The Board of Regents of North Central Texas College (NCTC) met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2013, in the Board Room in the ASC Building. Dr. Bill Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum with all members present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Bill Ledbetter, Chairman  
Mr. David Flusche, Vice-Chairman  
Ms. Karla Metzler, Secretary  
Mr. Matt Chalmers  
Mr. Dick Haayen  
Ms. Christy Morris  
Ms. Patsy Wilson

ADMINISTRATORS/STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Eddie Hadlock, President  
Dr. Emily Klement  
Dr. Janie Neighbors  
Ms. Sandy Otto  
Dr. Billy Roessler  
Ms. Debbie Sharp  
Dr. Brent Wallace  
Mr. Bill Winans

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The minutes for September 12, 2013, and September 16, 2013, were approved as presented and will be filed accordingly.

REPORTS

A. Financial

Dr. Janie Neighbors, Vice President of Financial Services, certified that all transfers were made according to Board policy, State and Federal regulations, and internal control procedures. The balance for General and Restricted funds totaled $25,159,056.00 as of September 30, 2013. Board Designated Reserves of $10,688,095.00 included Certificates of Deposit totaling $4,031,517.00. The financial reports will be filed for audit.
B. Financial Aid Cohort Default Rates

Dr. Billy Roessler, Vice President of Student Services, reported the United States Department of Education had released the two-year 2011 and the three-year 2010 cohort default rates. NCTC’s default rates have decreased, while the national rates for public community colleges have increased. NCTC’s two-year default rate decreased from 16.2% to 11.2%; the three-year rate decreased from 30.02% to 22.8%.

C. Quarterly External Funding and Technical Grant Funding

Ms. Debbie Sharp, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, presented the quarterly update for North Central Texas College External Funding.

D. TSI (Texas Success Initiative) and Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Dr. Brent Wallace, Vice President of Instruction, reported that previously Texas Success Initiative (TSI) authorized multiple assessments to establish student readiness using state approved cut scores in math, reading and writing through various assessment instruments across institutions.

Texas HB 1244 authorized the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) the authority to adopt one statewide assessment instrument with one standard that cannot be raised by institutions of higher education. According to the THECB the following benefits are offered with this new TSI assessment.

- Aligns to the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards
- Aligns to the national ABE standards and will diagnose accurate placement
- Includes diagnostic component to identify specific student weakness
- Computer Adaptive Assessment
- Low cost for institutions and students

Students who are unable to place successfully above the state cut scores for developmental education will be placed in Adult Basic Education.

E. Texas Board of Nursing Site Visit

Dr. Wallace informed the Board that in June of 2013 the Texas Board of Nursing conducted a site visit of the current nursing program (LVN) including curriculum, faculty and facilities.

He reported a response to the Texas Board of Nursing site visit was sent to the Education Consultant for the Board from NCTC Administration on September 30, 2013. In this document the Administration addressed the concerns regarding the recommendation and requirement from the site visit by informing the Board of Nursing that the Board of Regents of NCTC has called a bond election that if successful would allow for the construction of a new Health Sciences building that would update and expand the nursing and simulation department facilities. The outcome of the bond election will determine the extent to which the facilities can be expanded to meet the requirements of
Board of Nursing Rule 214.

F. Canvas Learning Management System

Dr. Wallace reported ANGEL (A New Global Environment for Learning), a Blackboard, Inc. product, is the Learning Management System (LMS) currently adopted by North Central Texas College (NCTC). ANGEL is the primary delivery platform for all online and hybrid courses at NCTC. It also serves as a delivery and reporting tool for face-to-face courses, professional development, and collaboration activities.

The college’s current ANGEL contract ends in August 2014, thus requiring NCTC to migrate to an alternate LMS. In higher education, major LMS migration projects span on average 24 months. As a result, initial project steps related to LMS evaluation and selection began in early 2012. Comparative trial testing and analysis of Canvas by Instructure and Blackboard Learn 9.1 by project participants occurred in the summer 2012.

Every NCTC project participant scored Canvas by Instructure higher than Blackboard Learn 9.1. It was preferred unanimously over the alternative. Canvas offered the most intuitive user experience on the LMS market and at an affordable cost.

He noted migration began in September 2013 and will be completed by August 1, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Review of Board Policy (Local) CAK Appropriations and Revenue Sources: Investments

Ms. Metzler moved to approve CAK (Local) Appropriations and Revenue Sources: Investments for 2013 – 2014 with no changes. Mr. Haayen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of four Day Work Week for Summer 2014

Mr. Haayen moved to approve the following:

1) Establishing a four-day work week during the summer with hours of operation Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
2) Amending the 2013 – 2014 NCTC Academic Calendar to note the four-day work week beginning June 2, 2013 through August 1, 2014.

Ms. Wilson second, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy CGA (Local) Safety Program and Fire Prevention (First Reading)

No action required.
D. Consideration of Appointing Dr. Hadlock as the Owner’s Representative to Negotiate an Electric Contract

Mr. Haayen moved to appoint Dr. Eddie Hadlock, President, as the Owners Authorized Representative, to negotiate the electric contract price. Mr. Chalmers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of Setting Board of Regents December Meeting Date

Ms. Wilson moved to schedule December 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., for the regular December meeting. Mr. Haayen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of Personnel

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the employment of the following personnel:

- Dave Bryan – Skills Development Grant Coordinator-GE
- Kevin Sadowski – SBDC Business Advisor
- William (Bill)) Winans – Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development

Mr. Haayen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Chairman of the Board  Secretary
Dr. Bill Ledbetter  Ms. Karla Metzler