

Southwestern Community College
PRESIDENT-S COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Bradford Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Janet Burnette	Beth Graham	Karen Polyasko	Dwight Wiggins
Jim Campbell	Cecil Groves	Barbara Putman	Sharon Grasty, Recorder
Myrna Campbell	Connie Haire	Chuck Reece	
Gene Couch	Susan McCaskill	Doug Ward	
Sherry Floerchinger	Delos Monteith	Vanessa Whidden	

The President's Council met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2002 in the Bradford Hall Conference Room. Dr. Groves called the meeting to order and welcomed council members.

Delos Monteith introduced guest speaker, George Ellison, a writer, naturalist and local historian. Mr. Ellison presented a program on the Southern Appalachian region. He provided an extensive review of the geographic location of the Southern Appalachians and the natural history and habitat of the area. Mr. Ellison also gave a brief human history of the Southern Blue Ridge mountains. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Dr. Groves gave an overview of the economic situation in the college's three-county service area and discussion was held on factors involved in maintaining a healthy local economy.

Dr. Groves provided an update on the state budget situation. The college expects to receive a budget from the System Office next week. It is anticipated that budget figures will be comparable to the 2001/2002 fiscal year. North Carolina is still dealing with major budget deficits and the college will be holding some funds in reserve in anticipation of a future reversion. Overall, the college is still in reasonably good condition financially.

Dr. Groves provided an update on the status of college facilities and acquisition projects. He noted his goal is to secure a physical infrastructure for the college for the next fifty years. The feasibility study for the joint wellness center with Westcare and Jackson County has been completed. Results indicate the SCC campus would be the best place to build the center. Discussions are also continuing with Fontana Regional Library representatives regarding a joint library venture and planning dialogues are underway regarding a collaborative effort with the Cashiers community. Facility and renovation efforts are proceeding and the next round of bond funds should be received in late 2004.

Delos Monteith provided an overview of the System Office's *2002 Critical Success Factors Report* as it relates to SCC. This report also includes the results of the Performance Measures for the past year. Gene Couch provided an update on activities by the college to address the four Performance Measures Southwestern failed to meet.

Delos Monteith also provided a summary of the results of the 2002 New Student Survey.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.