

**Edison State College
District Board of Trustees Archival Collection
FINDING AID**

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Content Description:

The Edison State College (ESC) District Board of Trustees (DBOT) Archival Collection contains minutes and supplementary materials pertaining to DBOT meetings and actions. The collection spans the period from the college's inception in 1961-62 through 2006. In early 2006, ESC began posting minutes and supplementary materials online through the college website. As of this writing, materials from 2006 to the present are available at <http://www.edison.edu/district/board/meetings.php>.

Physical Description:

The ESC DBOT Archival Collection contains roughly 14.5 cubic feet of materials, housed in 14 acid-free buffered archival boxes. Materials are subdivided in 344 acid-free folders and individual months are divided with cotton paper where two or more months are collected in one file folder. Collection materials are comprised of paper, blueprints, two audio cassettes, and several CD-ROMs. Indications of microfilm and audio cassette recordings of board meetings and materials were found throughout the collection, specifically mentioned in the text of some monthly minutes and printed on labels on the original file folders. These microfilm and cassettes are not part of the collection. As an exception, two audio cassettes are present in 2006.

Materials were removed from original binding and file folders, and staples, rubber bands, and paper clips were disposed of. The original binders and file folders were returned to the college upon completion of the project.

This finding aid is located in a file folder in Box 1 at the beginning of the collection in paper form and recorded as a PDF file on an enclosed CD-ROM. The PDF file was also e-mailed to Dr. Edith Pendleton and Mr. William Shuluk.

Cataloging:

The collection is catalogued using catalog numbers 2012.01.001 through 2012.01.344. This reflects an archival cataloging system in which "2012" represents the year the collection was accessioned/processed, "01" indicates that this is the first collection accessioned by the college in 2012, and "001" through "344" represents the item/folder number. Each piece of material within the folders is marked with the item/folder number so that pieces that become separated from the collection can be returned to their proper location.

Redaction Recommendations:

Names and addresses of financially delinquent students appear throughout the collection. Since many of these addresses are outdated and current addresses are easily available online, it is not recommended that these materials be redacted or removed from the collection. However, beginning in 1993, the social security numbers of financially delinquent students, which were used as account numbers, are listed. It is highly recommended that these materials be redacted using a blackout of the social security numbers or removed altogether and stored in a separate location, with indication noted in the collection that these files have been removed and are not available to researchers. The following files contain social security numbers:

2012.01.263 (July - August 1993)
2012.01.267 (June 1994)
2012.01.273 (June 1995)
2012.01.278 (June - July 1996)
2012.01.285 (June 1997)
2012.01.304 (June 1999)
2012.01.311 (June 2000)
2012.01.316 (June 2001)
2012.01.321 (June - July 2002)

Summary and Significant Subjects by Year:

(Subjects are in bold type where they first appear in a particular year.)

Master List of Subjects which appear in the Collection Contents:

Advisement, Student
Associations, Student
Athletics
Baker, Mrs. Ida
Burnette, Dr. H. J.
Calendar, Academic
Canterbury School
Catalog, College
Charlotte County Center/Campus
Code of Conduct, Student
College Parkway
Collier County Center/Campus
Construction Projects
Corbin Fine Arts Auditorium
Curriculum
Cypress Lake Drive
Board of Trustees

Brubaker-Brandt Architects
Buccaneer Boulevard
Dunbar Center
Edison Junior College Advisory Committee
Edison College Foundation/Endowment Corporation
Equal Opportunity/Access
Faculty/Instructors/Staff/Personnel
Faculty Senate/Federation/Union
Fees, Student
Financial Aid/Work Study/Scholarships
Financial Reports/Audits/Budget
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida State Board of Education
Florida State Community College Coordinating Board/State Board of Community Colleges
Florida State Legislature
Frizzell, Mr. William (Architectural firm)
Gifts, Naming
Glades County
Goals
Gresham, Mr. Travis
Grievance
Gwynne Center
Handbook, Student
Hendry County
Hendry, Mrs. Jody
Learning Resource Center
Lee County Board of Public Instruction (School Board)
Lee County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
Lee Memorial Hospital
Legal Services/Attorney/Litigation
Leonhardt, Mr. Wilbur
Mann, Mr. Frank
Mann, Mrs. Mary Lee
Mission/Purpose/Vision Statements
Performing Arts Hall (Barbara B. Mann)
Planning, Long-Range/Master
Organizational Structure
Parker, Mr. Wiley (Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects)
Peeples, Mr. Vernon
Policies
Programs, Academic
Resolutions
Robertson, Dr. Alan

Robinson, Dr. David
Rollins, Dr. Charles
Salaries
Salley, Mr. Holland
Security, Campus
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation
Summerlin Road
University of Florida
University of South Florida
Venetian Bay Constructors
Walker, Dr. Kenneth
Wiley, Dr. Thomas

Summary:

1961 (2012.01.001)

The **Edison Junior College Advisory Committee**, the precursor to the DBOT, established membership guidelines, wrote a job description for the college president, and considered candidates. In October 1961, the Advisory Committee met for the first time, along with local school superintendents, to discuss the formation of the college.

1962 (2012.01.002)

The legal structure and **budget** of the proposed college were discussed by **Advisory Committee** members. In January 1962, the committee decided to ask the **Florida State Legislature** for \$30,000 to organize the college. This was passed through the **Lee County Board of Public Instruction**. The committee met again in January to interview candidates for college president. **Dr. Charles Robinson** of York Junior College in York, Pennsylvania, was hired at an annual **salary** of \$12,500. In March 1962 the committee appointed **Dr. David Robinson** as Dean, Ann Carr Waggoner as Director of Student Personnel Services and A. L. Williams as Business Manager/Bursar. Later that month, three standing committees were formed including the Education Committee, Buildings and Grounds, and Finance. In May and June 1962, the **Florida State Board of Education** formally appointed members of the Advisory Committee. Discussion took place on how to serve the African-American local community.

1963 (2012.01.003)

The first record of school enrollment appears in the March 1963 **Advisory Committee** minutes. Enrollment was noted at 603 students in the “First Semester” term (most likely fall 1962) and at 454 students in the “Second Semester” (most likely spring 1963) term. Classes were held at the **Gwynne and Dunbar Centers**. Additional school **instructors** were hired. The Advisory Committee discussed the need to meet with **state legislators** to obtain funding for the college.

Architect **William Frizzell** was asked to form preliminary designs for the **construction** of a new college campus with two buildings. A **financial aid** committee internal to the college was first mentioned and a financial aid report appeared. Updates and renovations to the **Gwynne and Dunbar Centers** were discussed. Alan Robertson was reelected **Advisory Committee Chair**. The first summer semester took place. Growth in enrollment and the need for more educators was discussed in October 1963. The Advisory Committee recommended to the **Lee County Board of Public Instruction** that qualifications for enrollment in the college be put in place.

1964 (2012.01.004)

The first lists of **Advisory Committee** members appeared. Efforts continued to expand Advisory Committee membership into Collier and Charlotte Counties. Needs for additional **staff** and a way to transport students and staff were discussed. The first college commencement was scheduled for May 1964. The 1964-65 budget was discussed with a total revenue of just over \$400,000. Tuition waivers for **athletes** were considered. Division heads were first proposed in 1964, and included communications, business, humanities, math and engineering, physical education, science, and social studies. Merit pay for **instructors** was considered. Self-study for college **accreditation** began in June 1964. In the same month, the Advisory Committee passed a **resolution** asking the **Lee County Board of Public Instruction** to communicate with the Advisory Committee before rejecting any of the latter's requests or proposals. **Dr. Alan Robertson** discontinued his Advisory Committee chairmanship to accept a position with the **University of Florida**.

1965 (2012.01.005)

In January 1965 **President Rollins** discussed the visit by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)** and reported that the college had been granted early recognition based on self-study and a visit. The first internal **policies** manual was reviewed. The **Advisory Committee** approved the purchase of insurance for cash on hand. The first college **catalog**, for the year 1965-66 was presented and approved. By the February 1965 Advisory Committee meeting, President **Charles Robinson** had tendered his resignation and Dean **David Robinson** was appointed by the committee as acting president. In March 1965, Dr. Robinson was hired permanently as president, at a **salary** of \$15,000 per year. In April 1965, the Advisory Committee passed its second **resolution** requesting representation at **Lee County Board of Public Instruction** meetings. In the same month an internal accounts [**financial**] manual was presented and accepted. Advisory Committee members were presented with a **policy** manual for perusal and acceptance before presentation to the **Florida State Board of Education**. **Budget** adjustments were also made in April 1965 and the 1965-66 budget was proposed and accepted. In October 1965, President Robinson reported that SACS would appear on campus in spring 1966 to evaluate the college for accreditation. "Phase II" **construction** was approved, with an additional encumbrance of \$150,000 to cover cost overruns. Phase II included a third campus building. Dr. Robinson also reported on the need for more **instructors**, a Director of Research for **long-range planning**, and a Director of Educational Services to serve under the Academic

Dean. The annual financial report was passed out to committee members, but was not included in the supplementary materials. President Robinson also asked the committee to consider an increase in **student fees**.

1966 (2012.01.006 - 2012.01.007)

In January 1966 **long range planning**, **faculty** improvement, visiting scholar and exchange **programs**, and college **organization** were considered. **Faculty salaries** were compared across the state and Dr. Robinson lobbied the Advisory Committee for an increase in faculty pay. Phase II **construction** was discussed. **Financial aid** needs and shortages were also considered. **Student fees** were again increased. **SACS** visited the college in April 1966 and a copy of their recommendations appears in the collection materials. Suggestions included the development of a college purpose [**mission**] and **goals**, periodic area socioeconomic studies, administration centralization, elevation of the college librarian to a division chair, and the development of a board separate from the **Advisory Committee** and not under the auspices of the **Lee County Board of Public Instruction**. In addition, SACS recommended development of adult and evening programs and technical education under a specific employees, the development of course outlines, careful consideration of **faculty** course loads, the securement of broader and increased financial resources, regular **finance and budget reporting** including **audits**, an increase in faculty salaries to meet regional averages, an increase in full-time instructors, and the enhancement and better organization of the library as an integral part of the college. Finally, SACS recommended a better student orientation program, orientation of faculty advisors, and that consideration be given to appointing an employee to be in charge of admission and record keeping, and **financial aid** and scholarships.

In April 1966 SACS recommendations were reviewed. The 1966-67 **budget** was reviewed. The college Director of Research was introduced to the Advisory Committee. The formation of a college **foundation** was discussed. Bylaws and articles of incorporation for the proposed foundation were discussed in August 1966. The committee approved a full pay-off of a loan acquired to complete Phase II construction. A **long-range planning** committee was established and would first meet in September 1966. In December 1966 proposed faculty **salary** schedules and job descriptions were reviewed. Student fees and the **academic calendar** were also approved.

1967 (2012.01.008)

At the February 1967 Advisory Committee meeting, changes to the college's **organizational structure** were approved, and **salary** schedules were delayed a year due to lack of funding. The committee again discussed the college administration's struggle to meet with and be accorded attention by the **Lee County Board of Public Instruction**. A committee member reported that the college **foundation** had been formally established. In May 1967 the committee decided to employ the firm of **William Frizzell** for Phase IV **construction**. The committee also struggled with statewide funding cuts and discussed the feasibility of an operating **budget** of nearly

\$900,000 instead of the original figure of \$1.4 million. The long-range plan was also reviewed. **President Robinson** discussed plans and hopes for the 1967-68 academic year, including completion of the long-range plan, and expansion of offerings in nursing, data processing, and other trades. Committee members agreed to start a campaign in their communities to raise awareness of the critical nature of state education funding cuts. In October 1967 the committee discussed removing financial control of the college from the school board to the college itself. The committee approved the 1967-68 **student handbook**. Dr. Robinson expressed that the college was ready to begin a nursing **program** in fall 1968 if a qualified **instructor** with a master's degree in nursing could be located. The difficulty of obtaining this faculty at the level of salary available to the college stalled program formation, according to the December 1967 minutes. A committee to form a police science program had also been formed. The **Learning Resource Center** was to be dedicated in January 1968. In December the committee again discussed difficulties inherent in operating under the school board.

1968 (2012.01.009 - 2012.01.012)

(Please note that beginning in 1968, monthly meeting minutes at times are filed in folders previous to the month in which they took place. This is due to the fact that minutes were printed month to month on the front and back sides of paper in a continuous fashion, which does not allow for separation by month. This process ended by 1971.)

Financial reports [warrant registers] began appearing in the supplementary materials in 1968. In January 1968 the **Advisory Committee** decided to seek funding from local **hospitals** in order to begin the nursing **program**. In February 1968 Dr. Robinson let the committee know of state level restructuring of junior colleges, which would result in the Advisory Committee migrating to a **Board of Trustees** in July 1968. The college **calendar**, **salary** schedules, and college **organization** were approved in March 1968. It was reported that an instructor for the nursing program had been hired. Land expansion was also considered. In May 1968 internal financial structure was set up at the college. **Legal services** were also obtained. The police science program was announced. Revisions in the secretarial sciences programs were made, and plans began for a training program for pilots. The committee also moved to ask the state to allow current committee members to migrate to the board, even though they did not meet state requirements for county distribution.

In July 1968 the Board of Trustees was formed and began to meet monthly. In its first organization meeting that month, the board established salaries, and job specifications, and personnel were approved. College property was transferred to the board. The board authorized the president to make interim appointments between board meetings, approved college travel regulations, authorized contractual agreements when necessary with the **school board**, and established insurance coverage, and bank depositories. Dr. Robinson stated that a committee made up of college **staff** and board members would establish the college's first **policy manual**. The 1968-69 **budget** was reviewed and approved in a special meeting in August 1968 and the board extended time to complete **construction** of an access road from **Cypress Lake Drive** into

the college property. During the regular August 1968 meeting, bids were reviewed and approved for the construction conversion of Building B. This meeting is the first in which regular instructional appointments, resignations, and leaves were reviewed. The 1968-69 **student handbook** was also approved, as was a program for staff development. Later in August, local contractors wrote a letter to the board noting the impropriety of entertaining construction bids that were not pre-qualified. The Lee County Contractors Association followed suit. In September a campus construction development plan was drafted as was an ordered priority list for construction projects. Investments in United States treasury bills were reported, **William Frizzell** was hired to redesign Building C, the deed to college property was accepted by the board, and the aviation training program was discussed.

In October 1968 the board authorized the president to reallocate funds between board meetings. Contractor pre-qualification was discussed, but tabled to a subsequent meeting. Final plans for conversion of the bookstore and academic dean's office in Building C were approved. The board approved endorsement of a toll road from Tampa to Alligator Alley in November 1968. In December, the board moved that a feasibility study be conducted to inquire into the need for post-junior college education in the Lee, Charlotte, and Collier County areas. The board also accepted a college philosophy and **purpose statement**.

1969 (2012.01.013 - 2012.01.018)

Monthly board minutes included **budget and financial reports**, as well as hiring approval of **faculty** and other personnel. From the January 1969 board minutes, it becomes apparent that the nursing **program** was started by a \$50,000 donation from the **Lee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary** sometime previously. The nursing program included 26 students in early 1969, with another 50 enrolled in the fall 1969 semester. In addition, the college experienced its first documented threat to **campus security** as a cash burglary in January. In February, architect **William Frizzell** presented design plans in preparation for **construction** of the third floor of Building E. Several **policies** in effort to move toward **SACS accreditation**, including the "annual and **long range program**," were approved. Teaching loads and **salary** schedules for 1960-70 were also approved, as was the college **calendar**. A five-year facility plan was presented by the Director of Research and Federal Projects for the college. A building for physical education (**athletics**) was introduced as the next construction project. The college also began work with the **school board** to coordinate adult and continuing education programs. In February 1969 the board approved William Frizzell's plans to convert Room B-102 for the nursing program. Changes in tuition wavers and **work study** compensation were also reviewed and approved. The college **organizational structure**, included in the March supplementary materials, was also approved. The board increased the salary of the business manager and added an assistant business manager to the staff. Four college projects were set to be funded by application through the Vocational Education Amendments Act of 1968. The Director of Guidance and Counseling reported on **student advising** and career preparation. In April, the Director of the **Learning Resources Center** reported on the growth of library materials. The college entered into a one-year letter of agreement with **Lee Memorial Hospital** regarding the nursing program in May and increased

the 1969-70 presidential **salary** to \$22,000. The 1969-70 budget was approved. Final construction to convert Building C was also approved to seek state inspection. The board met in special session in early June 1969 to approve construction plans for the third floor of the Learning Resources Center. The construction Project Priority list was also revised. During the regular June session, the board approved the low bid for the construction of the nursing room in Building B. The board discussed college **security** and whether to move from part-time, as-needed help to a fully professional security system. Specs were also approved for new handball courts, an outdoor basketball court, and a three-hole golf course.

The purchase of liability **insurance** was authorized in July 1969 in special session. William Frizzell was again hired for multiple building and facility design projects. A bid for Building E third floor construction was also accepted. At the regular July meeting, **Board of Trustees** officers were elected. A contract was entered into with a local bowling alley to provide services to college students. A campus security plan was approved, as was an early admissions policy and work study participation. **Financial aid** was also discussed. A contract for printing the student newspaper [**student organization**] was accepted in August 1969 and workmen's compensation insurance purchased. The 1969 **catalog** was approved. College **curriculum** was also discussed and a formal curriculum policy was first adopted in September. Numerous other policies were enacted at this time. In October 1969 budget amendments were approved and the discussion of an entrance marker to the college campus was deferred. The first dean of business services was hired and Building E was formally **named** the **Corbin Fine Arts Auditorium** in November. The **Student Government Association** reported to the board for the first time. The student newspaper and the applied sciences program were reported on in December 1969.

1970 (2012.01.019 - 2012.01.024)

Minutes in 1970 continued with approval of **staff** appointments and resignations, **budget** adjustments and plans, staff **salary** adjustments, **financial reports**, **calendars**, and **handbooks**. *(These general topics will not be reported on with regularity in subsequent months of this finding aid, as they recur each year within the collection.)*

In May 1970 an entrance sign was erected at the college. **Construction** of the **Learning Resources Center** third floor was completed the same month. The first mention of a college **financial aid** plan was also made in May. In June a "Job Classification and Pay Plan Study" was reviewed. **Board of Trustees** meeting agendas also first appeared in this month. The **academic programs** were restructured to include four division heads rather than the previous two, and an assistant dean of academic affairs. The board attorney advised members that a donation of stocks and bonds by Frank Alderman for nursing scholarships, which was made before the nursing program was in place, must be used for such scholarships and the board agreed to do so. Staff vacation and leave policies were enacted in July 1970. A name change from "Edison Junior College" to "Edison Community College" was discussed, but tabled.

Copies of the student handbook and **college catalog** first appeared in the August 1970 supplementary materials. Blueprint plans for the entrance marker were also included. In September 1970 **William Frizzell**, along with another architectural firm, designed the “Health and Physical Education [HPE] Building,” for which blueprints appeared in the supplementary material. A report on the nursing program mentioned 68 students and three instructors with plans to hire more faculty as enrollment steadily increased. The first graduating class of nine students were awarded degrees in May 1970. A “**Master Plan of the Physical Education Area**” was also presented by **Wiley Parker** and William Frizzell.

In October 1970 the first **policy** dealing with delinquent student accounts was formulated and approved. Final plans for the HPE Building were accepted in November. The basketball (**athletic**) program was also reported on in November. The admissions policy was amended in December to exclude students charged with unlawful possession of certain types of illegal drugs from enrollment.

1971 (2012.01.025 - 2012.01.029)

Throughout 1971, purchases of data equipment from IBM were continually approved, as was furniture for the new college campus buildings. Bids were approved for **construction** of the HPE Building in January 1971. The **Student Government Association** reported on student needs and concerns and **staff contract policy** was amended. The Board was presented with a portrait of Thomas Edison which originally hung at the local Thomas A. Edison College and had been moved to Palm Beach Junior College when the former institution dissolved. Staff evaluation forms (blank) were reviewed in February and a professor’s study abroad exchange experience teaching at a college in England was reported. A **faculty senate** was first mentioned in March 1971, and the board returned the senate’s initial charter with suggestions for change. An increase in legal fees encumbered by the college was approved in April. A staff member reported on attendance at the Governor’s Conference on the Disadvantaged in Tallahassee the same month and noted her disapproval of fundraising by the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party at the conference. The Student Government Association also made a request for an increase in student activity **fees**, but this was deferred to a subcommittee for further review. The proposal was defeated by the board in May 1971. A “Staff and **Program Development Plan**” for 1971-72 was approved this month.

In June 1971 a three-year **insurance** contract was approved. A college program in banking was approved and for the first time a record of items removed from college inventory appeared in the minutes. The board approved Florida Power and Light’s request to run power lines near the HPE Building in July. A blueprint of proposed landscaping of the HPE building was also approved and included in the supplementary materials. During that month, board chair **Travis Gresham** requested that board consider allowing the Student Government Association a place on the monthly board meeting agenda, that student evaluations of faculty be published, and that the board receive a monthly report of “time that college personnel are away from the college.” The “problem of the cost of the nursing program in comparison with the other divisions” was also

discussed. The chairman also suggested that “anyone having a matter concerning the college should be allowed to appear before the board.” Several of these suggestions met with disagreement from **President Robinson** and other board members.

The board made a formal objection to the governor and **state legislature** regarding a new law that required a student **aid fee** assessment of \$4.50 in August 1971. The HPE building **construction** completion was also reported as two to three weeks behind schedule. The Student Government Association reported its activities to the board. Dr. Robinson presented the report “Looking Ahead,” which emphasized growth in “technical/vocational/operational studies” and better use of emerging technology at the college. He also noted the tenth anniversary of the college and asked that board members consider serving on a committee to plan anniversary activities. The board approved changes to the policy on faculty loads and responsibilities in September. Faculty evaluations were again discussed, as was the HPE building dedication.

In October 1971 the **faculty senate** was approved and formally recognized for the first time. In its first formal **resolution**, the senate stated it’s intent to “coordinate its efforts for progress on campus by channeling recommendations for improvement through the Faculty Senate when appropriate.” In addition, policies on maternity leave, jury duty, and personal leave were approved for the first time. Members of the basketball [**athletics**] team were presented to the board. A bid for landscaping the HPE building was accepted in November, as was the final presentation of the building itself. A ticket sales policy was approved and a student member of Phi Beta Kappa [**student organization**] reported to the board. The name change from “Junior” to “Community” college was approved in December. Equipment for the HPE Building was approved, as was a plan to install a closed circuit television system. A board member reported involvement in the “FACC [Florida Association of Community Colleges] Trustees Commission” network with other college board trustees statewide.

1972 (2012.01.030 - 2012.01.036)

A cable television system was purchased in January 1972 and an internal **auditor** approved and appointed later that year. The motion to change the name of the college was revisited because of the absence of the board chairman at the previous meeting, but the new motion failed. The **Student Government Association** reported on its continued involvement in promoting voting among those of college age, as the voting age had been recently lowered to eighteen. College **goals** were reviewed in February. In March a **policy** was adopted to address hiring outside consultants and lecturers. The first “catch-up” **salary** increase for **staff** was approved as was the first health **insurance** program for employees. The board defeated a motion for a full tuition waiver for staff immediate family members. The board approved the college’s involvement in archaeological research in the Florida Keys. The college community fine arts program made a board presentation. The board approved the position of director of student activities in April 1972. A “Philosophy of General Education Statement” was approved the same month, as were 18 new staff positions and two reclassifications. The board was also briefed by **Chairman Gresham** on an access road to connect McGregor Boulevard and U.S. 41 [State Road (SR) 869,

now **Summerlin Road**], which would include a portion of the east side of the college property, and was proposed by the **Lee Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)**.

In May the vice president and dean of academic affairs presented highlights of the previous academic year. A new program in “human services” was approved. Criticisms in a state **audit** of the college were also discussed in May and July. In July the board also **resolved** its opposition to SR 869 and its unwillingness to give up college property for construction of the road. The board approved the concept and job description of “off-campus coordinators for **Charlotte and Collier Counties**” the same month. In August the board chair asked the college to formally investigate the legality of particular **fee** waivers. In the same month, all **construction** bids for the initial paving of the college parking lot were rejected.

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners appeared at the September college board meeting to state its case for the construction of State Road 869. Numerous students and staff spoke against the road. The college board and **President Robinson** expressed concern that the college could not afford to purchase more property, so the loss of property to the road would be irreparable to future college growth. Chairman Gresham asked board members if they would like to revisit the previous resolution opposing the road and none did, so the resolution stood. In the same month the college entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Natural Resources for an archaeological excavation on Mound Key. The board also approved the first use of the college as a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing site.

The board increased employee health **insurance** coverage in October 1972. The board also approved an HPE parking lot contract and **renaming** Building B the **Wilbur O. Leonhardt** Building in recognition of the late board member’s contributions to the college. Approval was also granted for an easement to place a traffic light at the entrance to the college on **College Parkway. Ida Baker**, who would later serve as the first African-American Deputy Superintendent for the Florida Department of Education, was appointed to the college board in November.

1973 (2012.01.036 - 2012.01.045)

In February 1973 the board reaffirmed its support of an existing law prohibiting football [**athletics**] in community colleges. The board was presented with a gopher by a member of Omega Tau Delta fraternity [**student organization**] for use in the Edison Pageant of Light Gopher Derby. The hospitality degree **program** was also first mentioned this month. In March the board discussed the **Lee County Board of County Commissioners** had approval of **construction** of SR 869 [**Summerlin Road**] and noted no legal notice had been provided ahead of time that the meeting in which the road was approved would take place. The college’s attorney advised affirmatively the college board’s **legal** right to oppose the road.

A proposed program for “the disadvantaged” was approved by the board in April 1973. In May the board approved a revised **faculty** evaluation form. Additional positions of a coordinator and a

counselor for the “special service grant program” were approved. Plans for a “technical building” were supported by the board through a **resolution** to the **Florida State Board of Education** to release capital funds in the amount of \$433,600. For the first time, collection of outstanding loans to students [**financial aid**] was also discussed and approved.

The board approved the construction of a right hand turn and acceleration lane on **Cypress Lake Drive**, to be funded by the Lee County Division of Transportation, into the college entrance in August 1973. In September the board approved a request for bids for the construction of a telescope observatory, which would be funded by outside donations. Payroll deductions for United Way were also first approved. The board **resolved** to urge **state legislators** to support the extension of bonding authority passed the previous year in November 1973. In the same month the initiation of a fire services degree **program** was passed. In December an energy conservation program was approved, as was an on-campus child care center. The board attorney advised members that they could not legally continue to use an architect for building projects without first ranking at least three possible firms and agreeing to negotiate with each firm in order of preference, as needed. The board moved that **William Frizzell** be placed at the top of this list for the design of the proposed technical building.

1974 (2012.01.046 - 2012.01.057)

A request from **Canterbury School** to allow the school to **construct** a road between the school and the college was tabled during the January 1974 board meeting. It was reported that the first draft of specifications for the technical building had been received. In February further negotiations with the **Board of County Commissioners** took place regarding **Summerlin Road** and included a proposed property swap. By March 1974 the board unanimously rejected the BOCC offer. In April 1974, the board **resolved** to support the **University of South Florida's** efforts to increase upper level college and graduate level courses in the Southwest Florida area. The board approved the phase out of the college's **programs** in hospitality and in management. **Jody Hendry** was also introduced as a new college trustee. An **equal employment access opportunity policy** was discussed for the first time in September. The **Charlotte County Center** agreement was reviewed and approved in November 1974. The college **endowment corporation** was also reactivated. The constitution and bylaws of the Career Service Organization were approved in December.

1975 (2012.01.058 - 2102.01.066)

Final architectural plans for **construction** of the technical building were board approved in January 1975. Improvements to the **Collier County Center** were discussed the following month. Comparative data on the **Charlotte** and Collier County centers was presented in February, as well. In March, the board accepted construction bids and chose a contractor for the technical building project. In April 1975 the board **resolved** to ask the **state legislature** to consider the potential impact of funding cuts to community colleges in 1975-76. A **financial credit card policy** was first instituted the following month. Renovation of the college air conditioning

system was also discussed and bids were opened. The college DECA [Distributive Education Club of America, a **student organization**] chapter made its first board presentation in May.

Discussion took place during the May 1975 meeting regarding a letter sent from the **faculty senate** through President Robinson to the board. The board decided that it was appropriate for Dr. Robinson and the college administration to respond, rather than the board. The letter itself was not included in the supplementary materials. This memo is mentioned again in the June minutes, and again was not included in the supplementary materials. The minutes indicate that the memo included “faculty concerns on college activities.” The board again expressed that it would not act on faculty senate issues, but would defer to college administration. A faculty senate representative indicated that the memo was provided for board information, not in a request for action.

In June 1975 the board approved a priority listing of engineering firms for college construction projects. A pneumatic system was also approved throughout the college campus. In July 1975 the **endowment corporation** reported that it had reorganized and elected Board Member **Jody Hendry** as president. The college “Coordinator for **Equal Access-Equal Opportunity**” presented the board’s legal responsibilities to equal opportunity employment in September. The board accepted plans for a new parking lot in the southeast corner of the campus property in October.

Members of the **Canterbury School** board appeared before the college board in November and December 1975 to argue for construction of an access road from the school to the college due to difficulties encountered during school drop off and pick up at Canterbury. A college faculty member asserted that the school was not in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that the college might risk its status of compliance with said act should it become involved with the private school. Discussion also arose as to whether Canterbury should be allowed access to roads internal to the college campus. The topic was tabled pending further research.

1976 (2012.01.067 - 2012.01. 080)

In January 1976 the **faculty federation** asked the board for formal recognition as its exclusive bargaining agent. The federation engaged an attorney and sought response via certified letter. Board Chairman **Gresham** decided to defer this to **President Robinson**. The board chose to approve Dr. Robinson’s response to the request, which declined recognition of the federation. All letters regarding the federation request were available in the supplementary materials.

The board met in special session in February 1976 to approve completion of **construction** of the technical building. The board resolved the following month to oppose an increase in student **fees** for the “State **Scholarship** and Loan [**financial aid**] Program.” In April 1976 President Robinson presented **goals** and objectives for 1976-77, which included increasing staff salaries, providing necessary resources for degree **programs** in order to meet minimal standards, and increasing enrollment as feasible. **Long-range plan** goals through 1980 were also included.

The issue of SR 869 [**Summerlin Road**] again appeared before the board in April 1976. The **Lee County BOCC** requested the college sell three parcels for right-of-way at the appraised amount of \$84,600. The board refused, standing by its previous movement to oppose road **construction**. The board also authorized the college attorney to oppose any forcible action and to research the possibility of a constitutional amendment prohibiting property seizure. In the same month, Dr. Robinson reported that the secret ballot election regarding collective bargaining had been cancelled because a date could not be agreed upon. The board resolved to commend the Lee County BOCC for “approving the site adjacent to the college” for an extension of the **University of South Florida** in May.

Representatives reported activities and plans for both the **Charlotte and Collier County Centers** in June 1976. At the request of Dr. Robinson, the board approved a 15% increase in his **salary**, as well use of an automobile. Dr. Robinson presented a recap of **state legislation** affecting community colleges in July. He noted the approval of the bond issue for construction of a humanities building on campus. The board discussed the possibility of inviting local legislators to board meetings to increase their awareness of community college needs and activities.

The **faculty senate** appeared before the board in September 1976 to express its dismay at a position statement approved by the board indicating the board’s refusal to recognize the group’s right to collective bargaining. The president of the Faculty Senate produced a written reaction indicating the senate’s reception of the board position statement as “insulting ... highly antagonistic ... unwarranted and unwise.” The senate statement pointed out the board’s previous unwillingness to entertain faculty concerns as indicative of the need for unionization.

The college made an effort in October 1976 to adhere to recommendations made in a state **audit** that the board receive regular internal audit reports and that **financial** warrant records appear monthly. Two new degree programs were authorized in accounting and general business. The college **foundation** reported a balance of \$32,500. Educational specs for the proposed humanities building were approved in December.

1977 (2012.01.081 - 2012.01.089)

The **faculty senate** appeared at the January 1977 board meeting in an effort to speak to the board about **salary and policies**. **Chairman Gresham** initially refused to allow members of the senate to speak until the board **attorney** advised that members should be allowed to speak as individuals since the union had not been recognized by the board. Although faculty members spoke at the board meeting requesting deferral on policy decisions until the faculty had time to review them and negotiate with the board, the board passed the policies as presented, except for the policy on course loads, which was withdrawn. In February, **Dr. Robinson** again reported extensively on **state legislation** regarding community colleges. The board also approved sale of two college-owned lots in Cypress Lake Estates with the proceeds directed to the **college endowment**.

The college music instructor reported to the board on the development of an instrumental music **program** at the college in March. The board **resolved** to express appreciation to the **BOCC** for reconsideration of the exact location of SR 869 [**Summerlin Road**]. Dr. Robinson was issued a four-year presidential contract for the first time the same month. The faculty senate asked the board for more open communication with faculty whose contracts had been discontinued. The board disagreed and asserted that its legal obligations had been fulfilled in each case. A report on the applied science **program** was presented to the board in April 1977. The student publication policy was also adopted in April, after significant debate as to whether students should be allowed to submit anonymous letters to the editor of the **student [organization]** newspaper for publication. A member of the Faculty Senate appeared at the April meeting to present the board with a letter. The letter was not discussed nor was it included in the supplementary materials. A human services degree **program** was approved in May 1977.

In June 1977 Chairman Gresham announced that the Board would not petition for appeal of the May 19, 1977 certification of Local 3513 (AFL-CIO) as the exclusive bargaining agent representing all faculty, librarians, and counselors at the college. Rather, the college was prepared to bargain with the unit in accordance with the Public Relations Act. No supplementary documentation existed in the collection as to the certification referenced in the minutes or to the board's discussion of a possible legal appeal.

Preliminary plans for the humanities building were approved after adjustments were made to reduce costs. The negotiating team representing the board for collective bargaining was formed, and the board deferred the right to determine meeting times with the union to the negotiating team. Copies of letters regarding negotiations were transcribed into the minutes of the June 23, 1977 meeting. The emergency medical technician degree program was approved as newly accredited the same month. The degree program in criminal justice was approved in July. An extensive report on the endowment foundation was presented in August. Copies of the college **mission** review were also distributed in preparation for **long-range planning**. Final detailed plans for the humanities building were approved in November. The board also approved a **resolution** indicating its disagreement with a potential statewide set up of a larger college board to which the DBOT would report and which would exercise authority over local community colleges. The board approved remodeling of college facilities for disabled access and a collection agency was hired to recoup outstanding student debt.

1978 (2012.01.90 - 2012.01.099)

The health and physical education waiver **policy** was discussed at length in January 1978 and a new policy on accountability for college-owned furniture and equipment enacted. Substantial discussion of the proposed **statewide community college board** took place. In February the board approved a change to college travel policies to include reimbursements for faculty besides administration and staff. The new campus women's center was discussed in March. Plans for the **construction** of the humanities building were again revisited at a reduced cost in April. An

architect for roof renovation of Buildings B, C, E, and flashing repair to the HPE building was approved.

The 1978-79 operating **budget**, which had changed significantly in planning from previous years, was presented to the board in May 1978. A bid for construction of the humanities building was approved. A new board **attorney** was appointed in June. In July the board approved several rule changes to policies regarding tuition waivers, teaching loads, and the student grievance procedure. In August the board reported the county requirement to name the college internal main road and the board approved a campus contest to name it. A real estate degree **program** was approved in September and the board approved architect selection for renovation of space that would be vacated as various humanities programs moved into the new building. The board approved the use of televised courses at the college in November.

1979 (2012.01.100 - 2012.01.110)

(Minutes for the regular October board meeting were missing from the collection, although supplementary materials were present.)

President Robinson presented the collective negotiations agreement between the college and the **faculty union**, which the board ratified in February 1979. The board expressed its wishes for a clean slate in further dealings with the union through a “withdrawal agreement and release” which was signed by **Chairman Gresham** and the union president. Dr. Robinson received a seven percent raise after much discussion during the May 30, 1979 meeting. The board resolved to recommend to the governor the appointment of two ECC board members to the newly **legislated State Community College Coordinating Board**.

Vernon Peoples was named by the governor to the college board to represent **Charlotte County** and introduced in July 1979. A **program** in respiratory therapy in conjunction with Miami-Dade Community College was approved. Dr. Robinson reported extensively in August on plans for the **University of South Florida** college campus in Fort Myers and ECC’s plans to work with USF. **Construction** of a prefabricated building adjacent to the humanities building, which would be used to house ceramics and sculpture classes and materials, was also approved in August.

In September, Dr. Robinson reported on **SACS reaccreditation** and the self-study required by the college every ten years. The board also **resolved** to request a bond issuance from the state for construction and renovation of the Charlotte and **Collier County** campus centers. The humanities building was accepted as completed in a special meeting in late October. The board heard a report on the college’s new art gallery in November. The board also approved the college’s involvement with the Higher Education Management Institute over a three-year period. The board voted to accept the new state-pooled **insurance** program. Numerous procedures and job descriptions were updated in December and the board approved hiring an architect to complete a construction **master plan**.

1980 (2012.01.111 - 2012.01.122)

The allied health **programs** were reported on during the January 1980 board meeting. **Dr. Robinson** reported on an employee hired by the college in October 1979 to work specifically at marketing the college to African-American students in the local area. The college also received a grant for this purpose [**equal opportunity**]. The continuing education program reported to the board in February 1980. Master **planning** regarding physical **construction** was also reviewed and later approved in April. A needs assessment evaluation was reviewed. In March the board reviewed accountability standards regarding **personnel** decisions. The board again discussed plans for SR 869 [**Summerlin Rd.**] and **Vernon Peebles** proposed revisiting the issue, but the motion died for lack of a second and the initial **resolution** against the project stood. The college learning lab program was reviewed during the April meeting. A new **mission** statement was approved the same month. The board reviewed accountability standards for program planning and evaluation in May. A lease agreement between the college and the **University of South Florida** was signed. A groundbreaking for the USF Fort Myers campus was set for October. The board made a priority list of possible locations for the future construction of a **Collier County campus** owned by the college, rather than leased.

The board reelected Chairman **Travis Gresham** and Vice-Chair **Ida Baker**, as had been the precedent for many years previous, in July 1980. Collective negotiations with the **faculty union** were approved. In August the board reviewed an internal **audit** and annual **financial** reports. Retrofitting of the campus [**construction**] to meet **equal access** requirements for the disabled continued to be discussed and approved. The Collier County Center lease was also renegotiated. In September the board reviewed numerous college **policies**. The community development program was reported on in November. The **Lee County BOCC** presented plans at this meeting to offer adjacent property to the college in exchange for the right of way for construction of SR 869. After close to a dozen years of negotiations and standstills, in December 1980 the college board entered into a letter of intent for an exchange of property more suitable to the college than that originally offered, pending the county's acquisition of said land.

1981 (2012.01.123 - 2012.01.136)

Policies on college **organization** were updated in January 1981. In the same month Board **Chairman Gresham** donated two parcels of land on Cayo Costa to the college **endowment** corporation, bringing its holdings to \$1.3 million. **SACS** was scheduled to visit the college for the first time since 1970 in April 1981 and the board reviewed a self-study to prepare for reaccreditation. The board reviewed procedures regarding **faculty** evaluations and recruitment in March. The board resolved to request a bond issuance for **construction** renovation of the cafeteria, **Learning Resources Center**, bookstore, business service area, and student lounges. The endowment corporation agreed to fund a college activities bus in May. President Robinson was offered a three-year contract at a **salary** of \$51,650.

The first faculty **grievance** appears in the May 1981 minutes. The college **budget** was approved and the board moved to **rename** the HPE building after outgoing board member Chairman Gresham in recognition of his many years of service to the college dating back to its initial formation. In June 1981 the board discussed **State Community College Coordinating Board goals** and the college energy conservation program was discussed. The board wrote a letter of thanks to state representative **Frank Mann** for his work on behalf of the college. The board moved to accept the college's update of the student **code of conduct** to specify anti-hazing provisions in order to comply with new **state legislation**. A contract for renovations of the chemistry lab was entered into with **Wiley Parker** in August. The board also learned that the state legislature had approved \$300,000 to plan construction of a performing arts hall. The board had been reassured by Mann of additional funding from the 1982 state legislature to the tune of \$6 million. **Ida Baker** was named board chair until a point of order clarified that she could not be elected until the next meeting. In September, Mrs. Baker was nominated, along with **Dr. Thomas Wiley**. Dr. Wiley was elected chair. A policy regarding the college grading system was updated. Upon Dr. Wiley's assumption of the chairmanship, the minutes became more streamlined.

The board met in special session in October 1981 to rank architectural firms for the performing arts hall construction. **Brubaker-Brandt** architectural firm was ranked first. In the regular October meeting an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with the **union** was passed. The contract for property exchange between the **BOCC** and the college was accepted as part of SR 869 [**Summerlin Road**] construction. An architectural plan for renovation of the Learning Resources Center was also approved.

1982 (2012.01.136 - 2012.01.149)

The college began to make plans for its twenty-fifth anniversary in January 1982. The **athletic** director and two coaches presented an update on the athletic program. **Board Chair Wiley** announced that board members wishing to place an item on the monthly agenda must submit it no less than a week before the scheduled meeting. The board discussed the internal auditor's report regarding **President Robinson**'s requirement to submit consultant agreements to the board. The board granted an easement to **Canterbury School** to install a fire marshall-required fire hydrant. A similar easement for water needs was approved in March.

Schematic designs for the **construction** of the **performing arts hall** were approved in special session in October 1982. The board **resolved** to request a bond issuance of \$130,000 construction of an additional 1005 parking spaces in 1983-84. The board reviewed the first hearing requested by a college **staff** member (non-faculty) to review his dismissal. The board approved a "reluctant" increase in **student fees** in November.

1983 (2012.01.149 - 2012.01.160)

In 1983 the board began to review purchases greater than \$5000 rather than \$2500. The board resolved in February 1983 its concerns regarding possible changes to the **State Community College Coordinating Board** structure, including a rule that would not allow a district trustee to sit on the state board. The college board also opposed recommendations that the state board approve the appointment of the college president, as well as degree **programs and budgets**. In April the board approved the college's entrance into an agreement with the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). The board reviewed numerous accountability standards. In May the board rejected all **construction** bids for the **performing arts hall** due to cost and directed the architect to redesign the hall at a limit of \$5.3 million. A degree **program** in respiratory therapy was approved. In June, Leo Wotitzky was elected board chair. **Vernon Peebles** tendered his resignation as board trustee in August due to his election to the **state legislature**. In October, **Ida Baker** resigned from the board due to the new rule that a district trustee could not sit on the state community college board simultaneously. In November a bid for construction of the performing arts hall by **Venetian Bay Constructors** was accepted. A collective bargaining agreement was accepted through 1986 with the **faculty union**.

1984 (2012.01.160 - 2012.01.170)

In 1984 **construction** reports on the **performing arts hall** were presented regularly and in March indicated that construction was behind schedule. In January 1984 **Dr. Robinson** reported on Veterans Administration **legal action** against the college. The board resolved to accept the inclusion of **Hendry and Glades Counties** in the ECC district. The board drafted a letter opposing plans by the **State Community College Coordinating Board** to organize community college **foundations** at the state level. The board approved a four year contract for Dr. Robinson with a salary of \$65,000 in April. In June the board amended this raise to take place in September to be in compliance with the **state legislature**. Board members expressed concern in April regarding change orders from **Brubaker-Brandt Architects** for the performing arts hall construction. Expected completion of the building was moved back to May 1985. Final plans were submitted during the April 1984 meeting for a joint parking lot to be used by the college and the **University of South Florida**.

Ida Baker reported on the newly formed State Board of Community Colleges in June. The board discussed a **staff** hearing regarding the contract non-renewal of the college director of guidance and counseling in August and Brusker-Brandt Architects continued to report problems with construction of the performing arts hall. These issues are not discussed in specific in the minutes because reports were presented for information only. The board resolved a request for a \$100,000 bond to renovate Facility 10, portions of Buildings J and A, and replace the gymnasium floor. In September the architectural report specified a concern with **Venetian Bay Constructors** obtaining adequate man power to complete the job. In October new board members representing Glades and Hendry Counties were introduced. The architectural report in December 1984 specifies continued issues between the architect and contractor. The completion date of the hall

was moved to July 1985. The board discussed concerns with the **internal audit** report in December, as well.

1985 (2012.01.170 - 2012.01.182)

An honors scholar **program** was approved in January 1985 for institution that fall. In February **Brubaker-Brandt Architects** reported a slow down in **construction** of the **performing arts hall** because **Venetian Bay Constructors** questioned the architectural design. The board authorized **President Robinson** to write a letter in February to **state legislators** expressing disapproval in potential **legal** changes in sovereign immunity. In March the college granted an easement to Florida Cities Water Company for construction of a sewer main.

The board met in special session in April to discuss an impasse in collective bargaining salary negotiations with the **faculty union**. In May the union accepted a revised agreement. In April the college moved to accept land in **Collier County** pending the use of the Lely Corporation in the college **name**. A dental **insurance** health plan was accepted for the first time in May 1985.

Jody Hendry was named board chair in July. The performing arts hall architect reported continuing problems with the contractor in August. The board approved agreements between the **school boards** in district counties and the college for college-level instruction of area high school students. **Dr. Robinson** was recognized for twenty years service as college president in September. A scheduling expert firm was engaged for the performing arts hall once completed. In October the board approved an agreement for the college to provide educational services to correctional inmates in **Hendry County**. The board endorsed a zoning change to allow an entrance to the college from **Summerlin Road**. The faculty union and the board again came to an impasse over salary negotiations, which were resolved in special session in November.

The board discussed the fact that the original contract with the performing arts hall architect had expired in July and that the board would pay them an hourly rate for work past the end of the contract, while reserving the right to attempt to recoup the excess expenditure. In December 1985 the architect reported the project near completion pending corrections and completions by the contractor. In December the board set the gala opening of the hall for January 5, 1985 with dedication on January 12, 1985. The board approved hiring of a separate architect to consult on “plans, specifications, and other related matters for the ... hall.”

1986 (2012.01.183 - 2012.01.191)

In January **Brubaker-Brandt Architects** reported completion of the **performing arts hall construction** project. The human services degree **program** was discontinued. Change orders continued to be issued to the **performing arts hall** contractor who proceeded under protest. In March the board approved retention of an Atlanta law firm to represent the college in its “controversy with **Venetian Bay Constructors**.” Supplementary materials regarding this **legal**

issue were not included in the collection, although copies of communication between the college, contractor, and architect are present.

The board approved a program in May in which the college would train Head Start **personnel** for the **Lee County School Board**. In September the board approved **Parker-Mudgett** Architects for re-roofing buildings A, C, and E. An engineering firm was engaged the same month for the nursing program lab building. Bids were accepted for a wastewater pump station in October. A study abroad program was also approved for the first time this month. A collective bargaining agreement was reached with the **faculty union** in November for the period 1986-1989.

In December the board made its final acceptance of the performing arts hall project and authorized the college to withhold \$204,000 in payment to **Venetian Bay Constructors** in liquidation damages. The board also approved a construction bid for an unspecified “classroom building.”

1987 (2012.01.192 - 2012.01.200)

At the board’s request **Dr. Robinson** reported in January 1987 on his research into how other states handle the construction bid process, particularly whether they require organizations to accept the lowest bid. In March the board authorized an appeal a Lee County circuit court judge’s decision that the college could not claim sovereign immunity to avoid **litigation by Venetian Bay Constructors**. The board recognized Dr. Robinson for his service to the college by **naming** the student center, classroom, and office building after him in April. The board was updated as to progress on a **Summerlin Road** entrance to the college, which was slated for completion later than year. An update on the health status of Dr. Robinson, who suffered an unspecified cardiac event, was reported in May. The board declared Venetian Bay Constructors in default on the **performing arts hall construction** project and moved to reemploy consultants who specialized in construction delay on large projects.

In October the board accepted an eighty-acre land tract in **Charlotte County** with a ninety-nine year lease for the future site of the ECC Charlotte Campus. Dr. Robinson reported on criticism of college **equal opportunity** recruitment efforts in November. An attorney retained by the board presented a settlement offer from Venetian Bay in early December 1987, but the board was unable to come to a conclusion. A settlement was reached December 11 against the college, pending litigation involving the architect and engineer. At the regular December meeting, the board affirmed its intention not to sell campus property despite multiple offers.

1988 (2012.01.201 - 2012.01.213)

The board honored trustee **Jody Hendry** by **naming** the new Building G after her in March 1988. In April the board **resolved** its intention for a permanent **Charlotte County** campus as part of the college **master plan**. In September the board improved the final inspection of the new gymnasium floor **construction**. The board approved the college “campus priorities” in

November and directed **President Robinson** to share these priorities with the **state legislature** and through a press release. In December cash control procedures [**internal audit**] for the **performing arts hall** were tightened.

1989 (2012.01.213 - 2012.01.225)

(Collective bargaining is no longer reported on after 1989 in this finding aid due to its regularity without impasse.)

Dr. Robinson reported in February on risk management violations regarding the ceramic arts prefab building. In March he reported on the possibility of **construction** to refurbish rather than abandon the building. The board **resolved** in April to oppose a potential statewide cut of five percent to community colleges. A **faculty grievance** was also reviewed. In May the board resolved the creation of two scholarships for African-American students in honor of **Ida Baker Parker-Mudgett** architects was awarded the bid for construction of the **Collier County** Lely campus in June. A **program** in cardiovascular technology was approved in July.

In September representatives of the **faculty senate and union** reported on increased morale over the previous four-five year period among faculty and expressed appreciation that collective bargaining negotiations had become less antagonistic. Dr. Robinson reported to the board on the inadequacy of available parking at the main college campus and the role that increased enrollment played in this problem. The board approved final inspection of and acceptance of remodeling of the portions of the applied sciences hall, Leonhardt Hall, and the Learning Resources Hall.

1990 (2012.01.226 - 241)

In January a report was presented regarding the college's **accreditation** process with **SACS**. The report was not included in the supplementary materials. The board also discussed the use of an environmental consultant to comply with regulations regarding endangered woodpeckers in the development and **construction** of the **Collier County campus**. A degree **program** in legal assisting was approved. In February the board rearranged construction priorities to move the allied health building in front of plans for the **Charlotte** campus. In April a **scholarship** for **Hendry and Glades Counties** students was announced. A **mission** statement for the **performing arts hall** was approved the same month.

In June plans for a degree program in citrus horticulture and technology were discussed. The college worked to facilitate communication between ECC and district **school boards**. During the July meeting **Dr. Robinson** announced plans for his retirement effective June 1991. Dr. Robinson's statement to the board regarding his retirement was included in the supplementary materials. The board also discussed settlement of pending **litigation** with the architect [**Brubaker-Brandt**] and engineer of the performing arts hall. A full history of the litigation between all parties involved in the design and construction of the building was available in the

supplementary materials for July 1990. Issues and proposed solutions for **financial** issues regarding the operation of the performing arts hall were reported by an ad hoc committee in July. A capital improvement plan was presented in August. The August minutes indicated the performing arts hall “situation,” but no supplementary materials existed. Dr. Robinson reported on this again in September, but the report was not included in the supplementary materials.

In October the board approved a plan for a rollback due to a shortfall in state funding. The board also accepted a charge to the presidential search committee. Approval of private sector management of the performing arts hall was recorded with a four to three vote. A construction bid for the Collier County campus at \$8.4 million was approved in November. During the December meeting groundbreaking was scheduled for January 1991. The board re-**resolved** its intention to pursue a permanent **Charlotte County** campus, first made in 1988, which had been delayed due to a lack of acceptance at the state level.

1991 (2012.01.242 - 2012.01.253)

In 1991, **Parker/Mudgett/Smith Architects** reported monthly on construction of the **Collier Campus** at Lely.

Dr. Robinson announced approval of \$3.5 million in funding by the **State Board of Community Colleges** for the **Collier County** campus in January 1991. The citrus production technology degree program was accepted in February. The college entered into an agreement with Professional Facilities Management for management of the **performing arts hall** in April. That month, the board approved **Dr. Kenneth Walker** as college president pending contract negotiations. Litigation between **Venetian Bay Constructors, Brubaker-Brandt Architects, Ink Engineering** and the college was dismissed after all parties complied with the settlement.

The board met in special session in May to approve Dr. Walker’s presidential contract at a starting salary of \$110,250. **Mary Lee Mann** was introduced as a new board member in June. The board resolved to name Dr. Robinson President Emeritus and that the **endowment corporation** develop a **scholarship** in his name. **Dr. H. J. Burnette** was recognized with a similar scholarship. Dr. Burnette retired in July, having served as Dean of Academic Affairs and Executive Vice President over a twenty-six year period.

Dr. Walker attended his first board meeting in July 1991 and announced the interim vice president of academic affairs. In November 1991 new members were appointed to the performing arts hall foundation.

1992 (2012.01.253 - 2012.01.260)

A **vision statement** for the college was approved in February 1992. A **construction** bid for the physical education center at the **Collier County** campus was approved in March for \$2 million. In April the board approved declaration of a **financial** exigency and necessary **budget**

reductions. The following month the board accepted a revision to **policy** regarding the college **endowment board**, noting that the president did not have the authority to make appointments to the board. The board accepted completion of Phase I renovation of the Lee County campus in May, as well. In June, the board designated the **Holland T. Salley** Auditorium of the Collier campus in honor of the former board member. A faculty member requested reinstatement of an unnamed number of **athletic** programs at the college; the report was not included in the supplementary materials.

The board discussed the expenditure of student **fees** for academic year 1992-93 in July. In August the board approved an architect for the **Charlotte County** campus construction. The board also approved an architect for renovations of the Lee campus, which included updates for access, safety, and code requirements. The board approved a policy on assault, battery, and sexual assault the same month. The board authorized placement of a marquee at the **Summerlin Road and College Parkway** intersections for the **performing arts hall** in September. Rental of office space at University Park (off campus) to house the president and the public information offices was approved to free space on campus for student services in October. This was rescinded at **Dr. Walker's** request in November because of negative public reaction. The board approved a three percent raise in Dr. Walker's salary in December and the minutes note that the paucity of that raise was due to financial exigency.

1993 (2012.01.260 - 2012. 01. 270)

A report was made in January 1993 on the new golf course maintenance **program**. A trustee expressed concern at the absence of **student government** and **faculty** association reports from board meetings, and **Dr. Walker** replied that both were welcome if they made known to him a desire to be on the agenda. Re-roofing [**construction**] of the dining area in Robinson Hall was approved in January. The board moved to contract for construction of entrance gates on **College Parkway** in March. The college accounting firm reported on the solidity of internal **financial** control.

The Lee campus **faculty senate** constitution revision was accepted in March and the new faculty senate constitution approved for the **Collier** campus. The board also expressed sympathy to Dr. Walker regarding the death of his wife. Financial exigency was rescinded in April and the president announced the Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in Teaching. The board accepted a ten-year "2002 Edison" **master plan** in May. Approval was made for remodeling of the student services area of Robinson Hall. Dr. Walker's contract was renewed for four years during the June meeting. Dr. Walker was commended for the Project Hope **scholarship** program.

Architects were authorized to begin planning the **Charlotte County** campus in September 1993. In December, Dr. Walker reported that the college had been commended at the state level for its internal **financial** controls and record keeping.

1994 (2012.01.265 - 2012.01.270)

A **construction** contract was awarded in January 1994 for renovation of Robinson Hall. **Dr. Walker** reported on a compliment from a **state legislator** regarding the college's accountability. Dr. Walker reported in June 1994 that no exceptions were found in that year's **financial audit** and that internal auditing would be reported on at board meetings. Chair **Mary Lee Mann** invited the board to attend a ceremony in which the governor would turn over the property used by the **University of South Florida** in Fort Myers to the college. In July the board **resolved** commendation of three outgoing board members. The president of **Florida Gulf Coast University** presented the board with cooperative plans between the two entities in August. A contract for expansion of a Lee campus parking lot was approved in October. A trustee congratulated Dr. Walker for accepting the executive directorship of the **endowment** corporation. The golf course operations **program** became degreed in November. A construction contract for the **Charlotte County** campus of \$17.4 million was awarded in December 1994. The completion of the Leonhardt Hall science labs renovation was also accepted.

1995 (2012.01.271 - 2012.01.275)

(Minutes and supplementary materials decreased in volume beginning in 1995.)

The college accepted the deed to the former **University of South Florida** Fort Myers property in January 1995. The board affirmed several requests by the **foundation** in August, including **goals**. The college endowment corporation and the foundation for the **performing arts hall** were merged into one entity, referred to as the college foundation, to comply with **state sunshine legislation**. In September the board approved **Dr. Walker's** contract. An exterior painting contract for the entire Lee campus was approved in October. The board approved Dr. Walker's employment agreement in October. Multiple campus renovation [**construction**] projects on the main and Collier campuses were approved in November.

1996 (2012.01.275 - 2012.01.281)

The board agreed to access [via **Buccaneer Boulevard**] between **Canterbury School** and the college in January 1996. **Dr. Walker's** retirement agreement, included in the supplementary materials, was approved the same month. In June 1996 the board accepted the completion of Robinson Hall remodeling [**construction**]. Architectural bids for the "Allied Health Instructional Facility and a Classroom/Distance Learning/Video Conference Center" for the Lee County campus were ranked in August. Two buildings on the **Charlotte campus** were **named**. Roofing work on the humanities building and **performing arts hall** was authorized. The college attorney advised the board against involvement in and discussion of **litigation** related to "a former employee and irregularities in student records" until the process was fully run through college administration. The board approved the request to commit the college to become a "Student Centered Learning College for the Twenty-First Century" in October. Long-term disability **insurance** was approved. The Lee campus **master plan** was accepted in November 1996.

1997 (2012.01.281 - 2012.01.292)

In January 1997 a plan for gender equity in **athletics** was approved. In February **President Walker's** contract was renewed through 2000-01. The board approved settlement of litigation brought against the college by Elizabeth Miller totaling \$97,000 in February. Details of the lawsuit were not included in the supplementary materials. Substantial completion of the **Charlotte County campus construction** was accepted in April. The board approved a construction contract to build an "electronic learning facility" on the Lee County campus in May. The athletic program at the college was discontinued in June 1997 and funds reallocated as suggested by the **Student Government Association** and determined by college administration. In August a contract with a child care center was approved for operation on the Charlotte County campus. Two parking lot renovations on the Lee campus were approved in September and a contract for renovation of the Corbin Auditorium was authorized. The board endorsed study of the concept of "the [Florida] community college offering the baccalaureate degree."

Renovation of the Lee campus **Learning Resources Center** and the exterior painting of the **Collier campus** were authorized in November. A **financial plan** for computer replacement was also presented. Several college **policies** were updated to purge those that exceeded rule-making authority permitted under **state legislation**.

1998 (2012.01.292 - 2012.01.300)

In January 1998 the board authorized an operational contract for the fitness center on the **Collier campus** and approved **construction** contracts for remodeling the activities and recreation center, restrooms, and humanities building on the Lee campus. The board authorized President Walker to negotiate with the **Charlotte County BOCC** regarding relinquishment of college property on that campus. Certificate **programs** in emergency medicine, accounting, and fire science were approved. **Student fees** were adjusted to concur with **state law** in February. Revised construction plans for the **performing arts hall** were approved in April, as were architectural contracts for laboratory suites in the Lee campus child care center.

In October, the board approved plans to accept in donations of fine arts through the **foundation** in anticipation of the construction of a proposed art exhibit hall and library. The electronics engineering **program** was discontinued in November. The board continued its approval of the college administration's authority to negotiate on the purchase of property. Details were not present in the supplementary materials.

1999 (2012.01.301 - 2012.01.307)

The board approved purchase of property on **Buccaneer Boulevard** in January. Sovran Construction Company was paid \$884,000 in settlement of **construction litigation**. Details were not included in the supplementary material. **President Walker's** contract was extended through

June 2003 and the board **resolved** to **name** the new allied health building in his honor. The board rejected construction bids for the Lee campus child care center due to high cost. The board met in joint session in March with trustees from Thomas Edison State College to formalize an agreement regarding the “Baccalaureate Degree Pathways Program.” The board met in joint session with the **Lee County School Board** later that month.

Design and construction of the golf course mechanics lab was approved in April. A **master plan** for exterior signage at the Lee campus was also accepted. The board resolved its a appreciation of board member **Mary Lee Mann** in May. The board approved further pursuit of a baccalaureate degree **program**. The design of the student services building, as well as further parking lot renovation on the Lee campus, were also accepted. Exterior renovations of buildings on the west side of the Lee campus were also approved to begin in September 1999. The college **mission statement** was approved in October.

2000 (2012.01.038 - 2012.01.314)

The board authorized a contract with Child Care of Southwest Florida to operate the child care center on the Lee campus in February 2000. In August the board accepted a \$1 million **naming grant** from Madeleine Taeni and agreed to name the new student services building after her. The board amended the gift acceptance **policy** for naming gifts in November. The same month it authorized the mission, goals and objective of the distance learning **program**.

2001 (2012.01.314 - 2012.01.318)

In April 2001 the board resolved acceptance of the **SACS accreditation** self-study. The board approved a **naming gift** for the bell tower on the Lee campus in honor of Madeleine Taeni. A similar gift for the bell town on the **Charlotte campus** in honor of Viola Odenheimer was accepted. The board approved final completion of the renovation [**construction**] of the west campus in Lee County. The board reviewed plans for the renovation of the fire sciences laborites on the Lee Campus in May, and a **salary** adjustment for **Dr. Walker**.

In June the board approved **foundation goals**. The board accepted discontinuation of the citrus production technology degree **program** in August. A naming gift for the Sponsors Pavilion of the **performing arts hall** was approved in honor of Eleanor Walton Breshears in August. Approval for architectural contracts for the facilities building was noted in October. Accountability goal adjustments were made the same month. In November the board approved a proposal for submission granting the college authority to award baccalaureate degrees. The new internet services technology degree was also accepted.

2002 (2012.01.319 - 2012.01.324)

(The April 2002 minutes were missing from the collection, although supplementary materials appeared.)

The Lee County campus Garden of Inspiration **construction** plans were approved in February 2002 and **named** for Mary Jo Sanders in recognition of a **gift** from George Sanders and the Price foundation. Architectural contracts for exterior renovations, weatherproofing, and re-roofing of the **Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall** were approved in April. The board resolved in April to continue to work with other higher education institutions to achieve “seamless” baccalaureate degree **programs** and “meaningful articulation” in order to prevent course requirement duplications.

In August 2002 the board made final approval of the remodeling of Gresham Hall. The board approved a “Seamless Bachelor’s Degree Alliance” with **Florida Gulf Coast University** in November. The same month plans to remodel and renovate Buildings 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 of the **Collier campus** were accepted.

2003 (2012.01.325 - 2012.01.329)

The board approved architectural contracts for **construction** renovation of the first and second floors of Robinson Hall on the Lee campus in January 2003. **Holland T. Salley** was recognized by the college **foundation** with the Leadership in Fostering Education Award and the board **resolved** approval of this honor in February. In April the board approved plans and construction for an access road on the **Collier campus**. Plans for remodeling the Collier campus gymnasium were accepted in June.

In August the board approved final acceptance of the Lee campus facilities building, toured the new physical plant, and approved the 2004-05 capital improvement program. The board accepted a new five-year strategic **plan** for the college the same month.

2004 (2012.01.329 - 2012.01.334)

The board approved **naming** the fine art gallery for Bob Rauschenberg in April 2004. In May the board asked the college administration to return with a more detailed proposal after a presentation on a potential **Hendry/Glades** college center. A new degree **program** in early childhood education was approved. The board accepted a **budget** request for a baccalaureate degree grant for 2005-06 in June. A degree program in biotechnology was also approved. A report was made on the impact of Hurricane Charley on the college campuses in Lee, **Charlotte, and Collier Counties**. Remodeling of the Collier campus gymnasium and Robinson Hall were declared complete in November.

2005 (2012.01.336 - 2012.01.339)

(Cassette tapes and CD-ROMs of board meetings begin to appear in the collection in September 2005.)

The board resolved to the **state legislature** and state education department the importance of the community college baccalaureate degree **program** in January 2005. Reports were also presented regarding continuing efforts for clean-up after and the impact of Hurricane Charley in **Charlotte County**. These reports were noted in the agenda, but not included in the supplementary materials. In April the board resolved to support the reestablishment of a **State Coordinating Board of Community Colleges**. The board accepted an offer of land for use for a **Hendry/ Glades Counties** campus in May.

In June the board authorized college administration to pursue baccalaureate status with **SACS**. The site designations of the **Collier** and Charlotte Counties “centers” was officially changed to “campuses” the same month.

A bachelor of science degree program in public safety management was approved in August 2005. The mission statement of the college was revised the same month. In November a report was presented regarding the U. S. Department of Labor grant of \$1.9 million for expansion of the nursing program. The application to SACS for baccalaureate status was also approved in November. The board made note of its reluctance to approve the deletion of a list of courses from the Statewide Course Numbering System inventory. The course list was available in the supplementary materials.

2006 (2012.01.340 - 2012.01.344)

(DBOT minutes and supplementary materials were available online beginning in 2006. This is the only year duplicated in both the electronic and paper collections. The November minutes were not available in the paper collection because they were approved the subsequent year, although supplementary materials for that month appeared.)

In January 2006 the board **named** the science laboratories on the **Charlotte Campus** for Dr. Richard D. Yarger. Final completion of the remodeling of Royal Palm and Sabal Halls was approved in February. The board moved to name the future **Hendry County** campus after Kenneth J. Curtis. **Dr. Walker’s** contract was renewed for four years in April. **Mary Lee Mann** was named board chair in June. The board authorized the college to pursue a baccalaureate degree **program** in secondary education. A baccalaureate degree grant operating **budget** was also approved this month.

In September the board approved naming of the Lee child care center for Alice W. Lockmiller. The board authorized the college to pursue a long-term land lease with the **University of Florida** for the Collier Campus in October and the agreement was approved the following month. In November the board approved architects and **construction** firms for remodeling and renovating the **Learning Resources Center** on the Lee campus. Naming of the center to honor Richard H. Rush was also accepted.