

CLARK STATE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Wednesday June 16, 2021
Clark State College, Brinkman Education Center
100 S. Limestone St, Springfield OH 45501
Lifesize Virtual Meeting Option

Minutes

Directors present in person: Cindy Barnett, Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, Bill Brougher, John Brown, Nettie Carter-Smith, Sharon Doyle, Sue Evans, Dr. Bob Hill, Katherine Hoptry, Don Lynam, Joe Monnin, Peggy Noonan, Kerry Pedraza, Patti Phillips, and Jo Ann Rigano.

Directors present virtually through Lifesize: Mitch Hurst (Chair), Shashi Chadha

Staff present: Karen Hunt, Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Crystal Jones, Toni Overholser, Doug Schantz and Larry Wakefield

Welcome. Chair Mitch Hurst welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. He began the meeting by sharing some information on Richard O. Brinkman, the building's namesake and former Clark State President. Mr. Brinkman originally founded the Springfield and Clark County Technical Education program in 1962. This program became Clark Technical College in 1967 and Clark State Community College in 1988. Mr. Brinkman retired June 30, 1983. He served on many state and regional boards, until his death in 1986.

Scholarship Presentation. Foundation Director, Toni Overholser, presented information regarding scholarships awarded during the 2020-2021 academic year. Overall, \$241,429.00 in scholarship support was awarded. This is an increase over last years total of \$226,671.00. Last year the scholarship committee began the process of reviewing scholarship metrics, to assure our awards were being distributed as equitably as possible. Last year, the board slightly adjusted the reviewer scoring matrix and awarded an additional point for first generation college students. This year's recipient demographics are very closely aligned with college demographics. The student population is 66% female and 34% male. Our applicants averaged 80% female and 20% male. The Foundation will explore new ways to engage our male population and encourage them to apply for scholarships in the new academic year. Toni also shared information regarding other support services and resources that were available to students who did not receive a scholarship. The Foundation works very closely with Student Support Services to assure that students are getting the support they need to finish their program of study. Scholarship Chair, Nettie Carter-Smith, pointed out that these results show the impact of the changes to the award process that were made last year. She is very pleased with the results and expects to close the gap for male applicants, this year. Dr. Blondin added that she is pleased the Foundation is monitoring this data and making this process as equitable as possible for our students. Toni will be sharing this presentation with the College Board of Trustees in September.

Minutes. Bill Brougher presented the minutes from the May 19th meeting. *John Brown moved to accept, Nettie Carter-Smith seconded, and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Financial Statements. Doug Schantz presented the financial statements for the period ending May 30, 2021 showing a fund balance of \$13,685,493.00 reflecting an increase of \$92,748.00 since April. *Patti Phillips moved for approval, Bill Brougher seconded the motion. The motion to accept the financials report was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Audit/Investment Committee. Chair Bill Brougher presented the 2020 Audit for review. *Dr. Bob Hill moved for approval, John Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

Chair Bill Brougher presented the 2020 IRS 990 for review. *Kerry Pedraza moved for approval, Nettie Carter-Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.*

The Finance Committee presented the 2021 Budget for approval. Cindy Barnett seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bill informed the Board that the subcommittee continues to move forward with the RFP review process. Also, the Finance committee has decided to meet on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly, as this aligns more closely with the receipt of our investment financial reporting schedule. The committee will meet additionally, to address any issues that arise.

Resource Development Committee. Chair Jo Ann Rigano was present but unable to speak. Toni Overholser stated that the committee did not meet, but will be meeting in July.

Governance Committee. Chair Kerry Pedraza reported the Committee has not met and there is no report.

Scholarship Committee. Chair Nettie Carter-Smith reported that the Committee did not meet this month.

Friends of PACC. Chair Katherine Hoptry reported that the PAC staff returned on June 1st and the facility reopened to guests on June 12. The first event, the Close to Home series concert, was held outdoors and well attended.

STANDING REPORTS

Chairman's Report. Chair Mitch Hurst reported that we have no June birthdays, but since we do not meet in July he wished Shashi Chadha a happy July 1st birthday. In your packet you will find a new board member application for your consideration. Toni shared Tera Thornton's background; she is originally from Springfield and is a former grade school principal. She works through her organization, Seeds to Trees, to prepare students for their elementary school journey. She attended Clark State and is committed to our students and our mission.

Nettie Carter-Smith made a motion to accept Tera Thornton's application. Patti Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Board of Trustees Report. Peggy Noonan reported that the Board of Trustees will meet on June 22nd. There is nothing currently to report.

President's Report. Dr. Blondin gave a college update:

- The College is focused on the state budget, House Bill 110, as it moves through committee. It will hopefully be sent for a vote prior to June 30 at 11:59 pm. This is one of the reasons the college moved the June Board meeting one week later than usual. The college is optimistic that we will see increases in our SSI. In addition, we hope to receive approval for community colleges to offer Bachelor of Science Nursing degrees. If approved Clark State will pursue offering this program. In addition, we expect to see increased financial support for short-term workforce development programs.
- In your packets you will find a copy of our second site visit report from Achieving the Dream. The College Board of Trustees was very forward thinking to begin this initiative at the start of the pandemic. There was no better time to begin this work around Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; ultimately closing achievement gaps for our students. We are very proud of the work that has already been accomplished. In the first year, our course completion rate increased from 79% to 84%. For students of color, there was an increase from 64% to 70%. We are closing the gap for our students. Dr. Blondin thanked Dr. Hunter and the ATD Core Team for all their work on this project. Dr. Kirkman and his team are completely overhauling the orientation process, to make it a better experience for students. We are evaluating all our processes to assure we are being as student focused as possible.

- John Brown brought up the budget bill and the impact the current language could have on city taxes, if passed. This item would allow people working from home to avoid paying city income tax.

Director's Report. Toni Overholser reported on the following:

- Clark State socks were provided to the Board to thank them for all their efforts.
- Don Lynam was presented with a plaque to thank him for his many years of service to the Foundation Board; he has served since 2010. This is the last meeting for Don and Steve Neely, as they are term limited. Board Chair, Mitch Hurst, thanked Don for everything he has done to support our Foundation Board and Clark State students.
- Toni informed the Board that we would be using some of our Community Commitment scholarship funds to provide two scholarships, each semester, to Men of Clark State students. This program supports male students of color. These students have lower completion rates as compared to other populations and we hope that these scholarships will help to close this gap. Toni and Dr. Kirkman will keep the Board updated on the progress of this initiative.
- The Foundation is working closely with the Business Office and Student Services to distribute the latest round of HEERF funds.
- Dr. Blondin pointed out that this is Larry Wakefield's last meeting in his role as Vice President of Business Affairs. Doug Schantz will assume this role in July. Dr. Blondin and the Board expressed gratitude for everything Larry has done to support the College and the Foundation. Larry will continue to work with us on special projects as needed basis.

Project Jericho. Lo was unable to attend today's Board meeting because she is currently conducting a mosaic project on the main campus. Her Board report is in your packet for review.

Scholars Program. Karen Hunt asked everyone to share the mentor application with community members who may be interested in supporting our Scholars during their high school journey. Karen will email the application link to Board, following the meeting.

Other.

- There will not be a meeting in July.
- John Brown requested that the Board packet be loaded into Boardbook as a single document, in case Board members wanted to easily print everything a one time. Toni will implement this change for the September Board meeting.
- Our Board social will be held in August 18th at the Springfield Country Club, in place of our regularly scheduled meeting. Our next in person Board meeting will be Sept. 15th.

Adjourn. Mitch thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Overholser
Foundation Director