

BOT *Highlights*

DECEMBER 14, 2010

PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for the following: Vicki L. Coon, Academic Administrative Specialist, Social Science, Tarpon Springs Campus; Sue L. Dillon, Assistant, M.M. Bennett Library, Clearwater Campus; Joseph B. Fenley, Professor, Social Science, Clearwater Campus; Sally S. Naylor, Dean, College of Education, Tarpon Springs Campus; Carlene M. Peterson, Project Coordinator, Center for Public Safety Innovation, Allstate Center; Gregory Rabelo, Instructional Technologist, Web and Instructional Technology, Tarpon Springs Campus; Sharon A. Swallowood, Professor, Communications, Clearwater Campus; and Larry R. Webster, Program Coordinator, Early College/Dual Enrollment/Early Admission, Tarpon Springs Campus. Ms. Dillon, Dr. Fenley, Dr. Peterson and Mr. Webster were in attendance and, joined by colleagues, received their resolutions as presented by Chairman Burke and President Law.

Additionally, the president and the Board recognized the upcoming retirement of Mr. Syd McKenzie, General Counsel. Mr. McKenzie was joined by his colleagues and the trustees as he was presented with a resolution in appreciation for his service as the College's General Counsel.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Burke wished all retirees well and expressed specific appreciation to the retiring professors for their invaluable encouragement to the students.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Ms. Kay Burniston, Vice President of Baccalaureate Programs, Academic Effectiveness & University Partnerships, was joined by Dr. Jesse Coraggio, Director of Academic Effectiveness & Assessment, and Ms. Leigh Goldberg Hopf, Director of Baccalaureate Program Support Services, in sharing an overview of the New Accreditation, Accountability and Assessment (AAA) Committee Structure of the New Leadership Alliance. Ms. Burniston noted this effort is to engage all sectors and members of the College community for the purpose of impacting and improving student learning and to stay ahead of accreditation.

GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) Florida Department of Education, Division of Public Schools, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, for state personnel development; (2) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the Completion by Design Initiative; (3) National Science Foundation, Advanced Technological Education (ATE), for DeafTec: Technological Education Center for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students; and (4) Southwest Water Management District for Cooperative Funding Initiative funds for restoration and replanting on the SPC Seminole Campus.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Board approved the following: (1) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property; (2) Certificate of Final Inspection & Release of Final Payment, Remodeling of Classrooms, Labs and Offices, Phase 4, Downtown Center; and (3) Phase III Construction Documents (Demolition Phase) for Construction of New Ethics and Social Science Building, Clearwater Campus.

COLLABORATION EFFORTS WITH USF ST. PETERSBURG

Dr. Anne Cooper, Senior Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs, reported on the many articulation efforts between St. Petersburg College and USF St. Petersburg that resulted from a luncheon whereby administrative counterparts from the two institutions discussed future beneficial partnerships. The Board agreed to schedule a joint gathering with the USF St. Petersburg Board in February 2011 to further their collaboration efforts.

MIDTOWN UPDATE

Dr. Law was joined by Dr. Doug, Duncan, Senior Vice President of Administrative/Business Services & Information Technology; Ms. Susan Reiter, Vice President of Facilities Planning & Institutional Services; and Ms. Yvonne Ulmer, Campus Executive Officer of the Downtown/Midtown Centers, in reviewing space utilization data for both the Downtown and Midtown Centers in response to Board discussion at the November meeting. Dr. Law shared that a going-forward strategy is in place for full utilization of additional available space at the Downtown Center, and said he would be meeting with Mr. Gibbons and staff after the Board meeting to discuss continued expansion options for Midtown. He agreed to bring back a full range of options for Midtown expansion by the January 18 Board retreat. Mr. Burke concluded that the Board's support of a presence in Midtown is very evident and a resolution for the space issues is needed. He said the Board would look to the College's leadership to provide direction. He paid tribute to Mr. Gibbons for his efforts in pushing this issue.