

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Minutes  
12-13-2021

Member's present were Cynthia Sherwood, Ashley Osburn, Val DeFever, Norman Chambers, John Eubanks, Kevin Brannum, Jonathan Sadhoo, David Adams, Taylor Crawshaw, Andrew Gutschenritter, Paul Molnar, Heather Mydosh, Kris Adams, Jason Casto, Erica Cope. Bruce Peterson, Bridget Carson, Shannon LaCount, Tim MacLaskey, Vincent Bowhay and Cherie Stockton.

At 7 p.m. Chair Cynthia Sherwood requested a motion to call the meeting to order. Val DeFever made a motion to begin the meeting, while Norman Chambers seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Sherwood welcomed guests both in person and via zoom.

Andrew Gutschenritter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Norman Chambers read the mission statement and Val DeFever read the Vision Statement.

Chair Sherwood asked for any remarks/question questions regarding the items on the consent agenda. Sherwood requested a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Ashley Osburn, seconded by Val DeFever. Motion carried 6 – 0. Sherwood then stated that policies TRU-908 and TRU-909 were being removed from the Agenda. Ashley Osburn moved to approve the amended agenda; Val DeFever seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Dr. Shannon LaCount gave a brief overview of the work being done for accreditation. She is planning a mock visit in February to have an in person visit to prepare for the in person HLC visit which is scheduled for April 1, 2022. Dr. LaCount mentioned the 5 levels of criterion and hopes to give a Campus updated via newsletter or email. HLC will do a "student voice" survey; Dr. LaCount will inform the campus when that is being done.

Chair Sherwood asked for questions regarding the payables. Ashley Osburn made a motion to approve the payables; John Eubanks seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The audit was submitted by Ashley Osburn who gave a review over each of the different areas of the Audit. Also mentioned the next audit is scheduled to be completed by February for June of 20/21. John Eubanks made a motion to approve the audit report as presented. Val DeFever seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Chair Sherwood called on Dr. Sadhoo to discuss the Audit Firm Selection memo up for approval. Dr. Jonathan Sadhoo requested to approve the same audit firm (Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA) to complete the financials and have the auditors on campus on January 18 to complete field work. Planning to have the audit completed to submit as evidence to HLC. Osburn feels it is important to use this same firm to have it completed in a timely manner. John Eubanks motioned to accept the Audit firm as selected while Ashley Osburn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Taylor Crawshaw spoke to the group regarding the Associate of Fine Arts Degree. Crawshaw feels this is a good opportunity to offer a new degree to students. This degree transfers to a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and has been approved by KBOR for spring of 2020. Crawshaw feels this degree would help ICC be more competitive as other neighboring community colleges (Cowley & Hutchinson) currently have this degree. This degree has been approved by the Academic Council. Once approved by the board this degree will be submitted to HLC for screening and eventually approval. Chairman Sherwood asked about the difference between Associate of Arts and Associate of Fine Arts. Associate of Arts is more general, and the student could teach, while the Associate of Fine Arts is more acting/performing. Kevin Brannum asked about scholarships and recruiting for these programs. Crawshaw stated the Recruiting Department has some new ideas to promote recruiting in this area. Crawshaw also mentioned that she is looking at a few other programs to bring to campus for Fall of 2022. Kevin Brannum moved to approve the Associate of Fine Arts Degree as presented by Crawshaw, John Eubanks seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Vincent Bowhay gave a brief overview regarding the Cheer team attending Nationals in Florida. Mentioned this is a positive learning experience for our students. Stated the budget will come from the athletic administration account (playoff account). 28 students/staff will attend. Coach Erica Cope mentioned the Cheer Team had won free lodging from a social media campaign with a video which would help with the budget. They are also competing in the virtual championship to make changes with the hope of getting a better rating. Kevin Brannum made a motion to approve, Ashley Osburn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Val DeFever attended her first KACCT meeting. DeFever gave a brief overview of the information received at this meeting. (A power point is available for review) DeFever mentioned a SED (Social Economic Diversity) presentation at this conference. She mentioned the importance of helping faculty/staff understand the different outlooks of each student and how we assist our students to be successful both academically and financially.

An award was given to Norman Chambers for his years of service, along with a Pirate Bench. Norman mentioned some highlights during his time as a Trustee. Ashley Osburn made a motion to recess for 20 minutes to celebrate Trustee Chambers and his years of service on the Board of Trustees.

Ashley Osburn then made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel, exception K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1), stating that open session would resume at 9:15 p.m. John Eubanks seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

At 9:18 p.m. John Eubanks motioned to extend Executive session until 9:30 p.m.; Ashley Osburn seconded. Motion was carried 6 – 0. Vincent Bowhay was invited to attend this session.

At 9:30 p.m., Chair Sherwood requested a motion to Adjourn. Norman Chambers motioned to adjourn. Kevin Brannum seconded.