

Chairman Farley asked Mr. William Loope and Mr. Timothy Word to come forward to present a check from the Beckley Student Government Association. Mr. Word presented the New River Community and Technical College Foundation with a scholarship check for \$10,400 to endow a scholarship.

Chairman Farley asked to change the agenda, moving the action items to the beginning of the Board meeting as Mr. Edward Knight had to join the meeting by phone. Mr. Jeremy Ball made the motion to amend the agenda. Ms. Marilyn Leftwich seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Robert Farley called for approval of the minutes for November 1, 2007. Mr. Ball made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Christopher Mendoza seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Associate of Fine Arts Degree Approval: Dr. Faulk presented the Associate of Fine Arts degree. This will be the first Fine Arts two-year degree offered by community and technical colleges in the state. This program was approved by the Curriculum Committee. After approval by the New River Board, the proposal will require approval from the Community and Technical College Council. The degree will have two tracks: Studio Arts and Arts Management. Mr. Ball made the motion to approve the Associate of Fine Arts degree program. Ms. Leslie Baker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: No report.

Board of Governors Committee Reports: No report.

Executive Session: None.

Financial Report: Ms. Johnson will review the financial reports at the next board meeting in February.

Unfinished Business

Enrollment Management Report: Dean Michael Palm provided an update on the enrollment management plan.

The college enrolled 1,086 students during preregistration for Spring 2008.

Dean Palm said the college is considering an intramural program. Volleyball is the leading sport suggested by the students with basketball second.

Dean Palm mentioned the need to advise returning. Dean Palm will conduct a workshop for Student Services highlighting programs and benefits for veterans. A person on each campus will be designated to help with this program.

Update of Student Grades: Dr. Faulk is continuing to work with the campus deans and student program advisors on the missing student grades matter. All but 200 student grade issues have been resolved. Dr. Faulk stated that the missing grades would be entered by the end of the semester.

Title III RFP Update: Dr. Spring stated that Ramona Munsell and Associates were chosen to consult with the college on the preparation of a Title III grant. The college will apply for \$2 million in grant funding over a five-year period. Ms. Carolyn Sizemore has agreed to head this project. There will be a team from New River traveling to Arkansas in January to train with the consultant.

Policies and Procedures: Ms. Elizabeth Belcher stated that the policies and procedures will be presented in February.

New Business

Faculty Senate Report: Mr. Nick Bassett reviewed the handout given to the Board members explaining legislative code. He stated that the Faculty would like to meet with the Board members in April or May if there is a need. Mr. Bassett introduced the members of the Faculty Senate. A few concerns that Mr. Bassett brought before the Board are: hire more faculty, support strengthening the campus government organization, and upgrade the distance learning system. Another is for the Board members to support raising stipends for division chairs and, give release time to allow them to better perform their duties.

Classified Staff Report: Ms. Mary Igo presented the Classified Staff Report and introduced the Executive Council. The classified staff requested to meet with Board members more frequently.

President's Report: Dr. Spring reviewed his report with the Board members.

Dr. Spring reported that the WVCCA conference was a success. The college received many compliments. Dr. Spring stated he was elected President of the Association for 2008. Ms. Lori Midkiff has taken on additional responsibilities as secretary of the WVCCA.

Dr. Spring attended the Community College Council meeting today. College enrollment information was presented at the meeting. New River had a huge 33 percent increase in enrollment over Fall 2006.

Foundation: Mr. Loope stated his monthly report was included in the Board Packet.

College-wide Reports

Deans/Directors:

Ms. Carolyn Sizemore reported on the success of the Assessment Showcase, proudly showing the community college students preparedness.

Mr. Roger Griffith received the contract for the Culinary Arts program for the second year for the Alderson Prison.

Dr. John Mullens reported that the Summersville campus received the Outstanding Large Business of the Year award from the Summersville Chamber of Commerce at their annual dinner.

Ms. Lizabeth Rogers reported that the final report from the HLC Visiting Team has been sent to the Higher Learning Commission.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled at the Beckley Campus on Friday, February 8, 2008, 6:45 p.m. The retreat will follow on Saturday, February 9, 2008

Mr. Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Midkiff