

**NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Location: District Office – Eagle’s Nest
103 First Avenue at Hopi Drive
Holbrook, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Peaches, Chairman
Neal Thompson, Secretary
Norris Baldwin
Bill Jeffers
Dr. Paul Reynolds

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peggy Belknap	Dr. Rich Balsley
Gina Ciuffetelli	Bill Bolin
Dr. Richard Fleming	Breanna Daves
Heidi Fulcher	Jo Lynn Fox
Jane Hobart-Kahler	Blaine Hatch
Rose Kreher	LaDonna Jones
Pat McCann	Bannon Lomahquahu
Diane Miller	Brian McLane
Doug Ressler	Rose Opplinger
Roxie Roes	Everett Robinson
Mike Solomonson	Dan Simper
Terri Tubbs	Dr. Jeanne Swarthout
Murray Zeigler	Mark Vest

Chairman Daniel Peaches called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. Mr. Thompson led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Peaches welcomed the visitors.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Bill Jeffers moved to adopt the agenda. Paul Reynolds seconded the motion, and the agenda was accepted by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Norris Baldwin and seconded by Neal Thompson, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2005 were unanimously accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Daniel Peaches called for correspondence. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Daniel Peaches called for input from the general public. Mr. Murray Zeigler, newly appointed Executive Director for NATC introduced himself to the Board and thanked them for their support for NATC. He invited them to contact him at any time with questions or requests. It was noted that he would be interested in participating in the field study that Dr. Swarthout was conducting at the NATC property.

RECOGNITION OF NPC ALL ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM SCHOLARS

Dr. Fleming introduced two of the NPC All Arizona Academic Team Scholars – Rose Opplinger and Roxie Roes. A third recipient – Erin Meelhuysen – was unable to attend. Each scholar receives a tuition waiver from the Arizona university of their choice to complete the last two years of a baccalaureate degree. They also receive an NPC scholarship to assist them on their way. Rose Opplinger is from the Winslow campus and Mark Vest, Vice President of Student Services, thanked her for her assistance in Student Services during the recent illness of the LCC advisor. Rose would like to attend NAU and work on bachelors and masters degrees in Psychology. She was very appreciative of the tuition waiver since NAU just announced an increase for FALL semester. Roxie is from the Holbrook campus and is currently enrolled in NAU Northlands. She substitutes in the Holbrook and Joseph City School Districts and would like to complete her degree in Special Education.

FACULTY REPORT

Vice President of the Faculty Association, Mike Solomonson, gave the faculty report. He thanked Dr. Fleming for the recent dialogue concerning the new intellectual property procedure. The Math Department has submitted a \$70,000 grant application for a mobile lab. The Music Appreciation course is nearly ready to go online. The Performance Department is sponsoring a master’s class and recital by the world renowned pianist, Kevin Klass. The recital will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Snowflake on

March 4 at 7:30 pm. The recital is free to the public. Mr. Klass will also be performing with the Silver Creek Symphony at the Blue Ridge High School on March 11.

CASO REPORT

Rose Kreher represented CASO and reported the second of three workshops in their Professionalism in the Workplace series has been completed. It was Ethics and Confidentiality and was held February 11. The third workshop will be Time Management and Customer Service. The CASO organization wanted to express appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the personnel study.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Fleming recognized Bill Bolin of the Arizona Department of Commerce in the audience and invited him to make some comments to the Board. Mr. Bolin told the Board that the Plateau Region (there are 11 regions in the state) has been awarded a \$48,000 grant that will be used for an asset inventory mapping system that will be completed by June 30, 2005. The information collected will be used to inform and attract business/industry looking at our region about infrastructure available.

NPC was named the Arizona Employers Advisory Council Northern Arizona Region’s Business-of-the-Year. Doug Ressler and Mark Vest were named on the award for cooperation in development of economic and employment growth benefits. The award was presented on January 13, 2005 at the 6th annual Arizona Employers Advisory Council Board of Directors Recognition Luncheon. The awards are judged by organizations which provide outstanding outreach in connecting business and government workforce resources and building partnerships between private and public sectors.

The personnel compensation study was kicked off on Friday, February 4, as Dr. Fleming escorted a representative of Public Sector to each campus for meetings with employees. The employees received their position analysis questionnaire, instructions for completing the form and the timeline for doing so. A video meeting was also held for center employees and others who needed to attend. The questionnaires must be turned in to supervisors by February 18.

Heidi Fulcher, Dean of Developmental Services, shared with the Board information concerning the Adult Basic Education/GED program of the college. If the budget that President Bush has presented is approved, federal funds for this program will be eliminated. In the year 2003-2004, \$156,000 federal funds were allocated to Navajo and Apache County. Much of that money is used for scholarships for people needing the ADE/GED classes. According to statistics, over 36,000 people 16 years of age or older in our two counties are neither enrolled in school nor have a high school education. If the

funds are cut we could lose FTSE as these needy people would not be able to afford the tuition for the program. Mr. Baldwin suggested that the Board forward an official resolution to our legislators urging continued support of these programs.

BOARD REPORTS

Bill Jeffers thanked the President for the invitation to the Convocation and participating in honoring Bob Seymour for his service to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Request to Approve Agreement to Deliver College Level Classes at Pinon Unified School District #4

The agreement between Pinon and NPC continues arrangements to deliver college classes to area high schools. Paul Reynolds made the motion to approve the agreement and Mr. Jeffers seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

B) Request to Approve Tower Lease Agreement with CellularOne

The lease agreement with CellularOne has been renegotiated. CellularOne has continuously occupied space on NPC's White Mountain Campus tower since December, 2000. The motion to approve the lease was made by Bill Jeffers and seconded by Paul Reynolds. The Board unanimously approved the lease agreement for five years.

C) Request to Consider Continuing Operation of the Holbrook Residence Hall

During a lengthy discussion during the study session, the Board agreed that a program for student housing needs to be provided. It was proposed by staff that instead of continued operation of the dorm, that a Request for Proposal could be sent to Holbrook area motels for next FALL/SPRING as a pilot program. The staff would determine the costs involved and set up an agreement that would protect the students and the college. During the regular Board meeting further discussion ensued including comments from audience members that emphasized the need for some housing arrangement for students. Upon questioning from the Board, both members of the audience that spoke to the Board – LaDonna Jones and Bannon Lomahquahu – agreed that the local hotel idea was a good alternative. Bill Jeffers made the motion for the NPC staff develop an alternate housing plan for presentation at the next Board meeting. After a second by Neal Thompson, the motion was unanimously approved

D) Request to Approve Vendor Vouchers for Payment

Approval of the vouchers for payment was unanimous. Paul Reynolds made the motion to approve and Bill Jeffers made the second.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board was tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Tubbs
Recording Secretary to the Board

Daniel Peaches
Chairman

Neal Thompson
Secretary to the Board