

**Minutes of the
Gaston College
Board of Trustees Meeting
Myers Center Board Room
May 8, 2017**

Members Present: Mr. Stephen Campbell, Secretary
Mr. John Dancoff
Ms. Jennifer Davis
Mr. Ron Hovis
Mr. Brett Keeter
Mr. Brad Overcash
Dr. Jim Ragan, Vice Chair
Mr. James Smith
Mr. Randy Vinson
Dr. Jim Watson, Chair
Ms. Madison Knowles, SGA President

Dr. Patricia Skinner, President

Members Absent: Sheriff Alan Cloninger
Judge Craig Collins
Mr. Tracy Philbeck
Ms. May Gray Robinson

Others Present: Dr. Lisa Albright-Jurs, Ms. Julia Allen, Mr. Todd Baney, Mr. Ryan Booth, Mr. Virgil Cox, Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Ms. Mary Ellen Dillon, Ms. Michele Domenech, Ms. Lynda Ellington, Mr. Travis Hogue, Ms. Renita Johnson, Dr. Joe Keith, Mr. Dan McClellan, Ms. Cynthia McCrory, Dr. Dennis McElhoe, Ms. Stephanie Michael-Pickett, Dr. Silvia Patricia Rios Husain, Mr. Vernon Shoaf, Mr. Scott Siler; and Mr. Carl Stewart, College Attorney.

- **Board Chair Dr. Jim Watson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and declared a quorum present.**
- **Invocation – Mr. Overcash**
- **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Chair Watson reminded Trustees of the ethics 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 Watson asked if there were any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. None were identified. Mr. Hovis made a motion to approve the agenda; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 27, 2017, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.

Chair Watson presented the Minutes of the March 27, 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Mr. Vinson made a motion to approve the March 27, 2017, minutes; Mr. Hovis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome New Employees

Dr. Skinner welcomed Mr. Travis Hogue, Staff Senate President; Ms. Michele Domenech, Faculty Senate President; Mr. Vernon Shoaf, Senior Director of the BioNetwork Learning Solutions Center; Mr. Dan McClellan, Director, BioNetwork Media Development and Communication; Dr. Heather Woodson, Dean of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Lisa Albright-Jurs, Interim Dean of Business and Information Technology.

Dr. McElhoe Introduced:

Mr. Scott Siler, BioNetwork Instructional Designer

2. North Carolina Community College's Video

At the Installation of Dr. James Williamson as President of the North Carolina Community College System on April 10, 2017, a video was played that highlighted a large majority of the programs available at the various North Carolina community colleges. Dr. Watson and Dr. Skinner had viewed the video at the event and wanted the Board to see it, too, as Gaston College's Textile Technology Center and our Regional Emergency Services Training Center/Fire & Rescue Training program were two of the highlighted programs.

The Board of Trustees enjoyed the video and were further pleased to find out that the video was a product of work done at our own BioNetwork Learning Solutions Center on the Dallas Campus. Dr. Skinner asked Mr. Shoaf and Mr. McClellan, both Directors at the Center, to stand and be recognized for this accomplishment. Mr. Shoaf in turn thanked the administration and Board of Trustees for their support which makes these endeavors possible.

3. Resolution in Honor of SGA President Madison Knowles

The following resolution was presented for adoption recognizing the leadership of SGA President Madison Knowles.

**Gaston College Board Of Trustees
Resolution
Honoring the Service of Ms. Madison Knowles**

WHEREAS, the Gaston College Board of Trustees wishes to express its appreciation to Ms. Madison Knowles for serving as President of the Student Government Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees during the 2016-2017 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles accomplished all goals established for the 2016-2017 year as President, which strengthened the Student Government Association and benefited the students of Gaston College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles served as a positive role model for Gaston College students with her vision, strong work ethic, leadership abilities, and personal dedication to the group's success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles served the Student Government Association on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, as the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association's Public Information Officer, by attending divisional and statewide conferences, and by planning campus student functions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles was nominated for the Governor Robert W. Scott Leadership Award for 2017 established by the North Carolina Community College System; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles was awarded the Daryl Mitchell Award for Outstanding Students for the Western Division and the Bryan Pugh Award from the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles was selected as the Outstanding Graduate for the Associate in Arts Program and the Gaston County Schools Star Student Award for Gaston Early College High School for 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles served as the President of the Gamma Beta Phi Society where responsibilities included service projects with the Boys and Girls Club, Cancer Services of Gaston County and Holy Angels; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles gave generously and unselfishly of her time and talents to lead the Student Government Association with dedication and concern for fellow students and college needs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Knowles represented Gaston College and the Student Government Association with professionalism and a strong passion while executing her duties as President;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that: The Board of Trustees of Gaston College hereby gives formal expression of its gratitude to Ms. Madison Knowles, and directs that this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Trustees and a copy be given to Ms. Knowles.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jim Watson, Chair
May 8, 2017

Stephen Campbell, Secretary

Upon a motion by Mr. Vinson, and a second by Mr. Dancoff, the Gaston College Board of Trustees adopted the resolution recognizing the leadership of SGA President Madison Knowles and directed that this resolution be recorded in the official Minutes of the Board of Trustees. The motion carried.

Chair Watson asked Ms. Knowles to come forward to accept the Resolution and thanked her for her service, leadership of the SGA, and for being such a positive role model for our students. Ms. Knowles thanked the Board for welcoming her warmly to meetings and relayed how grateful she was for the learning experience.

4. Recognition of Mr. Ryan Booth, Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Recipient

Please note: This presentation actually took place after the Update on Articulation and Transfer as Mr. Booth was late to the meeting due to a tutoring obligation.

Dr. Skinner relayed to the Board how pleased she was to make a special announcement on April 11 that one of Gaston College's students had been selected as a recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This scholarship is a very prestigious national scholarship worth over \$300,000 for bachelor's degree and graduate study at the recipient's choice of institutions.

Dr. Skinner introduced the Board to this year's award recipient from Gaston College, Mr. Ryan Booth. Mr. Booth is a SPARC³ Scholar who will graduate with an Associate in Science and a Diploma in Biotechnology in May 2017 with a 4.0 grade point average. He has participated in numerous undergraduate research activities while a student at Gaston College, and is also very active in campus activities including the student government association (SGA), where he serves as a senator and the chair of SGA Service Committee.

Mr. Booth also is the Gamma Beta Phi (GBP) Treasurer and chair of Gamma Beta Phi Service Committee. Additionally, Mr. Booth is active in the Science Club. Off campus, he has over 150 hours in community service at Caromont Hospital, YMCA, Gaston Hospice, and the Boys and Girls Club. He also serves as a tutor at the Gaston College Learning Center. Additionally, Mr. Booth has been selected for a fellowship this summer at the National Institutes of Health, a highly selective appointment.

Dr. Skinner asked the Board to join her in congratulating Mr. Booth on receiving this exceptional honor!

Mr. Booth relayed his thanks to the administration and his instructors for everything he had learned at Gaston College and looks forward to using those skills when he transfers; he has been accepted at UNC-Chapel Hill.

5. Update on Articulation and Transfer

Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Vice President of Academic Affairs, conveyed to the Board that he felt advising students is one of the most important aspects of the College's work. Students who intend to move on to another educational institution for an advanced credential want credit for the courses taken at Gaston College to transfer so they must have an understanding of the transfer/articulation process and its variations to set the most productive pathway toward that goal. Dr. Dellinger introduced Dr. Heather Woodson, Dean of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Lisa Albright Jurs, Interim Dean of Business and Information Technology to provide insight into how the transfer/articulation process works.

Dr. Woodson spoke about the traditional programs (Associate Degree programs in Arts, Fine Arts and Science) that students take primarily to transfer to four-year colleges, new college transfer pathways in engineering and nursing now available, and other Associate in Applied Science programs students take to prepare to enter the workforce. She explained the variations in curriculum standards of which students need to be mindful that can be reflective of local needs/demands, industry, and transfer partners and can affect each of these transfer pathways.

In 2014, the NC Comprehensive Articulation Agreement was revised. Universal General Education Component Courses (UGETC) were established that guaranteed that if a student took a course, for example, a freshman English 111 course at a community college, they would get credit for English 111 at a four-year college for the actual course and not just get credit for it as an elective. Gaston College has streamlined several program pathways to include as many UGETC courses as possible to maximize transfer potential. In addition to UGETC courses, a handout provided relayed several articulation agreements Gaston College has with partnering four-year colleges. Students need to know that only specific courses are designated as transfer courses by the NCCCS. Gaston College's Transfer Advising Center provides valuable information to students on a transfer track.

There was much discussion among Board members regarding this topic, and Chair Watson stated it may be necessary to reopen the discussion at a later date. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and the handout distributed will be maintained with the minutes.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Following is a summary of Dr. Skinner's activities and travel since the March 27, 2017, Board meeting. Additional details for each item can be found with the report in the Board packet distributed at the meeting.

- North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP) Quarterly Meeting and Statewide Press Conference - At the March 29-31, 2017, NCACCP meeting, a "Celebrate Community Colleges" statewide press conference was held.
- North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT) 2017 Law/Legislative Seminar - The NCACCT held the 2017 Law/Legislative Seminar on March 29-31, 2017. Dr.

Skinner, Dr. Watson, Dr. Ragan, Sheriff Cloninger, Mr. Smith, Mr. Overcash, and Mr. Vinson attended.

- Installation of Dr. James Williamson as NCCCS President - On April 10, 2017, the installation of Dr. James Williamson as the eighth president of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) took place at Richmond Community College.
- Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Announcement - Gaston College was notified that one of our SPARC3 Scholar students, Mr. Ryan Booth, was awarded a Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, which is a very prestigious national scholarship worth over \$300,000 for bachelor's degree and graduate study at the recipient's choice of institutions.
- Community College Press Conference for the Southwest Prosperity Zone - Innovations in Advanced Manufacturing Education - On April 18, 2017, representatives from six community colleges gathered for a press conference on the Dallas Campus to discuss their plans to further their advanced manufacturing programs. Dr. McElhoe provided leadership for this event.
- North Carolina Institute of Medicine (NCIOM) Directors Quarterly Meeting - At the April 18, 2017, meeting Dr. Skinner attended, NCIOM President, Dr. Adam Zolotor, provided updates on several NCIOM Task Forces.
- North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents (NCACCP) Monthly Meeting - The monthly meeting of the NCACCP took place on April 19, 2017, with much of the discussion centered on legislative bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate that would affect community colleges.
- David Belk Cannon Luncheon - On April 27, 2017, Dr. Skinner and approximately 60 guests attended the David Belk Scholarship Luncheon which is held to recognize the achievement of students and the generosity of those who are helping to make dreams come true through student scholarships.
- SciVisit - SciVisit is held each April, April 28th this year, with the purpose of engaging students and creating awareness of attainable academic and career pathways in STEM fields. Participation in sciVisit has grown exponentially over the past four years from an initial 200 students to 981 by 2015.
- Western Presidents Meeting - The Western Presidents Meeting was held April 28, 2017, at McDowell Technical Community College.
- Gaston College Family Fun Day - Gaston College's Faculty Senate and Staff Senate joined together to hold a Gaston College Family Fun Day on April 29, 2017, at Biggerstaff Park, in Dallas.
- North Carolina Student Success Center Advisory Board Meeting - The North Carolina Student Success Center Advisory Board met at Randolph Community College on May 4,

2017. Dr. Roxanne Newton, Executive Director of the NC Student Success Center, provided an update on NC Student Success Center's priorities and activities.

E. SGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Knowles gave the following update on SGA activities since March 27, 2017. The report in its entirety is filed with the minutes.

- Spring Fest - SGA hosted Spring Fest on the Dallas campus on April 4, 2017, on the Kimbrell campus on April 11, 2017, and the Lincoln campus on April 12, 2017.
- N4CSGA Conference - SGA attended the spring conference for the North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA on Friday, April 7, 2017, through Sunday, April 9, 2017).
- Stress Free Day - On Monday, April 24, 2017, and Tuesday, April 25, 2017, SGA held Stress Free Day on the Lincoln and Kimbrell campuses. On Thursday, May 4, 2017, SGA participated in the health fair and distributed exam survival kits on the Dallas Campus.
- CBCC Blood Drive - SGA hosted a blood drive with the Community Blood Center on April 26-27, 2017.
- Student Awards Banquet - The Student Awards Banquet was held on May 2, 2017, in Myers Center Multipurpose Auditorium.

F. CAMPUS AFFAIRS

1. Proposed Termination of the Nuclear Technology Program

In 2011 Gaston College was invited to partner with Duke Energy to implement the Nuclear Technology (NT) program. Upon completion, graduates would qualify as entry-level, non-licensed nuclear power plant technicians. They would be qualified for academic studies to prepare them for other industrial or engineering technician positions within the commercial nuclear power industry. Graduates from the program could also work for conventional power plants, and, if certified, work at nuclear power plants anywhere in the United States.

The number of Nuclear Technicians has decreased by about 2% in the last five years in Gaston and Lincoln counties. Over the next 10 years, the occupation is expected to have an average annual decline rate of almost -1% in Gaston and Lincoln counties.

For the most recent academic year beginning in fall 2016, three students entered the Nuclear Technology program (One of those students is also enrolled in engineering technology programs.). Additionally, internships with Duke Energy are no longer available for Gaston College students.

Gaston College is petitioning the NCCCS to put the NUC courses in the Industrial System Technology program. A “teach-out” plan has been developed to serve all remaining students in this major.

Enrollment and award information is listed in the table below.

Nuclear Technology	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
FTEs	3	18	22	18	13
Headcount	10	25	Not reported	20	16
Awards (degrees)		5	2	6	3
NUC 110 total annual enrollment	10	12	11	5	10
NUC 120 total annual enrollment	10	9	14	0	3
NUC 210 total annual enrollment	0	8	6	12	8
NUC 220 total annual enrollment	0	8	6	8	3

There is a savings of \$250,000 in equipment that will not have to be purchased for the CAM building. The Dean of Engineering and Industrial Technologies currently is SACSCOC qualified to teach NUC-prefixed courses. Keeping the program would require the hiring of a full-time faculty member if the Dean were to leave. Putting NUC prefixes in another program would allow Gaston College to use part-time instructors.

Teach-Out Plan for the Nuclear Technology Program

After an extensive Academic Program Review process, Gaston College has decided to implement a suspension of enrollment in the Nuclear Technology program.

Effective immediately, the program will take no new students.

A teach-out program will be offered to the current student body, provided these students remain continuously enrolled (Spring and Fall 2017 and Spring 2018) throughout the teach-out period.

Classes for the current student body will proceed as per the Program’s curriculum through the May 2018 graduation date. Following that graduation, all instruction in the program will cease.

The teach-out schedule follows:

****No new enrollments will be taken for Fall 2017**

Only students from the Summer 2017 cohort, provided they remain continuously enrolled through the teach-out period, will be eligible for the following sessions:

- **Summer 2017: No Nuclear prefix courses are scheduled or required**
- **Fall 2017: NUC 120 will be offered for those who did not previously take it or were unsuccessful**
- **Spring 2018: NUC 220 will be offered for those who did not previously take it or were unsuccessful**

The above two courses will probably be conducted in the independent study mode since there are only a few students. All other required courses are in other programs and will be offered in their normal mode and sequences.

Program instruction will cease after Spring 2018.

Upon a recommendation from the Campus Affairs Committee, Dr. Ragan moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the termination of the Nuclear Technology Program and implementation of the Teach-Out Plan for the Nuclear Technology Program as presented. The motion carried.

G. FACILITIES

1. Capital Report

A Capital report on the Veterinary Technology Facility was submitted for the Board's information and review. No action was required.

Veterinary Technology Facility

The design contract with State Construction, Stewart, Cooper, Newell (SCN) and the Gaston College Board of Trustees was executed in January 2017. SCN and Mr. Rick Bacon, specialty veterinary architect, were on site Feb. 15-16 and met with faculty and the Director of Facilities and the Vice President for Finance, Operations and Facilities to complete conceptual schematic design (scale and relationships between building components) of the facility. The College is working with the architect to refine the schematic design.

H. FINANCE

1. FY 2017-2018 Proprietary Budgets

The proposed FY 2017-18 proprietary operating budgets follow.

Bookstore

- During FY 2016-17, student enrollment continued to shift from full-time financial aid students toward part-time students, CCP students, and Early College students. For most CCP and Early College students, their high school maintains an inventory of textbooks. This reduces the number of books purchased from the Gaston College bookstore. The student type shift is expected to remain in place during FY 2017-18.

Usage Fee

- The FY 2017-18 revenue budget remains unchanged from FY 2016-17. The Facility Repairs line adjusts to balance the budget.

Vending, Discretionary, President's Discretionary, and Fine Arts

- Vending revenue is essentially flat from FY 2016-17 to FY 2017-18.

Textile Center

- Textile Center revenue decreases \$150,500 during FY 2017-18. This decrease is offset by a reduction in planned equipment purchases.

SGA

- The SGA budget is essentially flat from FY 2016-17 to FY 2017-18.

Print Shop

- Print Shop revenue decreases 2% as College departments work to balance their budgets. The decrease in revenue is offset by lower equipment rental costs as well as proportionately lower paper costs.

Fire Training

- Fire Training program revenues exceeded budget during FY 2016-17; an increase in revenue is included in the FY 2017-18 budget. Staff allocations moved from State funds toward proprietary funds during FY 16-17; the shift is reflected in the FY 2017-18 salary and benefit expense figures.

Cosmetology & Esthetics

- The FY 2017-18 revenue figure reflects the expectation that revenue will increase during FY 2017-18.

The FY 2017-18 proprietary expense budget totals are as follows:

Bookstore	\$2,654,096
Usage Fee (Parking)	\$ 130,000
Vending	\$ 49,412
Discretionary	\$ 29,362
President's Discretionary	\$ 16,500
Fine Arts	\$ 3,550
Kimbrell Campus Textile Testing	\$1,485,152
Student Activity	\$ 159,000
Print Shop	\$ 243,000
Fire Training	\$ 382,953
Cosmetology & Esthetics	\$ 44,700

Upon a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Mr. Campbell moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the FY 2017-2018 Proprietary Budgets as presented. The motion carried.

2. Approval of College Fees

SBCCC 700.1 authorizes local boards of trustees to establish local fees. Several testing and fee changes are recommended for adoption effective July 1, 2017.

EMS Fee Changes:

- Lab and clinical fees for EMS increase from \$6.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour.
- EMS is added to the group of health programs that purchase Malpractice Insurance.
- EMS fees are presented separately for Curriculum and Continuing Education.
- FIDAP fees decrease from \$120 to \$84 and are noted in Curriculum and Continuing Education sections.
- EMTTESTING AEMT fee is discontinued as the advanced EMT course is not offered.
- Hybrid versions of the PHTLS Provider and AMLS Provider are added to the Continuing Education fee schedule.

Nursing Aide Fees:

- The Nurse Aide I fee increases from \$25.00 to \$40.00.

The increases in fees are to offset increases in operating costs for the tests and programs involved.

Upon a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Mr. Campbell moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve all student fees as presented. The motion carried.

3. FY 2017-2018 Interim Budget

The North Carolina Community College Law 115D-57 states:

In case the adoption of the budget resolution is delayed until after July 1, the board of trustees shall authorize the president, through interim provisions, to pay salaries and other ordinary expenses of the institution for the interval between the beginning of the fiscal year and the adoption of the budget resolution. Interim provisions so made shall be charged to the proper allocations in the budget resolution.

There are no fiscal implications other than to authorize ongoing expenditures until the 2017-18 Budget Resolution is approved by the Board.

Upon a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Mr. Campbell moved that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve the Administration's request for the interim budget in accordance with the North Carolina Community College Law 115D-57. The motion carried.

4. Supplemental State Budget Allocation

Supplemental State Budget Allocation received after the FY 2016-17 State Budget was finalized. This item was presented for the Board's review and information.

#5	Customized Training	\$ 11,614
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5. Financial Reports

A summary of expenditures for March 2017 year-to-date for State, Gaston, and Lincoln operating budgets and proprietary accounts in comparison to the previous year was presented for the Board's review and information. No action was necessary.

I. REPORT FROM NCACCT

Mr. Vinson relayed that both bills, House Bill 12 and Senate Bill 420, which are related to community college Boards of Trustees' governance issues, were now in their respective Rules Committees on opposite sides from where the laws were created. However, no action has been taken. A meeting was scheduled on May 17, 2017, for members of the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges, North Carolina Board of Trustees Chairs, presidents of North Carolina community colleges, and members of the NCACCT to meet to discuss feedback received from a survey conducted by the NCACCP's to community college presidents about trustee governance issues.

J. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gaston College Lapel Pin - Dr. Watson called attention to the Gaston College lapel pin that had been distributed to each of the trustees. He encouraged the trustees to be sure to wear it in their role as advocates for the College. He thanked the Gaston College Foundation for purchasing the pins.

1. Nomination for Appointment to the Textile Technology Center Advisory Board

The Gaston College Board of Trustees has two appointments to the Textile Technology Center (TTC) Board of Advisors. The current appointments to the TTC Board are Mr. Dan Nation (term expires in 2017) and Dr. Paul Schiffelbein (term expires in 2019).

Mr. Nation had just finished his second four-year term and was no longer eligible for reappointment so the Gaston College Board needed to approve a replacement. Mr. Davis Warlick was recommended as he has extensive experience related to textiles and is currently employed by Parkdale Mills. Since the TTC Board has a significant partnership with Parkdale Mills, his appointment to the TTC Board was highly recommended. Additional background information was provided to the Board.

Mr. Warlick's appointment to the TTC Board of Advisors was presented to the Board for consideration.

Chair Watson entertained a motion by Mr. Hovis that the Gaston College Board of Trustees approve Mr. Davis Warlick to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Dan Nation on the Textile Technology Center's Advisory Board. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Trustee Liaison Survey

Mr. Keeter stated that the Board of Trustees Ad Hoc Committee on Advocacy had distributed a survey to the Board members and encouraged them to respond.

3. Graduation

Gaston College's graduation ceremony will take place on May 12, 2017, at 4 p.m., at the Bojangles Coliseum. Nine trustees are scheduled to participate in the platform party this year. Ms. Dillon distributed graduation packets that included parking information, where to gather, and other pertinent details for those trustees attending.

4. Gaston County Commissioner Volunteer Week Proclamation

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners presented the Gaston College Board of Trustees with a resolution at a recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to recognize them for the many ways they volunteer and serve the citizens and community of Gaston County. A copy of the original resolution will be kept with the minutes. Dr. Watson thanked the Board of Trustees for their many contributions.

The text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the entire community can effect positive change with any volunteer action no matter how big or small; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers can connect with local community service opportunities through hundreds of community service organizations; and,

WHEREAS, millions of volunteers working in their communities utilize their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the senior population; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, all over the nation, service projects will be performed and volunteers recognized for their commitment to service; and,

WHEREAS, the giving of oneself in service to another empowers the giver and the recipient; and,

WHEREAS, experience teaches us that government by itself cannot solve all of our nations' social problems; and,

WHEREAS, our county's volunteer force of over 700 people is a great treasure; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive county and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **April 23 – 29, 2017, as Volunteer Week** and recognizes this year's theme "Service Unites" as an opportunity to encourage all citizens to volunteer on appointed boards and in their respective communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners joins the Nation and State of North Carolina in Celebrating Service by recognizing all volunteers in the community and especially the members of the

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for the many services they provide to the County Commission and the Citizens of Gaston County.

The resolution was signed by: Chad Brown, Chairman; Allen R. Fraley; Donald J. Grant; Bob Hovis; Tom Keigher; Tracy L. Philbeck; and Ronald Worley, Vice-Chairman.

To be Adopted the 25th Day of April 2017.

5. NCACCT – Fall 2017

Dr. Watson reminded the trustees about the upcoming NCACCT Leadership Seminar which would be held August 23-25, 2017. Ms. Dillon would send them registration information in June or July as soon as it was available. He requested they mark their calendar to hold those dates.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Watson invited the Board to review the list of upcoming meetings and events. He also let them know that Dr. Jim Ragan, Board of Trustees Vice Chair, would facilitate the June 26 Board of Trustees meeting as he would be away.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with provisions of G.S. § 143-318.11 (6), Chair Watson entertained a motion to enter the Board into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing a personnel matter. Mr. Campbell made the motion, seconded by Dr. Ragan. The motion carried.

Chair Watson entertained a motion to close Executive Session and return to Open Session. Mr. Hovis made the motion, seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion carried.

Chair Watson entertained a motion as a result of their discussion. Dr. Ragan moved that the Board of Trustees give the President an Outstanding rating evaluation for her performance for FY 2016-2017 from the Board of Trustees. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Skinner's evaluation will be communicated to the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges pursuant to G.S. 143-318-11 (6).

M. AJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Watson entertained a motion by Mr. Keeter, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

Chair Watson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Campbell, Secretary

Dr. Jim R. Watson, Chair

Mary Ellen Dillon, Recording Secretary

(College Seal)