

**Minutes of the
Gaston College
Board of Trustees Meeting
Myers Center Board Room
August 25, 2014**

Members Present: Mr. Stephen Campbell
Sheriff Alan Cloninger
Mr. John Dancoff
Ms. Jennifer Davis
Mr. Ron Hovis, Secretary
Mr. Brett Keeter
Mr. Tom Keigher
Ms. Rhonda McLean
Mr. Jim Ragan
Ms. Patricia Rudisill
Mr. James Smith, Chair
Mr. Randy Vinson
Dr. Jim Watson, Vice Chair
Ms. LaTonya Ross, SGA President

Dr. Patricia Skinner, President

Members Absent: Ms. May Gray Robinson

Others Present: Ms. Julia Allen, Ms. Rebecca Anthony, Mr. Todd Baney, Ms. Tracy Barrett, Ms. Jenna Deal, Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Ms. Mary Ellen Dillon, Ms. Lynda Ellington, Ms. Sheila Forgione, Mr. Rocky Goins, Mr. Travis Hogue, Ms. Renita Johnson, Dr. Joe Keith, Ms. Sandy Langheld, Ms. Bobbie Long, Ms. Cynthia McCrory, Dr. Dennis McElhoe, Ms. Stephanie Michael-Pickett, Ms. Jackie Pendleton, Dr. Silvia Patricia Rios Husain, Ms. LaTonya Ross, Ms. Sherry Sherrill, Ms. Sandra Sinclair, Mr. Christopher Thurley, Mr. Michael Titus, and Ms. Heather Woodson; and Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney.

- **Board Chair James Smith called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum present.**
- **Invocation – Mr. Steve Campbell**
- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Chair Smith reminded Trustees of the ethical requirements of public servants and also requested they identify any conflicts of interest or appearance of conflicts of interest present. None were identified.

A. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Smith asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified. The agenda was approved as distributed.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE June 23, 2014, BOARD MEETING.

Chair Smith presented the Minutes of the June 23, 2014, Board Meeting, and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Chair Smith declared the Board Minutes of June 23, 2014, approved as distributed.

C. INTRODUCTIONS, SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Skinner welcomed Ms. Jenna Deal, Staff Senate Vice President, representing Mr. Josh Crisp, President and Ms. Sherry Sherrill, Faculty Senate President to the meeting.

1. Introductions

Dr. Skinner introduced:

Dr. Dennis McElhoe, Vice President for Economic and Workforce Development
Ms. Rebecca Anthony, Instructor, Medical Office Administration
Ms. Sheila Forgione, Part-time Permanent Secretary, Education Partnerships
Ms. Sandy Langheld, Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing
Ms. Bobbie Long, Instructor, Dietetic Technician Program
Ms. Jackie Pendleton, Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing
Ms. Sandra Sinclair, Instructor, Cosmetology
Mr. Christopher Thurley, Instructor, English/Writing Center Coach

Ms. McCrory introduced:

Ms. Tracy Barrett, Accountant
Mr. Rocky Goins, Technology Specialist
Mr. Michael Titus, Grounds Technician

Dr. McElhoe introduced:

Ms. Carrie Stevenson, Instructor/Coordinator, EMS Clinical Education

Chair Smith introduced reappointed trustees, Sheriff Cloninger (Governor's Office) and Mr. Keigher (Gaston County Board of Commissioners), and he also introduced new trustees Ms. Jennifer Davis (Gaston County Board of Education) and Mr. John Dancoff (Lincoln County Board of Commissioners).

Chair Smith recognized Trustee Emeritus, Mr. J. A. Dalpiaz, who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Dalpaiz recalled many memories associated with bringing Dr. Skinner to Gaston College 20 years ago to be president. Mr. Dalpiaz then introduced Mr. Bernard Dalton who also was in attendance. The Gaston College driving track is named in his honor. Mr. Dalpiaz and Mr. Dalton thanked Dr. Skinner for her service to the College for the past 20 years.

2. Surprise Recognition of Dr. Patricia Skinner's 20th Anniversary as president at Gaston College

Chair Smith presented Dr. Patricia Skinner with a resolution recognizing her leadership and service as president of Gaston College for the past twenty years. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Skinner has provided exemplary leadership, service, and support to Gaston College for twenty years as its longest-serving President; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has championed the College's Vision, Mission, and Values and promoted collegiality within the College community; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has fostered continuous improvement in all areas of the College with a strong emphasis on student success; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has forged positive relationships and cooperation within the community to build and strengthen partnerships with local businesses, industries, schools, churches, and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, under President Skinner's leadership, the College has earned the respect and admiration of the citizens of Gaston and Lincoln counties; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has worked tirelessly to secure funds for the College including leadership to ensure the passage of the \$24.9 million Gaston County Bond Referendum as well as private gifts and contributions totaling more than \$24.3 million; and

WHEREAS, under President Skinner's leadership, the College has added campuses in Lincoln and Belmont, constructed seven new buildings, and renovated numerous existing buildings to provide high-quality educational programs in order to serve Gaston and Lincoln counties; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner continues to lead a new capital fundraising campaign which will result in the construction of a new Center for Advanced Manufacturing and the renovation of an existing technical education building; and

WHEREAS, Gaston College has grown to become one of the largest community colleges in the North Carolina Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Gaston College today offers more than 100 academic programs, annually serves more than 22,000 students, and provides economic and workforce development for countless businesses and industries in Gaston and Lincoln counties; and

WHEREAS, under President Skinner's leadership, Gaston College has become a leading provider of educational programs and economic and workforce development for which it has received numerous recognitions, honors, and awards; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has served on numerous regional, statewide, and national committees and advisory boards including President of the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents as a reflection of the respect and admiration she engenders among her peers; and

WHEREAS, President Skinner has represented Gaston College with honor and distinction as the recipient of numerous professional awards and accolades including the Association of Community Colleges Trustees' Southern Region's *2008 CEO of the Year* and the North Carolina Community College System *Wells Fargo's 2011 President of the Year*; and

WHEREAS, under President Skinner's leadership, Gaston College has been entrusted as a steward of high-quality education and economic and workforce development for Gaston and Lincoln counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Gaston College Board of Trustees hereby honors and recognizes Dr. Patricia Skinner for her twenty years of exemplary service and leadership as the President of Gaston College and for the enormous contribution she has made to the College and the citizens of Gaston and Lincoln counties.

The Board of Trustees further directs that this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be presented to President Skinner.

Respectfully,

James C. Smith, Chair

Ron Hovis, Secretary

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Dr. Skinner was also presented with flowers and a gift from the Board. Dr. Skinner thanked the Board for their support throughout her presidency.

3. Arts and Sciences Presentation: SPARC3 Scholarship Initiative

Ms. Heather Woodson came before the Board to provide additional information on the grant Gaston College has been awarded from the National Science Foundation for scholarships and supplemental services, beginning in the fall 2014 semester. The SPARC3 (STEM Persistence and Retention through Curriculum, Cohort, and Centralization) grant was over \$600,000. Scholarships, up to \$5,600 per year per student, will be awarded. Gaston College is the only community college in western North Carolina and only one of five in the state to offer such scholarships.

The SPARC3 initiative is to promote persistence and graduation of students at the college enrolled full-time in the Associate of Science program, involved in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math courses. The mission of SPARC3 is to ignite student curiosity and to prepare future STEM professionals for success in an evolving work environment.

The SPARC3 Scholars scholarships are one element of the larger SPARC3 initiative. A SPARC3 Professional Development Day has been held with attendance by Lincoln and Gaston County teachers, other community college instructors, and attendees from NCCCS office. In September, the College will have its PULSE (Partnership for Undergraduate Life Science Education) certification visit. This is part of the National Science Foundation initiative that looks at the quality of the College's undergraduate education in biology. Gaston College is the first community college in the nation to be considered for this certification.

With funding from the grant, the College is enhancing activities for STEM students through advising, fieldtrips, site visits to STEM industries, workshops, undergraduate research, mentoring, and visits to 4-year colleges to coincide with the STEM college pathway. SciVisit will continue as a recruitment tool; last year 900, K-12 students participated. Gaston College instructors participated as judges at the SPARC3 of Genius, which is a local science fair. The SPARC3 of Genius awards a scholarship to a student who may need just a little encouragement to move forward in the science field.

Gaston College is currently in a partnership with Yale University for a project called the Small World Initiative which tests soil bacteria for future sources of new antibiotics. Even though every student who takes Biology will not be eligible for the SPARC3 grant funding, they are being affected by the improvements and enhancements SPARC3 funding will bring to the various science courses. The main point of working toward this grant is that it allows science students to actually practice as a scientist before going out into the world.

Dr. Skinner thanked Ms. Woodson for the presentation and her leadership in acquiring the SPARC3 grant funding. She praised the science department's enthusiasm and commitment to the students of Gaston College. Chair Smith, on behalf of the entire Board, offered his thanks and appreciation to Ms. Woodson and her entire team for all their hard work. A copy of the SPARC3 PowerPoint presentation will be kept with the minutes.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following is a summary of Dr. Skinner's activities and trips since the June 23, 2014, Board meeting. A full, detailed report is attached with the Minutes.

- 2014 Summer State Policy Meeting – The four major areas that were discussed included: Structured Pathways and Student Completion, Developmental Education, Transfer, and Performance-based Funding. Gaston College is well-underway with regard to implementation of all these policies.

- 2014 NCACCP Summer Meeting – This meeting focused on professional development related to financial aid, identifying success factors related to students in NC community colleges, and performance funding.
- Performance Partnership Summit – Served as a panelist; Gaston College has implemented several student success initiatives and can give insight to others. There were 400 in attendance.
- NC Conference on Education – This conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Chamber, focused on several topics: Certified Work Ready Communities; Workforce Development Reform in North Carolina; HIRE Standards, NC; Education and the Economy; Apprenticeships in NC – One Company’s Approach; and The Future of Education in North Carolina.
- State Budget Meeting – Ms. Cynthia McCrory and Dr. Skinner will bring budget recommendations for the College forward at the September Board of Trustees meeting.
- 50th Anniversary Art Piece – The Foundation has commissioned an art piece by Mr. Gary Freeman celebrating the Gaston College’s 50th Anniversary. It is ready for display.
- Proclamations – The City of Belmont, City of Gastonia, City of Cherryville, City of Lincolnton, and the City of Dallas have all issued 50th Anniversary Proclamations regarding Gaston College.
- 50th Anniversary Campaign Committee – Ms. Julia Allen and Dr. Skinner are working with a 50th Anniversary Campaign Committee, chaired by Mr. John and Dr. Malinda Lowery. To date, the College has received a \$50,000 commitment from CaroMont Regional Healthcare to be the Golden Anniversary sponsor. This week the College received a pledge from Mr. and Mrs. Plato Pearson for \$20,000 for the Center for Advanced Manufacturing.
- White House Initiative – Gaston College is one of fourteen community colleges - in North Carolina, Washington, Texas, California and other states - joining a White House initiative to help students who are not prepared for college navigate the hurdles of remedial classes and go on to complete college degrees.
- National Science Foundation Grant (NSF) – Gaston College has been awarded over \$600,000 from the National Science Foundation (SPARC3) for scholarships and supplemental services, beginning in the fall 2014 semester.
- Dr. Skinner furnished a list of meetings she attended/participated in since the Board Meeting of June 23, 2014.

E. SGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Ross gave the following update on SGA activities since June 2014:

- SGA Leadership Training
The SGA Executive Board and Senators completed their leadership training on June 23-26. The training assisted the newly elected Executive Board members and Senators to become better acclimated to their new roles and responsibilities. The training covered team building exercises, Robert's Rules, etiquette, policy and procedures, and planning the activities calendar for the 2014-2015 academic year.
- SGA's First Senate Meeting
The SGA's first official meeting for the 2014-2015 academic year, will take place on August 25, 2014, in the Myers Center Conference Room (216).
- 9th Annual AMP Camp, 2014
The SGA went to AMP Camp, on August 8 -10, 2014, at the Caraway Conference Center and Camp which took place in Sophia, NC. Amp Camp is a leadership retreat that focuses on team-building, networking and self-actualization as a basis for successful leadership. Amp Camp was founded and named by two students from the Student Government Associations of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and Stanly Community College in 2005. The workshops included Robert Rules of Order-Who is Robert, Leadership Lessons from Star Trek, Locus of Control/Sphere of Influence, The Newly-Led Game, Low Ropes Course, Lake Activities, High Ropes Course, Networking, and Leadership Reflections.

A short video was played for the Board that showed SGA members involved in AMP Camp activities.
- N4CSGA Executive Board Meeting
The N4CSGA Executive Board meeting was held at the College of Albemarle (Elizabeth City Campus) on Saturday, on August 16 at 10 a.m. Congratulations to LaTonya Ross, who was interviewed and appointed on the spot for the Western Division Representative, for 2014-2015 academic year.
- Welcome Back
Welcome Back Dallas will be held on August 26, Welcome Back Lincoln will be held on August 27, and Welcome Back Kimbrell will be held on August 28. These events are scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on all three campuses.

F. CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Ms. McLean presented information from the Campus Affairs Meeting held immediately prior to the full-board meeting on August 25, 2014.

1. Gaston College Strategic Enrollment Management Plan 2014-2016

Strategic Enrollment Management, as defined by Christine Kerlin (2008), is a comprehensive and coordinated process that enables a college to identify enrollment goals that are allied with its multiple missions, its strategic plan, its environment, and its resources, and to reach those goals through the effective integration of administrative processes, student services, curriculum planning, and market analysis.

At Gaston College, it is believed that enrollment growth can be strategically influenced by actions. The strategic enrollment management plan allows the College to intentionally use marketing, scheduling, staffing, budgeting, etc. in a strategic manner in an effort to help meet enrollment goals.

A copy of Gaston College's Strategic Enrollment Management Plan 2014-2016 will be filed with the minutes.

The four main goals of Gaston College's Strategic Enrollment Management Plan 2014-2016 (hereto referred to as the "Plan") are listed below:

1. Increase enrollment for Gaston College
2. Ensure enrollment management processes are effective, efficient, and student focused
3. Continue to improve student success and completion rates
4. Maximize the use of technology in enrollment management

For each of the goals listed above, there are objectives and strategies within the Plan that were reviewed with the Committee. Questions concerning which population of students this Plan covers; marketing strategies; the percent of students involved in the Student Early Alert Program; hindrances due to necessary requirements for State, Federal and NCCCS reporting; student advising and current technology were brought forward and discussed to the Committee's satisfaction.

This item was presented for the Board's information.

G. FACILITIES

1. Duke Energy Land Easement

Duke Energy is seeking an easement from Gaston County and Gaston College to access the Gastonia Technology Parkway. This easement will create a rear driveway for the Duke Energy Gaston Operations Center located on Highway 321, just south of the

campus. The heavy traffic causes safety concerns for the Duke Energy vehicles entering and exiting the Operations Center. The rear exit will allow Duke Energy vehicles to turn right onto Gastonia Technology Parkway and travel to the interchange on Grier Beam Boulevard.

It was noted that granting this easement to Duke Energy would not impact the building of The CAM in any way. The easement involves a small strip of land on the east side of the Gastonia Technology Parkway used for utilities purposes. Diagrams and renderings of how the Duke Energy entrance from the Parkway might look were provided and will be filed with the minutes.

Upon a recommendation by the Facilities Committee, Dr. Watson moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the request from Duke Energy for a driveway easement to access Gastonia Technology Parkway with the provision that the easement be specific to Duke Energy and negotiable if the ownership of the Duke Energy Operations Center changes. The motion carried.

2. Café Operations Bid for Service

The Board of Trustees approved issuing a request for proposal for food services to investigate the feasibility of outsourcing café operations in June. A Request for Proposal was released on June 25. A pre-bid conference was held on July 9, and bids were received on July 16. Two responses were received from the four companies that attended the pre-bid conference.

The first respondent was Bryan Greene, the owner of the Shelby Café and Lincoln Café. He met all the bid requirements and is offering 8% commission on net sales. Mr. Greene's financial statements are solid: \$2.1 Million in sales last year with \$192,000 in Business Income. He has extensive restaurant experience and has owned Shelby Café since 1997 and Lincoln Café since 2012. Mr. Greene also provides the food service for Cleveland Community College and the Walmart Distribution Center. It was noted that Ms. McCrory had spoken to her counterpart at Cleveland Community College and did receive a good review of Mr. Greene's food service.

The second respondent was Donan Chicot of Chicot's Consulting & Hospitality Services. Mr. Chicot is a food services consultant, with no hands-on restaurant experience. His financial statements were very weak, with only \$9k in consulting income last year, with a net income of \$300. This raises doubts about whether Mr. Chicot has the capital to cash flow a restaurant operation. He is offering the College 10% commission on net sales, but he is proposing that if total sales fall short of \$180k per semester, he will generate an invoice to Gaston College each year to make up the difference. Café sales last year were \$155k.

Upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Dr. Watson moved that the Board of Trustees approve contracting campus café operations with Bryan Greene, owner of Shelby Café and Lincoln Café. The motion carried.

3. Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium Rental Fee Proposal

Gaston College facility rental and related service fees were last increased in 2010. Based on an in-depth review of similar local rentals, the Administration recommended a new, simpler fee structure for the renovated Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium to the Facilities Committee on June 16. The Committee approved the recommendation and forwarded it to the Board of Trustees. On June 23, the Board requested that the Facilities Committee revisit the fee structure and make a recommendation in August.

As a result, the Facilities Committee met on August 11 to discuss the rental fee structure. The Committee discussed standard, daily, rental rates and fees and those for non-profits. The Committee recommends the attached proposed rental fee structure for the Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium. The fee structure includes a 30% discount to all active 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. A copy of the rental fee proposal will be filed with the minutes.

Upon the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, Dr. Watson moved that the Board of Trustees approve the attached rental fee proposal for the Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium. The motion carried.

4. 2014-15 Proposed County Capital Priorities

The proposed county capital priorities for 2014-15 were submitted to the Board for their information and review.

2014-2015	Priority	Budget Amount	Source
Roof Replacement Pharr-Phase I		\$282,400	County Cap
CET 154 Renovation for Distance Learning		\$46,300	County Cap
HVAC Repair / Replace - CET Extension Offices (3 units to service 9 offices)		\$18,000	County Cap
OSHA/ADA - NFPA 70e & Confined Space		\$25,000	County Cap
Energy Conservation		\$25,000	County Cap
Maintenance Reserve		\$56,519	County Cap
BUDGET YEAR TOTAL		\$453,219	County Cap

5. Capital Reports

Monthly summaries of the attached capital reports were submitted for the Board's information. No action was required.

- Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM)
 MBAJ presented a design update to the Facilities Committee on June 16. The original building design was over 28,000 square feet and the cost estimate came in at \$6 million. The construction budget for the new Center is \$3.9 million; therefore, the design team worked with the College staff and President to reduce

the building size to 21,200 square feet. The cost estimate for the revised structure came in right on budget at \$3.9 million.

The space revisions include reducing the amount of interior corridor, combining the restrooms into one set at the vestibule, reducing the high bay area, designing the outside storage and terrace areas as bid alternates, and accommodating Nuclear and CADD programs in two classrooms. The revisions make the integrated lab more visible and centrally located and provide a larger break area for students and staff. The outside aesthetic is not significantly affected. The Board of Trustees approved the design revisions on June 23. The architect is 50% complete with design development work.

A question was raised about an access road from the CAM to the main campus and whether this would be included in the architects' drawings. It was determined that the topic would be discussed at the next Facilities meeting where necessary steps to build an access road could be defined and possibly quantified.

- Pharr Renovation and Expansion – Phase I
Demolition is complete. New stud walls are erected. Construction continues on schedule.
- Pharr Renovation and Expansion – Phase II
A planning meeting was held on June 30 to discuss the program requirements for the Renovation Phase II with the architects. A cost estimate has been completed and is being evaluated.
- Craig Arts and Sciences Building ADA Compliant Elevator
The installation of the glass and aluminum window wall system began on July 23. Interior finishes will follow the glass and aluminum work. The project experienced some delay due to glass panel delivery. Expected completion date is first week of September.

H. FINANCE

1. 2014-15 State Budget Update

Budget highlights for the FY 2014-15 State Budget were reviewed by the Board. The 2014-15 State budget for Gaston College is \$30,569,848, which is an approximate \$1.7 million shortfall from the College's beginning working budget of \$32.3 million. Ms. McCrory brought attention to several line items on the College Allotments Worksheet of particular importance to Gaston College, such as the Performance Based Allocation. She also discussed particulars with the NCCCS Budget Tracking Sheet for FY 2014-15. Copies of the charts will be filed with the minutes.

The State budget provides a salary increase of \$1,000 per each full-time employee and five special annual bonus leave days, with no expiration date, for full-time employees who are eligible to earn annual leave.

Some budget items that will be adjusted as needed to bridge the budget shortfall are listed below:

Health Insurance (People That Decline Coverage)	\$100,000
Equipment Transfer to Cover Operating	600,000
Lapsed Salaries	400,000
Reduce Operating Expenses	250,000
Use Available Self-supporting Balance to Fund Faculty Salaries	417,301
Total Adjusting Items	\$1,767,301

The full budget for 2014-15 will be presented to the Board at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.

2. FY 2013-14 Education Program Audit

The final report for the 2013-14 Education Program Audit was issued on August 5, 2014. The program audit reviews Institution Class Reports, programs, policies, and procedures. One audit concern was noted with one finding. The College responded to the audit and the finding on July 29, 2014. Documents concerning the 2013-14 Education Program Audit will be filed with the minutes.

3. Financial Reports

Chair Smith asked Ms. McCrory to review with the Board the Summary of Expenditures for FY 2013-2014 full year for State, Gaston, and Lincoln Counties operating budgets, and proprietary accounts, in comparison to the previous year. The information was presented to the Board as a matter of information.

I. REPORT FROM NCACCT

Mr. Vinson stated that eight Gaston College trustees, and trustees from three other community colleges, attended the *Regional Trustee Training: Role of the Trustees in Student Success* at the Kimbrell Campus on August 13, 2014. He also noted that eleven trustees would be attending the NCACCT Leadership Seminar coming up in Charlotte on September 3-5, 2014. Orientation for new trustees, training for reappointed trustees, and Ethics Training will be offered in addition to general sessions and roundtable discussions.

Mr. Vinson mentioned that solicitation will begin soon to obtain funds for the operation and maintenance of the NCACCT. They compete with two other major education groups for funds from the General Assembly so donations are important.

J. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Report from the Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Board Officers

Chair Smith asked Mr. Campbell, chair of the Nominating Committee for 2014-15 Board Officers, for his report. The Committee met on August 14; the Committee included Sheriff Cloninger, Ms. Robinson, and Mr. Hovis. They placed the following names in nomination for Board Officers for 2014-15: Mr. James Smith, Chair; Dr. Jim Watson, Vice Chair, and Ms. Pat Rudisill, Secretary.

Chair Smith asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Chair Smith entertained a motion by Sheriff Cloninger that the nominations for Board Officers for 2014-15 be closed and the officers elected as nominated. Mr. Vinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smith had several items to cover with the Board:

- He thanked the Board for their support during the year, their commitment to Gaston College, and for being advocates for Gaston and Lincoln counties' citizens. He also thanked the Board on a personal basis and asked for their continued support in the coming year.
- Chair Smith remarked on the great attendance at the Board meeting to celebrate Dr. Skinner's 20th Anniversary as president of Gaston College, and he was particularly grateful Mr. Dalpiaz and Mr. Dalton were present to celebrate with them.
- The 2014 NCACCT Leadership Seminar is coming up on September 3-5, and a group of 11 trustees is scheduled to attend. It is a good time to meet fellow trustees across the state, enjoy informative presentations, and take advantage of training opportunities.
- A notice concerning sign-up for Board Committees will be sent out soon. Board members were asked to please be sure to send in their committee preference.
- Chair Smith asked the Board members to be sure to review the upcoming College events, meetings, and reminders.
- Chair Smith asked if there were any other announcements:
 - Dr. Watson announced that UNC Charlotte's Department of Educational Leadership has a Distinguished Speaker's Series, and on October 30, 2014, Dr. Scott Ralls will be the speaker. It is hoped a contingent of trustees plus Gaston College faculty and staff will attend. Additional information will be coming out soon.
 - Dr. Skinner recognized and thanked College attorney, Mr. Carl Stewart, for his stalwart support during her twenty years as president of Gaston College.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rudisill, Secretary

James C. Smith, Chair

Mary Ellen Dillon, Recording Secretary

(College Seal)