

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 8, 1990
MINUTES

The Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 8, 1990, in the Management Seminar Room of the Business Education Building. The following trustees were present: Thomas Roberts, Vice Chairman; Ivy Cowan, Frances Spratt, Opal Sauve, C. W. McCall, Howard Olson, Bill Page, M. B. Robinson, Vivian Watson, Walter Dalton, and Al King. The following staff members were present: Willard Lewis, Dillard Morrow, Catherine Jolley, Frankie McWhorter, Nancy Womack, Bruce Waddingham, and Robert Harrison. Amy Tanner of The Daily Courier and Jean Gordon of The Rutherford County News were also present. Vice Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval Of Minutes

A motion was made by Opal Sauve, seconded by Ivy Cowan, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 13, 1990. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Affairs

Mr. Bill Page, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommended the following slate of officers for 1990-91:

Chairman	Joe Miller
1st Vice Chairman	Thomas Roberts
2nd Vice Chairman	Al King
Secretary	Frances Spratt

A motion was made by Walter Dalton, seconded by Opal Sauve, to accept the recommended slate of officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Opal Sauve, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported that the recent presidential evaluation was very positive. Copies of the president's evaluation were distributed to each trustee. Mrs. Sauve reported that a copy of Dr. Lewis' evaluation would be mailed to the State President in Raleigh.

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Business Affairs

A motion was made by Frances Spratt, seconded by M. B. Robinson, to approve the budget revisions as presented by Controller Jolley. This motion was unanimously approved.

President Lewis stated that the policy of the college on insurance coverage of an employee on personal leave is not consistent with the State Comprehensive Major Medical Program for State Employees. Dr. Lewis requested that the college policy be revised in order to comply with state employees' insurance policy. A motion was made by Opal Sauve, seconded by Ivy Cowan, to approve this revision in order to comply with the Comprehensive Major Medical Program for State Employees. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Lewis announced that grants, gifts, and donations totaling \$10,489.91 have been received from February 1, 1990, to April 30, 1990. A motion was made by Frances Spratt, seconded by C. W. McCall, to accept these gifts and donations. This motion was unanimously approved.

President Lewis reported that the college has received a petition requesting the annexation of our Polk County Campus into the Town of Columbus. Dr. Lewis stated that the advantages of being annexed included fire protection, police protection, and free garbage collection. Dr. Lewis further reported that approval for annexation has been granted by the Polk County Commissioners. A motion was made by Bill Page, seconded by C. W. McCall, to approve the annexation of the Polk County Campus into the Town of Columbus. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, a motion was made by Ivy Cowan, seconded by M. B. Robinson, to approve the 1990-91 Rutherford County total budget request for \$1,159,243. A motion was made by C. W. McCall, seconded by Opal Sauve, to approve the Polk County budget request for \$75,928. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Lewis announced that the college's recent financial audit did not disclose any audit exceptions or recommendations. Dr. Lewis stated that copies of the audit report are available to anyone who wishes to review the report.

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President Lewis reported that a freeze on State Capital Improvement Funds has been ordered by the State Budget Office in order to help alleviate the state's current financial situation. Dr. Lewis stated that the State has recalled \$321,000 of capital improvement funds from Isothermal Community College. Dr. Lewis further stated that these funds cannot be obligated or drawn upon until further notice from the State Budget Office. Dr. Lewis reported that those funds will be returned to the college whenever the financial crises passes.

President Lewis shared a letter from the Chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges which outlines the following legislative priorities for the 1990 short legislative session:

1. Funding for our enrollment growth;
2. Restoration funding at least equal to that approved by the 1989 General Assembly
3. Continuation of increased funding for equipment and library books.

The State Chairman asked that we continue to stress our desperate need for full restoration funding of \$135 million as recommended by the Commission on the Future. The Chairman also stated that only when we reach this level, the national median for public two-year community colleges, can we possibly hope to keep pace with the challenges we face.

Al King, Chairman of the Building Committee, reported that approximately 40 letters of interest have been received from architects interested in designing and building the Fine Arts Center/Auditorium. At the request of the Building Committee, the Administration narrowed the list to eight, and the Building Committee has interviewed each of the eight architects. Mr. King reported that the Building Committee will meet again to select the architect for the project from the eight architects interviewed. A meeting of the board will be called to approve the final selection of the architect.

Academic Affairs

President Lewis reported that the Tech-Prep Program is a cooperative agreement between the Rutherford County Schools and Isothermal Community College to develop a strong working relationship between the two educational systems through the joint development of a Tech-Prep Program in order to improve the effectiveness

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of our service to students. Dr. Lewis stated that a North Carolina study indicates that if many areas are to prosper in the future, the work force must be far better trained and educated than it is today. Dr. Lewis further stated that we are very proud to be a part of this School Board initiative. Dr. Lewis reported that action on this issue will be delayed until the Board of Trustees meets jointly with the Board of Education later in the evening.

A motion was made by Vivian Watson, seconded by M. B. Robinson, to approve a cooperative program agreement between Isothermal Community College and the Rutherford County Schools to provide a college credit drafting course sequence for advanced technical high school students. Plans call for teaching Engineering Drawing I, II, and III, at Chase and East High Schools beginning in the fall of 1990. Dr. Lewis reported that students entering this program will gain credits toward high school graduation, but they will also be earning college credits which are transferable to a two-year institution should they choose to do so. This motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ivy Cowan, seconded by Walter Dalton, to approve a revision to the Educational Assistance Policy which increases tuition reimbursement from \$80.00 per quarter to \$100.00 per quarter, not to exceed \$400.00 per year. This increase will become effective spring quarter, 1990. The motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel

A motion was made by Walter Dalton, seconded by Ivy Cowan, to approve the following resignations:

1. Greg Morrow, Emergency and Health Programs Coordinator - March 6, 1990
2. Andy Abdow, Radio/TV Instructor - March 9, 1990

The motion was unanimously approved.

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A motion was made by Ivy Cowan, seconded by Frances Spratt, to approve summer educational leave, with pay, for the following personnel:

1. John Foster, Mathematics Instructor, June, 1990 through August, 1990
2. Betty Gabriel, Director of Counseling, June, 1990 through August, 1990
3. Barbara Hallatt, English Instructor, June 4, 1990 through August 10, 1990
4. William McDaniel, Mechanical Technology & Drafting & Design Instructor, June 1, 1990 through August 15, 1990
5. Nancy Womack, Dean of College Transfer Division, June 4, 1990 through August, 1990

This motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ivy Cowan, seconded by M. B. Robinson, to approve a maternity leave for Shelly Bailey, Admissions Secretary, June 20, 1990 through August, 1990.

A motion was made by Ivy Cowan, seconded by Bill Page, to approve the political activity of Dewalt Koone, who is running for Rutherford Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, and Phillip Fischer, who is running for the Polk County Board of Education. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

President Lewis made the following announcements:

1. Tree Dedication Ceremony/Reception - May 15, 1990
2. ACCT Southern Region Seminar - Winston-Salem, NC - May 17-19, 1990
3. Awards Day Ceremony - May 17, 1990
4. Spratt Literary Series - Nikki Giovanni, Poet/Lecturer, May 18, 1990
5. Commencement, May 29, 1990 - Mr. Fred J. Eason, Speaker


President Lewis distributed copies of "The Community College System In North Carolina: A Brief History"

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Adjournment

The Board of Trustees adjourned at 5:40 pm to meet jointly with the Rutherford County Board of Education to discuss the Tech Prep Program.


CHAIRMAN


SECRETARY