

SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Pre-Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Area Legislators
Monday, December 12, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.
Private Dining Room
West Burlington Campus

1.1 CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Heland called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Trustees Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Jeff Heland, Lanny Hillyard, Moudy Nabulsi, and Chris Prellwitz were present. Also present were President Dr. Michael Ash, Secretary Sherry Zeller, Treasurer Kevin Carr, and faculty/staff members Dr. Carole Richardson, Joan Williams, Chuck Chrisman, Becky Rump, Don Weiss, and Dr. Deborah Wright. Mrs. Beth Ash, IACCT Executive Director M.J. Dolan, and the following SCC students were also present: Sarah Frey, Rhyan Nelson, Breese Marsh, Paige Kammerer, Shelby Smith, Julie Wehmeyer, Chris Edwards, Paige Siegworth, Skylar Troutman, and Sierra May. Representatives Dennis Cohoon, Dave Heaton, and Jerry Kearns were also present.

1.2 ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA:

Trustee Fife-LaFrenz moved to adopt the agenda. Trustee Hillyard seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Heland welcomed the legislators, staff, and students. He expressed appreciation to the legislators for their continued support of community colleges.

Student Paige Kammerer spoke about her positive experiences at SCC.

Dinner was served.

2.1 COMMENTS - PRESIDENT DR. MICHAEL ASH

At President Ash's request, the students introduced themselves and reported on their educational aspirations.

President Ash introduced the members of the Board of Trustees and the college staff.

Professor Dr. Deborah Wright gave remarks on behalf of the Higher Education Association regarding the American Association of Community College's Economic Impact Study.

IACCT Executive Director M. J. Dolan expressed congratulations to the Board of Trustees, President Ash, and the college's staff regarding the recent construction of the Health Professions building. She noted that the community colleges of Iowa are the workforce trainers of Iowa and encouraged the legislators to increase per-student funding to \$4,000.

President Ash expressed appreciation for the legislators' support of community colleges in the last legislation session. He reported on the newly completed Health Professions Building at the West Burlington Campus and the nearly complete Industrial Maintenance Technology Building

in Keokuk. President Ash reported on the Blackhawk Tower student residence hall which is nearly completed and the new Hall of Sciences which will be constructed beginning in 2016.

2.2 COMMENTS - AREA LEGISLATORS:

Representatives Cohoon and Kearns gave comments regarding their expectations for the upcoming legislative session. They expressed their support for the community colleges but noted that this may be another year of low funding due to less than anticipated state revenue and other funding priorities.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Board consensus at 6 p.m.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees and this is certified to be a true copy.



Sherry Zeller
Board Secretary