

**BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
4:00 p.m. January 4, 2021 – Dankert Board Room/Zoom**

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Kim Krull Lora Jarvis
Matt Jacobs Mel Whiteside
Lori Winningham

BOARD ATTENDANCE

Mary Martha Good
Jim Howell (Z)
Doug Law
Lance Lechtenberg
Forrest Rhodes (Z)
Shelby Smith
Julie Winslow

* (Z) Denotes attendance via Zoom

GUESTS

Ray Connell

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Howell called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Smith requested to amend the agenda to add a discussion about the Culinary Program after the executive session. Trustee Winslow seconded. Lora Jarvis called a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Law moved that the Board recess into executive session for consultation with legal counsel in regards to acquisition of real estate to include the Board, Dr. Kim Krull, Lori Winningham, Mel Whiteside, and Ray Connell with action to follow as appropriate. Trustee Smith seconded. Lora Jarvis called a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

The open meeting will resume here in the Dankert Board Room and on Zoom in 60 minutes. The Board entered Executive Session at 4:11 p.m.

The Board re-entered regular session at 4:53 p.m.

CULINARY ARTS DISCUSSION

Trustee Good asked Dr. Krull if they had found anyone to take over as director of the Culinary Program. Since there are students already enrolled in the classes, they started immediately looking for individuals who could teach the classes. The full-time positions

have been advertised since before winter break, but in cases like this they are often hired as a temporary full-time faculty member.

Trustee Winslow asked for an explanation of what happened. Dr. Krull said that they were offered the jobs at WSU-Tech and they took them. Trustee Good expressed that she saw this as just a part of business with people deciding to leave for other opportunities.

Trustee Smith said his son is in the program and the son is hesitant to enroll in the classes at this time because the schedule only says "staff". He wanted to know which staff were being considered and what their qualifications were.

Dr. Krull indicated there are industry professionals available if needed who could be in the classroom. Butler has very high standards for the faculty that are hired and the needed credentials. This program has historically only had two full-time faculty members and the rest are adjuncts. Often times at the beginning of the semester many classes are listed with Staff as the instructor because at this time classes may need to be reassigned based on enrollments or rearranged in order to best meet the needs of the students and the faculty.

Trustee Winslow expressed that she was unsure how Butler could compete with WSU since they now have a culinary program as well and was reluctant to spend money on the program here until she had more information on the program at WSU.

Dr. Krull said that a program review would be difficult to do because WSU-Tech does not have a culinary program at this time. They have a hospitality program. Trustee Law asked about the approval process for a program for WSU-Tech. The request would have to follow processes through the Technical Education Association and then to KBOR.

Trustee Winslow also expressed that she wished the Board would have had a chance to talk to the instructors before they left to see what their vision for the program was. Trustee Law said that personnel decisions are outside of the scope of the Board. Trustee Winslow said that she would like to know more about the negotiations for the programs.

Trustee Smith asked how many students were in the Culinary and Hospitality programs and Lori Winningham said there were about 130 between the two programs with some full-time and some part-time. Trustee Good asked for clarification on what the Hospitality program does. Lori explained that those students work on the event planning and tourism where the Culinary students course work is more focused on the kitchen training to be chefs.

Lori also informed the Board that Master Agreement language dictates faculty salaries and doesn't allow the ability to negotiate with individual faculty for salaries.

Trustee Winslow said that she would like to talk to the program directors prior to any Board decisions to expand or change the program because the visions may not match. Trustee Law said that as a former principal, the programs should be designed and then someone hired to fit the program. Trustee Rhodes said that it wasn't the Board's job to select the staff, it was the President's job.

Dr. Krull indicated that often the regular division reports provide insight and discussion related to program vision. The example was given with discussion of the Construction Technology program and advisory board members being present.

Trustee Smith asked if the hospitality program had any hotel information presented and Lori said it is part of the coursework. Lori said the hospitality coursework was what WSU-Tech was interested in teaching when the schools were discussing partnering. Trustee Smith asked what the breakdown in enrollment was between Culinary and Hospitality. Dr. Krull said they would provide that information at the next Board meeting.

Chair Howell said that this program has been discussed for quite some time now including discussion of land for a new building to moving to a new location. He also said that he trusts the administration and staff to lead the program in the right direction, that the staff and Board share the same vision and want it to succeed.

Trustee Good provided some additional information to the Board related to the affiliation of WSU and WSU-Tech when she was a legislator.

Trustee Smith said he liked the idea of keeping our programs in Butler County. Trustee Good agreed. Dr. Krull stated as long as institutions stay in their service areas, they don't have to seek approval for programs. Butler's service area includes Butler, Greenwood, Marion, Chase and Morris Counties.

The conversation that led Butler to be in Wichita originally started years ago between Dr. Vietti at Butler and Dr. Beggs at WSU. Because WSU did not have a program, they were supportive of Butler offering the program in Sedgwick County. There are service area agreements with several colleges who offer programs in another institutions service areas with approval.

The hospitality program has been at Butler for over 15 years. Trustee Good asked how many teaching kitchens we currently have for the program. Dr. Krull said we have one teaching kitchen and limited space in the current facility.

Trustee Good asked what the degree students received when graduating from the program. Lori stated both are Associate of Applied Science degrees. Trustee Winslow asked if either degree transferred entirely to a four-year university. Dr. Krull said that there are some articulation agreements, but what often happens is students finish their degrees and go directly into the workforce. If the students do transfer on, it is more often in Hospitality in order to for the business side. Lori said that K-State has a Bachelors for Hospitality Management.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Law moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lechtenberg seconded. Lora Jarvis called a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously. The special meeting of January 4, 2021 was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Doug Law – Secretary