

MINUTES OF MEETING
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
BOARD OF VISITORS
March 7, 2016

Chair Larry Mashburn called the regular meeting of the Board of Visitors to order at 6:06 p.m. on March 7th following a light meal on the Sevier County Campus.

Present: Larry Mashburn Robert Martinez
 Dr. Glenn Lance Barbara Horn
 Greg Revels

Absent: John Hearn Ricky Kesterson
 Kathy Beavert Jay Dooley

Staff Reports:

Dr. Cole read the resignation letter of Board Member John Hearn. Mr. Hearn has moved from Southwest Arkansas and is no longer able to serve. Steve will now begin the process of finding a replacement. Hopefully a replacement will be approved at the May 25-26 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System. Steve informed the Board that UA Cossatot will host the May meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas System and invited the Board of Visitors to attend this meeting. We are also planning a 40 Year Celebration immediately following the May 14th Graduation. We have reached out to businesses, industries, community leaders and parents with a survey regarding what the college needs to focus on in the future. This information will be used to build our 5 year plan. Dr. Cole also reported on the financial standing of the college. We are outpacing last year. We are a quarter million dollars to the good in our revenues over our expenditures. Accounts receivable is up about 120 thousand dollars. We will be asking for two new fees. One of the fees the UA System wants us to do and the other is a fee for critical maintenance.

Dr. Maria Markham reported for Academic Services. Priority registration for our current students will open on April 4th and registration for all first time students will begin the following week. We were approved by the Board of Trustees for our Physical Therapy Assistant program, and now the Higher Education Coordinating Board will review that next month. We are now conducting the CCSSE surveys. This is the Community College Survey of Student Engagement. We are looking for ways to improve our rigor, our academic standards, and our student engagement as far as co-curricular activities. Basically across the board we designed a lot of custom questions this time that address specific accreditation issues that we didn't have a good method to access for in the past. This will be our third year. We have good trend data and will see if the things we have done in the past have worked to bring our scores up. We were visited by the State Board of Nursing and will be recommended for re-accreditation for our ARNEC program in May. Our BOGO campaign will begin soon. This will be for summer only.

Mike Kinkade reported on the facilities of the college. We have put the Student Commons Project on hold. We will be doing some landscaping and finishing our curbing on the De Queen campus. At the Howard County campus we have a Weyerhaeuser Grant for the Computer Coding Lab, and this project is going well. We are replacing our two sided marquee signs with new logo signs. We have video cameras on all sites now.

Dr. Cole reported on Public Service and Workforce Development. Starting in July we will be offering some continuing education/personal enrichment classes on every campus. We will offer as many as we can just to get people on our campuses. We want to generate interest and help market our college.

Action Items:

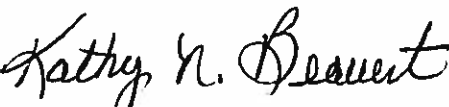
No. 1 Approve the Minutes of January 11, 2016, Board of Visitors Meeting. Greg Revels made the motion for approval and Robert Martinez gave the second. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

No. 2 Approve Revision of College Policy 101: Authority. Robert Martinez made the motion to approve this action, and with a second from Greg Revels the motion passed 5-0.

No. 3 Approve College Policy 718: Usage of Institutional Assets, Personal Use of College Property, Equipment or Facilities. Dr. Glenn Lance motioned for approval. Barbara Horn seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Chair Larry Mashburn asked for a motion of adjournment. Robert Martinez made the motion and Greg Revels made the second. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Chair Mashburn adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy N. Beavert

Kathy Beavert, Secretary