MINUTES OF MEETING
COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS BOARD OF VISITORS
July 7, 2025

Chair Mike Cranford convened the regular meeting of the Board of Visitors at 12:11 p.m. in the UA Cossatot Lockesburg Community Room, following a light meal and an invocation.

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| Present: | Barbara Dixon | Dori Gutierrez | Angie Walker |
| | Mike Cranford | Brenda Tate | |
| | Dr. Glenn Lance | Joe Martinez | |
| Absent: | Barbara Horn | Tim Pinkerton | |

**Staff Reports**

Chancellor Cole presented the Chancellor's Report, sharing his professional and personal goals for 2025–2026, which were closely aligned with the new Strategic Plan and Master Facilities Plan. His professional goals focused on completing the cafeteria and merchandise center project, increasing the college's fund balance, securing federal and state grants, laying the foundation for student housing at the De Queen and Nashville campuses, and expanding athletics to include baseball and softball. His personal goals included improving communication with staff and the Board, mentoring future leaders, and strengthening relationships with other campuses within the UA System.

Vice Chancellor Charlotte presented the most recent financial report to the board. Vice Chancellor Charlotte reported that revenues and expenditures were slightly above at this time last year, demonstrating the college's strong financial standing. Accounts receivables had decreased due to improved collection efforts, and activity in Grants and Other Restricted Programs remained high, with more than 9 million in active awards, though some grants were approaching expiration. She highlighted growth in cash reserves and investments, including increases in CD interest and endowment balances. The proposed FY 2025–2026 budget includes 12.3 million in unrestricted revenue and 11.9 million in expenses, with a 49,000 transfer to balance auxiliary operations. Budget priorities include 2% salary increases for faculty and staff, rising healthcare premiums, the addition of a new financial aid advisor, and updates to continuing education and Workday system classifications.

Dr. Ashley Aylett delivered the Academic Services Report. She reviewed Spring 2025 enrollment, awards, and trends over multiple years. Spring 2025 saw a total of 414 graduates, consistent with strong performance across programs. Awards included 27% associate degrees, 31% Technical Certificates, and 42% Certificates of Proficiency. She shared detailed Adult Education achievements that included 469 total enrollments, 42 GED graduates, and a range of multiple certifications.

Tammy Coleman followed with the Public Services and Workforce Development Report, emphasizing the continued success of broadband programs, which received $158,237 in contributions and utility pole donations for the training yard. She reported that the YouthBuild program enrolled 62 students and awarded 268 industry-recognized credentials, while the Career

Pathways program supported 97 students, awarding 41 credentials. Career Readiness Certification Services issued multiple Arkansas National Career Readiness Certificates, and Continuing Education offered a range of technical and safety courses.

Madelyn Jones presented the College Relations Report, noting a 33% increase in Facebook page views, with engagement reaching 821,221 views and 20,841 interactions. She also reported a 455% increase in fundraising success, with Fiesta Fest raising $15,000, and introduced the new Student Emergency Fund designed to support students facing financial hardship. She discussed the transition of Ed88 radio to new ownership, with content migrating online, and outlined plans for the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration and Giving Campaign scheduled for September 3–6, 2025.

**Action Items:**

**No. 1 Approve Minutes of May 5, 2025, Board Meeting.** Angie Walker motioned for passage and Brenda Tate seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0.

**No. 2 Review New College Policy 219: Hazing.** Angie Walker motioned for review. Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

**No. 3 Review New College Policy 220: Hazing Prevention.** Angier Walker motioned for review and Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

**No. 4 Review New College Policy 725: Policy Designation of Multi-Occupancy Restrooms, Changing Rooms, and Sleeping Quarters in Public Buildings.** Angie Walker motioned for passage and Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

**No. 5 Review College Policy 330: Purchasing Policies.** Brenda Tate motioned for review. Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

**No. 6 Review College Policy 216: UA Cossatot Title IX Policy for Complaints of Sexual Assault and Other Forms of Sexual Harassment.** Angie Walker motioned for passage and Dori Gutierrez seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Chair Mike Cranford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Walker made the motion and with a second from Brenda Tate, Chair Mike Cranford adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Walker, Secretary

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**Addendum to the Board of Visitors Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2025**
At the July 7, 2025, Board of Visitors meeting, the Board conducted the annual selection of officers. The following officers were elected to serve for the 2025–2026 Board of Visitors term:

- **Chair:** Mike Cranford
- **Vice Chair:** Tim Pinkerton
- **Secretary:** Angie Walker

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Board of Visitors Officers was made by Barbara Dixon and seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

This addendum is entered into the official minutes to reflect this action.