \$1,500 stipend to all salaried employees, which includes full-time regular, full-time temporary and part-time regular employees who were included in September 30, 2021, payroll and remain actively employed.**

As this motion came from Committee, a second was not required. Chair Dancoff asked if there were any discussion. There was none.

**The motion carried.**

### **3. Bi-Annual Employee Vacancy/Turnover Report**

In compliance with State Board Code 1A SBCCC 200.4 and Gaston College Policy 6-1.1, a biannual report detailing employment vacancy and turnover is required to be presented to the Board of Trustees.

The report was presented for informational purposes.

### **4. 2020-2021 Compliance Review Audit**

A compliance review was conducted at Gaston College by the North Carolina Community College System to ensure data used to allocate state funds among the community colleges were reported accurately for Summer Semester 2019 through Spring Semester 2020. This review is conducted pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 115D-5(m).

A finding was noted in the review of continuing education records in the occupational extension sample of classes. Documentation showed a finding with non-compliant hours reported for budget FTE exceeding 1% of the total number of hours. The finding, however, was minimal at 1.8% falling under the 5% threshold for a material finding. The finding did not warrant a reversion of funds.

Recommendations include implementing internal controls and consistent documentation. Recommendations also included a review of class hours beginning with Summer 2020 and making necessary adjustments allowed based on the three-semester grace period.

The report was provided for the Board's review.

This item was presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.

### **5. Supplemental State Budget Allocation**

Following is the Supplemental State Budget Allocation received in September 2021.

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|------------------------|------------------|
| #2 Customized Training | \$57,747         |
| Basic Skills           | 171,509          |
| AEFLA Section 225      | 7,628            |
| Long Leaf              | 100,717          |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$337,601</b> |

This Item was presented for informational purposes; no action was taken.

## **6. Financial Reports**

A summary of expenditures for year-end September 30, 2021, for State, Gaston, and Lincoln operating budgets and proprietary accounts in comparison to the previous year was provided for the Board's review and information.

This item was presented for informational purposes; no action was needed.

## **I. REPORT FROM NCACCT**

Mr. Vinson relayed that it looked as though the State Budget would be online later in the day on November 15, 2021.

Dr. Hauser relayed to the Trustees some items he felt would be included in the budget:

- Gaston College to receive \$5,000,000 for the Fiber Innovation Center
- Gaston College to receive \$2,000,000 for development/upfit of Cyber Security labs and classrooms at all three campuses
- Gaston College to receive \$11,000,000 for the Carolina Cyber Network – funding distributed to Fayetteville Technical CC and Montreat College partners (Gaston College will retain \$750,000)

Altogether, that is an \$18 million ask of the Legislature.

Mr. Vinson told the Trustees that Wednesday or Thursday it would be up for a vote, and then it will go to the Governor for signature.

Right now, the NCACCT is working on the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC, from February 6 to 9, 2022. The Spring Law/Legislative Seminar will be March 30 to April 1, 2022, in Raleigh; he asked the Trustees to be sure to put the dates on their calendar.

Chair Dancoff thanked Mr. Vinson for keeping the Board up-to-date of NCACCT events.

## **J. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Chair Dancoff relayed that the **basketball season** had started, and he hoped the Trustees could attend a few of the games. He had used the live-stream link to view a game, and it worked well. Dr. Hauser added that Gaston College's own Broadcast Production program students were the ones providing the streaming; he added that they

are doing a great job! It is a benefit of the Athletics program as the students now have an opportunity for live work.

2. Several trustees had attended the **Scholarship Legacy Luncheon** last week. It was a great time for donors to meet with the students they assist through their scholarship. Students had the opportunity to let the donors know how much their support means to them.
3. A copy of **Gaston Lifestyles Magazine** was distributed to each Trustee. Dr. Hauser was the featured guest in the Magazine, and his picture was on the cover.
4. Upcoming Events –
  - The **Board Self-Evaluation and Survey** is being prepared, and it will come out in January. Chair Dancoff asked the Trustees to please be sure to complete it as this is a very good way to know what is working for the Board and any areas where improvement could be needed.
  - **WSGE FCC Ownership Questionnaire** – This document must be filled out by each Trustee on the Board. If you have one at your place, please be sure to fill it out and give it to Ms. Dillon.
  - February 11, 2022 – The Board of **Trustees Retreat** will be held at the Gaston Country Club; it will begin at 8 a.m., with a full breakfast.
  - March 21, 2022 – The next **Finance and Facilities Committees Meeting** will be in the Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium, Section B, at 3 p.m.
  - March 28, 2022 – The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be held at 3 p.m., in the Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium, Section C.
  - Due to the COVID pandemic, there will not be a Campus-wide sit-down **Holiday Event** this year. It will be held in small groups as a Candyland walk through only.

## **K. AJOURNMENT**

Chair Dancoff asked if there was any further business to come before the Board.

Trustee Caldwell added that in addition to the excellent article in the Lifestyles Magazine related to Dr. Hauser, there was an article in the magazine about WSGE 91.7 disc jockey for WSGE, Mr. Tim Greene, who had recently won the Presidential Gold Service Award and Distinguished Humanitarian Award for more than 400 hours of service to local communities and to others across America.

Trustee Cloninger also informed the Board that on Saturday, November 20, a drop-in memorial service will be held for his brother, and former Gaston College Trustee, Mr. Thomas Cloninger, from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Old Crow Farm in Gastonia. Mr. Cloninger had passed away September 27, 2021.

**Chair Dancoff moved to adjourn the meeting; Sheriff Cloninger seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

Chair Dancoff adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Sheriff Alan Cloninger, Secretary**

**Mr. John Dancoff, Chair**

**Mary Ellen Dillon, Recording Secretary**

**(College Seal)**