

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
 JOINT MEETING OF  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND  
 RUTHERFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
 JANUARY 21, 2003

The Board of Trustees and the Rutherford County Commissioners met jointly on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in the "Blue Room" of the Business Sciences Building. The following Trustees were present: Bobby England, Chairman; Kenny Hankinson, Gordon Scott, Jervis Arledge, Warren Carson, Terry Hines, David Herndon, Doug Pearson, Ron Paris, James Hutchins, and Elizabeth Owens. The following staff members were present: Willard Lewis, Robert Harrison, Scott Scheer, and Bruce Waddingham. The following County Commissioners were present: Charles Hill, Chairman; Chivous Bradley, Brent Washburn, and Paul McIntosh. Others present were: John Condrey, County Manager; Hazel Haynes, Board Clerk; and Mike Gavin with **The Daily Courier**. The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

President Lewis stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have dialogue with the County Commissioners to become better acquainted and to provide a forum for discussing the role the College plays in the community.

President Lewis reviewed the following enrollment and budget related graphs:  
 (Attachment)

1. Total FTE Growth 1994 – 2002
2. Curriculum Enrollment Growth 1994 – 2003
3. Occupational Extension Enrollment Growth 1994 – 2003
4. Basic Skills Enrollment Growth 1994 – 2003
5. Total Pell Grant Awards
6. College Degrees Awarded 1991-92 Through 2000-01
7. Number of Individuals Certified in Critical Areas, 1991-92 Through 2000-01
8. Employment Rate of Graduates, Student Satisfaction, and Employer Satisfaction, 2000-01

President Lewis reviewed the county budget appropriation for 2002-2003:

<u>High Demand Budget Costs</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>% of Total Budget</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$622,671	46.82%
Contractual Services	\$ 54,100	4.07%

Utilities	\$493,000	37.07%
Insurances	<u>\$ 81,000</u>	<u>6.09%</u>
<b>Total High Demand Budget Costs</b>	\$1,250,771	94.05%
<b>All other Variable Costs</b>	\$ 79,150	5.95%
Total Current Expense Allocation	\$1,329,921	100.00%

President Lewis stated that since all but approximately 6% of the county's allocation to the College are in fixed costs (salaries, utilities, contractual services and insurances), which makes zero-based budgeting very difficult.

President Lewis reported that the College has already had to revert 2.18% of our state budget allocation. Since we were told we would be required to revert up to 6%, the College set that amount aside at the beginning of the fiscal year. Dr. Lewis stated that more reversions may be required once state income taxes are collected in April. Dr. Lewis stated that since the state will have to deal with an approximate \$2 billion shortfall next year, the Community College System will certainly be affected.

Commissioner Chairman Charles Hill stated that he would like to see the Rutherford County Board of Education and the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees address the problem of high school drop-outs by teaching technical/vocational trades to those students. President Lewis reported that the College currently teaches Welding in Rutherford and Polk counties. The College also partners with East High School in our Mechanical Drafting and Drawing Program and with R-S Central High in our Criminal Justice Training Program. Dr. Lewis stated that he feels our involvement with the high schools is highly appropriate and he looked forward to exploring any opportunities to enhance that.

President Lewis announced that the Materials Testing Center is operational. Most of the equipment has been installed and the center has at least one contract with a client who is paying for our services through the testing center.

Dr. Lewis reported that for years a student could come to the College and get one marketable skill and stay in that field for an entire career. That isn't happening any longer and it makes teaching the basic foundation skills much more important.

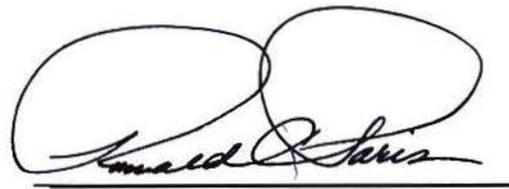
Dr. Lewis announced that the Foothills Nursing Consortium of Isothermal Community College, working in conjunction with McDowell Technical Community College and Cleveland Community College, plans to initiate programs in medical surgical technology and health information technology.

President Lewis announced that the College has received \$1.6 million in bond money for renovation and \$1.6 million in bond money for new construction. Dr. Lewis stated that the former Continuing Education Building was ready to undergo renovation. The building will house our Management Information System and will have two large classrooms that will hold 50 people each. The additional classrooms will help relieve some of our space problems. In addition, the College is also planning to seek grant funding from the Federal Economic Development Administration to match the \$1.6 million in bond money to build a training center which industries could use to train employees while expansions are being made or new industries are setting up.

Commissioner Chairman Charles Hill expressed his appreciation to the College for hosting this joint meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
SECRETARY