

CLARK STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes
August 20, 2012

The Clark State Community College Board of Trustees met in special session in the Boardroom of the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center on Monday, August 20, 2012. Chairman Andy Bell presided and called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Sharon Evans, Bill Mercurio*, Peggy Noonan, Brad Phillips*, Élise Spriggs, Heather Tiefenthaler, Vice Chair Heather Corbin**, Chairman Andy Bell, and President Rafinski

Excused: Jim Doyle

Others Present: Kristin Culp, Vice President of Advancement; David Devier**, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Joe Jackson***, Vice President for Business Affairs; Marvin Nephew**, Director of Human Resources; Mellanie Toles, Assistant to the President; Chris Widener, State Senator; and Mia Yaniko***, Assistant Attorney General – Education Section, State of Ohio

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

*Trustees Mercurio and Phillips entered the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Global STEM Academy

One of Ohio's key strategies to improve job creation is to focus on a trained workforce. Clark State's primary business is to prepare an educated workforce. So early on, President Rafinski and, later, Board Chair Andy Bell have been around the table as the concept of a Global Impact STEM Academy housed at Springfield's South High School was discussed.

This concept of creating a STEM high school academy as an "early college" in agriculture was debated among local school districts as a viable alternative, and the concept seems to be moving closer to implementation. Slated to open in the fall of 2013, the governance of the Academy would be realized by creating a Council of Governments (much like our Early Childhood Education Center).

Clark State has a fully-articulated traditional agriculture program with Ohio State, and it provides a solid foundation on which to build an additional focus in bioscience and food science, targeted by Ohio as a growing workforce need.

There is state endorsement from Ohio State, Batelle, and Ohio's Farm Bureau for the concept. A group of "operations partners" has been assembled to move the concept into a written document, a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Our specific role would include the following:

- 1) Articulate the STEM curriculum to four-year colleges and universities;
- 2) Establish a pathway and condense curriculum to allow college credit in high school; and
- 3) Be part of the operations team that oversees the Academy.

Senator Chris Widener discussed the project in depth with the Trustees, including an overview of its history as well as how it will work.

**Marvin Nephew entered the meeting at 5:03 p.m.; Vice Chair Corbin and David Devier entered at 5:16 p.m.

Impact on students and/or student learning: New curricular focus area for the College with dual enrollment opportunities

Implications for budget, personnel, or other resources: There are no budget implications at this time.

It was requested that the Board of Trustees approve the College's continued support in establishing the Global Impact STEM Academy with a Bioscience and Food Science Agricultural focus and moving forward with the concept as a potential active partner.

Trustee Spriggs made a motion to approve the College's continued support in establishing the Global Impact STEM Academy with a Bioscience and Food Science Agriculture focus and requested that the College move forward with the concept as a potential active partner. Trustee Tiefenthaler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

***Joe Jackson and Mia Yaniko entered the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Trustee Mercurio made a motion to move into Executive Session to personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Corbin, and it passed 8-0 by a roll call vote. Executive Session commenced at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Corbin made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to general session at 7:07 p.m. Trustee Phillips seconded, and the motion passed 6-0. (Trustees Mercurio and Spriggs departed during Executive Session.)

Adjournment

Trustee Noonan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Corbin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.