



# Minutes Edison State College Board of Trustees Lee Campus – Building I, Room 223 March 26, 2013 2:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of Edison State College met in regular session in Lee County, Florida, on March 26, 2013 at 2:05 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, Chair.

Present:

Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, Chair

Sankey E. "Eddie" Webb, III, Vice Chair

Ann Berlam

Brian Chapman, Jr. Tristan Chapman

Julia Perry Braxton Rhone

Absent:

Christopher Vernon

Others:

Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten, President

June Hollingshead, Recorder

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Introduction of Guests and Public Comment - None

## Reports to the Board of Trustees

# Faculty Senate Report (Presenter: Dr. Bill Wilcox)

Dr. Wilcox introduced Dr. Laura Weir who spoke about the formation of Edison's model United Nation's chapter in 2012. Five founding student officers/members introduced themselves: Steven Morash, President; Michael Hood, Vice President; Lance Lambert, Treasurer; and Tony Baxter and Daro Kurdson, members. They attended a model UN conference at Harvard University with 3,000 students from 48 countries. Representing the Kingdom of Bahrain, they were involved with research, critical thinking, and negotiation skills, while experiencing a rewarding and unique cultural experience. All of the students expressed their gratitude at being a part of the inaugural group, beginning with a legacy of knowledge and laying a foundation for future ESC students who attend this conference.

## Student Report (Presenter: Dr. Christine Davis)

Dr. Davis introduced Albert Dorelien and Briana Mattera, resident assistants of Lighthouse Commons, who reported on housing activities. They attended a statewide conference and assisted in the formation of the Residence Hall

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Association (RHA) which facilitates a sense of community among dorm students. Other activities include floor competitions, video and cooking competitions, door decorating contests, study groups, Spirit Week, Family Weekend, a Peer Mentor Program, Welcome Week events, craft nights, Roommate Workshops, health and wellness challenges, and holiday celebrations. Community Outreach events include the ArtFest of Fort Myers, hunger walks, and Relay for Life. Local businesses have donated prizes for dorm competitions and have hired students.

# Legal Update Report (Presenter: Mr. Mark Lupe)

Mr. Lupe reported that he has begun the process of reviewing Board Policies along with President Allbritten and Ann Berlam, the Board's designated liaison for policy review. Their goal is to bring recommendations for policy development and draft policy updates to the Board of Trustees by the June 2013 meeting, and Mr. Lupe anticipates having 8-10 such policies in draft form. Discussion then followed about several policies which are currently being considered for review and update including new policies to implement a pending DOE rule on continuing contracts and a prohibition of hazing. The date to file a regulatory action plan with the state is July 1. Thereafter the new polices will be brought to the Board for final action in the new fiscal year. Mr. Lupe reiterated that all Board policies require Board approval.

SACS Update Report (Presenter: Dr. Jeff Stewart) (Backup in rear pocket)
Dr. Stewart's report included a timeline/itinerary of the upcoming SACS April 8-10 visit and an executive summary of the 7 remaining non-compliant standards, as well as SACSCOC options when they meet in June 2013.

# President's Report (Presenter: Dr. Jeff Allbritten)

- Dr. Allbritten noted how the College has changed a great deal in the last 8 months, and thanked the staff and faculty for their continued patience.
- The searches for a Registrar and Deans of Business & Technology and Arts
   & Sciences should be completed by the end of June.
- Dr. Allbritten congratulated the FGCU Eagles in a text to President Bradshaw on the team's 2 recent wins in the NCAA Basketball Tournament.
- Dr. Allbritten spoke with sadness about the death of Staff Sergeant Marc Anthony Scialdo, a 2002 Edison graduate, on March 11 in Afghanistan.
- Two ESC students are running for state offices in the Florida College System Student Government Association (FCSSGA). Sophomore Jacob Winge is running for President and sophomore Joe Garita is running for Vice President. On April 13, student delegates representing all of the Florida College System's 28 state and community college meet in Orlando to vote.
- The April Board meeting has been moved from April 23 to April 16.

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#### **New Business**

#### Other Business

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item #1. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting February 26, 2013 (Presenter: Mrs. Starnes-Bilotti) (Page 1)

MOTION Brian Chapman, seconded by Tristan Chapman, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 26, 2013, as presented. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of General Renovations and Seating Replacement for the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall (Presenter: Steve Nice/Board Liaison: Brian Chapman) (Page 8)

MOTION by Braxton Rhone, seconded by Ann Berlam, to approve general renovations and seating replacement for the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in an amount not to exceed \$1,102,000.00, as presented. Approved unanimously.

#### Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #3. Approval of Personnel Actions (Presenter: Mr. Dente/Board Liaison: Mr. Rhone) (Page 10)

MOTION by Tristan Chapman, seconded by Brian Chapman, to approve the list of Personnel Consent Actions, as presented. Approved unanimously.

# Information Only

Agenda Item #4. Edison State College Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 14)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Monthly Financial Report for information only.

Agenda Item #5. Edison State College Collegiate High Schools Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 19)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Monthly Financial Report for information only.

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# Written Reports

Agenda Item #6. Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Lee (Page 24)

A written report was submitted for information only.

<u>Agenda Item #7. Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Charlotte</u> (Page 26)

A written report was submitted for information only.

Professional Development - None

#### **President's Comments**

- Dr. Allbritten is looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Inauguration to celebrate the College's next 50 years.
- A team is working on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation to be held at Germain Arena. Gonfalons have been ordered a new tradition for us.
- Dr. Allbritten thanked Dr. Weir for the great opportunity provided to her students attending the Harvard UN model conference.

## **Board Members' Comments**

# Adjournment

MOTION by Eddie Webb, seconded by Tristan Chapman, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten College President

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Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, Chair District Board of Trustees