

Southwestern Community College
PRESIDENT-S COUNCIL
Wednesday, February 26, 2003

Bradford Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Sandra Bunn	Sherry Floerchinger	Delos Monteith	Dwight Wiggins
Janet Burnette	Allen Grant	Melissa Pendergast	Sharon Grasty, Recorder
Jim Campbell	Cecil Groves	Karen Polyasko	
Myrna Campbell	Debra Klavohn	Chuck Reece	
Gene Couch	Susan McCaskill	Vanessa Whidden	

Guests: Brandon Stephens, Mary Jane Letts, Elizabeth Worley

The President-s Council met at 1:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 in the Bradford Hall Conference Room. Dr. Groves called the meeting to order and welcomed council members. He introduced trustee Mary Jane Letts.

Dr. Groves informed the group that SCC will be the host site for one of the regional MGT meetings on March 7. Due to recent legislation, an independent consultant, MGT of America, was employed to study the organization and structure, administrative formula, and multi-campus and center funding in the North Carolina Community College System. A major feature of the study is input from key stakeholders and the general public to determine issues of concern. This is being accomplished through a series of six regional meetings.

Dr. Groves provided a brief update on the upcoming legislative session relative to the college-s budget situation. He anticipates the budget will be similar to this fiscal year. Dr. Groves also reviewed several initiatives currently in progress, particularly technology and telecommunications and provided an update on the status of facility acquisition, construction and renovation projects.

Dr. Groves introduced guest speaker, Brandon Stephens, an economic and community development planner with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Planning Office. Mr. Stephens presented a program on the economic development of the Cherokee and how it relates to the economy of the counties surrounding the Qualla Boundary. He provided a timeline of the tribe-s economic development history since the early 1900's and explained how changes had impacted the Cherokee people. Mr. Stephens noted the goal of the Eastern Band was to balance economic development with environmental, county and social needs. A focus of the economic development efforts of the tribe is to diversify the economy. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

Delos Monteith provided an update on the 2003 Performance Measures and Standards. The college has met or exceeded six of the seven standards we have information on. The results for the other five measures will

be released later this month. Delos reviewed Southwestern's results for each standard. Special recognition was given to the efforts of the EMT program instructors and the LAC Center for the improvement shown on performance measures related to those areas.

Delos reported that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has made extensive changes to its criteria. Greater focus will be placed on student learning and there will be more responsibility on the part of the college to demonstrate or prove compliance. He detailed the reasons for the changes and reviewed the steps necessary for reaffirmation of accreditation. Delos reviewed the preliminary schedule for Southwestern's SACS review process which will formally begin in 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.