
DCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: March 22, 2021

Meeting Location: DCC Board Room

Approval: FINAL

Recorded By: Erin Kaufman

Attendance

Name	Title/Organization	Present
Chad Knudson	Chair	Yes
Darla Handran	Vice Chair	Yes
Spencer Johnson	Trustee	Yes
Cindy Larsen	Trustee	Yes
Sarah Thorson	Trustee	Yes
Mike Wilondek	Trustee	Yes
Scott Mickelsen	President	Yes
Suela Cela	VP – Academic and Student Affairs	No
Erin Kaufman	Academic Coordinator	Yes
Leslie Weldon	VP – Advancement and Human Resources	Yes
Laurie Huber	Director – DCC Lewistown	Yes
Katie Carrier	Dean	Yes
Staci Rothamer	Assistant to President	Yes
Joe Peterson	Athletic Director	Yes
Tyrel Huseby	DCC IT	Yes
Community Members		
Jeremy Alley	Land Owner	Yes

Chad Knudson, Chair

Darla Handran, Vice Chair

Dawson Community College Board of Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 22, 2021 5:30 pm
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The meeting was called to order by Chair Knudson at 5:35 p.m. The Chair called for introductions.

Correspondence

The Trustees reviewed the timetable for the election, as well as the MOU from the Glendive Federation of Teachers.

Minutes

- Trustee Wilondek /Trustee Thorson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

President Mickelsen:

- New Cares Act Moneys will be disbursed to students in the coming, with a possibility of more money coming.
- PRFRA report was submitted
- Grant Writer has been working with Criminal Justice, AG Department and Welding Department
- Scott had a meeting with Glenn at the Montana Law Enforcement partnership, working on developing curriculum.
- Legislative updates given
- Bus issues for the softball team on the way home from Colorado
- Review of Assessments tied to NWCCU, some areas of concern, need faculty to get Assessments completed in a timely fashion
- Colleges in Wyoming are cutting positions, our numbers continue to increase

Katie Carrier Ag Learning Lab Updates

- Transferability of courses, working with MSU Bozeman and MSU Northern 2+2 agreements
- Broke down the cost from start up, to annual budget in packet
- Comparison of money if we sold the Heifers rather than if we kept to utilize in our cafeteria
- Went over start-up costs and other costs we would have throughout the year.
- Board would like to see yearly operation plan for each class that we currently offer on campus.
- Will work with Enrollment Director to get enrollment numbers more accurate
- Increase workshop in the community with adults that need help in the area.
- Focusing on recruiting in the area high schools, including FFA programs
- Research for two-year schools compared four year university schools
- USDA grants for smaller two-year ag schools are up for grabs, need to get some applications in
- Implement Range Management/Grazing Strategy
 - Use of land for grazing will improve the land overall
 - Possibility of classes in this study

Finance Committee Meeting report by Trustee Wilondek:

- Budget will be ready to be discussed in June
- Possibilities for new dorms; Pod type, if not used for students could potentially rent out.

HR Committee Report by Vice Chair Handran:

- Ag Instructor interviews in progress, on campus visits will be coming first week of April

Policy Committee Report by Trustee Thorson:

- No policies were reviewed

Chairman Knudson called for public comment; Jeremy Alley was present;

Jeremy Alley; was present with concerns of the ground being used for Ag as he has land that borders Dawson Community College grounds. The ground gets beat down just from walking on it, let alone driving trucks and such in this area. He feels the ground takes time to replenish and grow, concerns on the long time effects a cattle herd would have.

Consent Items-Motion carried unanimously.

- Trustee Larsen moved / Vice-Chair Handran seconded the motion to approve the Vouchers List, HR Report, Presidents report.
- Rodeo Banquet will be held off campus on April 3, 2021. The college would like to serve alcohol at this event. Trustee Wilondek moved /Vice-Chair Handran seconded the permission to sell alcohol at the Rodeo Banquet in April.
- Trustee Wilondek / Trustee Johnson make a motion to approve the sale of an old Flatbed from a pick up to be auctioned off at the Rodeo Banquet in April.

AG Learning Lab, was tabled for additional information to be brought next month.

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.