

MINUTES OF MEETING
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS BOARD OF VISITORS
March 4, 2024

Vice Chair Mike Cranford called the regular meeting of the Board of Visitors to order at 12:15 p.m. following a light meal at the UA Cossatot Lockesburg Community Room.

Present:	Brenda Tate Dori Gutierrez Mike Cranford	Ellen Moreland Angie Walker Tim Pinkerton	Dr. Glenn Lance
Absent:	Barbara Horn Barbara Dixon	Tyler Davis	
Guest:	Suzanne Ward	Chantal Alonso	

Staff Reports

Chancellor Cole briefly presented the chancellor's report to the Board on the Governor's new workforce plan. He shared how we have already been implementing workforce training through our continuing education program such as aerial lineman, CDL training, Medical Assisting programs, and more. Dr. Cole Assured the board that we are very responsive and will continue to adapt with the changes as the workforce industry continues to grow. Chancellor Cole also updated our board on our recent developments with the 501C3 Samaritan Fields, owned by Esteban Ochoa and his father. UA Cossatot has begun exploring the possibilities for the purchase of the Samaritan fields.

Vice Chancellor Charlotte presented the latest financial report to the board. In the summary of Unrestricted & Auxiliary revenues a little over 8.1 million after spring registration posted. The Expenditures are up from this time last year at 6.7 million. In Accounts Receivable, the Yearly Change has increased. In Grants & Other Restricted Programs we have earned a little over 2.6 million out of the 10.6 million multiple year grants. Our adult education TANF funds were ended earlier than expended due to the governor's decision to cut those funds across the board. The numbers for the Schedule of Bank Accounts are a little over 5 million in the bank, compared to this time last year we're in the same range. The college is over 1 million in total for Schedule of Investments- Certificate of Deposits. Pooled investments have also increased to 531,000. The total endowment funds are a little over 158,000, which is up by 100,000 of what we were at last year at this time. Chancellor Cole reiterated that we have diligently been working on our budget process for next year's budget which will be submitted to the UA System in May.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashley Aylett presented the latest Academic Services report. Dr. Aylett commented on our transition to workday for enrollment this fall semester. Dr. Aylett elaborated on our high recruitment, she along with other of her colleagues have been visiting our local high schools and preregistering seniors who plan on attending UCA next semester. This has been extremely beneficial for students and has helped tremendously build that bridge to transition from high school to college. Enrollment for concurrent students is up by 1% this Spring compared to Fall of 2023. Dr. Aylett celebrated our PTA program for having a 100% pass rate. Dr. Aylett and Suzanne ward answered questions on the Highschool Feeder Statistics (2015-2023) Chart.

Vice Chancellor Mike reported a Facilities update. The Middle School Project is officially complete. Our next emphasis will be on the Simulation Labs. We anticipate having a contractor selected by early April.

The expected time frame for this project to be completed is between 150-210 days. Dr. Cole emphasized the importance of this project along with our Mobil Medical Labs due to the fact that many of our programs are contingent on them. Mike mentioned we are currently taking bids for the Aerial Lineman bucket trucks storage building project. In other business related to facilities, Dr. Cole clarified our involvement in the solar project with the UA System rather than with the Sevier County Solar Project.

Madelyn Jones reported on behalf of the College Relations report. Madelyn emphasized our involvement with the eclipse planning in conjunction with the Sevier County Fair Boards and the Sevier County Chamber of Commerce to host the Sevierly Dark Festival that will take place Saturday April 6th. UA Cossatot has made the decision to move our annual Fiesta Fest Event to Friday April 5th. This shift will give us the opportunity to kickoff eclipse festivities and further support the community. We will also be renting day of parking passes for the solar eclipse located on our De Queen campus. These will be available for purchase prior to the event and the day of the event. Madlyn shared our new event "Coffee with the Chancellor". There will be scheduled days on each campus where the community can come have coffee and doughnuts with our chancellor Dr. Cole and indulge in conversation. Our first gathering in Nashville was very successful. We look forward to hosting in De Queen on March 12th and Ashdown on April 23rd. College relations will be planning a drawdown in the fall.

Action Items:

No. 1 Approve Minutes of January 8, 2024, Board Meeting. Angie Walker motioned for passage and Brenda Tate seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

No. 2 Review College Policy 541: Student Organizations. Angie Walker motioned for passage. Dr. Glenn Lance seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

No. 3 Review College Policy 521: International Students. Dr. Glenn Lance motioned for passage and Angie Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Vice Chair Mike Cranford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Pinkerton made the motion and with a second from Brenda Tate, Vice Chair Mike Cranford adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Walker, Secretary