



**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023, 4:45pm  
Spartanburg Community College, Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Boardroom

**Subject:** Minutes from The Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education Meeting

**Attendees:** Chairman Keller, Vice Chairman Bell, Secretary Hill, Commissioner Fowler, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Sarratt, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Radford, Commissioner Hamrick, Dr. Mikota, Dr. Obi, Dr. Satterfield, Mr. Burroughs, Ms. Hughes, Mr. Grace, Mrs. Walker, Ms. Painter, Mr. Aughinbaugh

**Absent:** Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner King, Commissioner O’Neill, Mr. Burns

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order at 4:43pm.

II. COMMISSION MINUTES

Chairman Keller presented the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Bell motioned to approve the June 19, 2023, meeting minutes, Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Keller presented the Consent Agenda Items, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Commissioner Hill seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

IV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT President by Dr. Mikota, President

Dr. Mikota started his remarks by welcoming Mr. Lyman Hamrick as the new commissioner representing Cherokee County.

Dr. Mikota spoke about this summer being the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his presidency at Spartanburg Community College and how much the College has changed. This is a new college forged in the belief that Spartanburg Community College can be the key catalyst for prosperity by igniting the realization in the community and with students that individuals who come to Spartanburg Community College can Dream It, Chase It and Live It.

Other main points of Dr. Mikota's report included:

Analogy of the California Redwood that Dr. Mikota detailed when he first arrived three years ago:

- Seeds remain secure in cones for decades until a fire clears undergrowth and forces cones to open, releasing seeds into a fertile environment conducive to growth
- Our Chasers are like the seeds of the Redwood
- SCC provides the spark needed to ignite the flames and unleash the potential hidden within

History and Memory

- History is what actually happened, memory is how you felt about it
- The perception of how people think and feel about Spartanburg Community College is changing and that is very positive for our students and our community
- SCC Voted Best College in Spartanburg by Herald-Journal Readers
- New website launched in July
- Strong relationship with new superintendent of Spartanburg County School District 3, Dr. Julie Fowler, of which the college is directly partnering on a couple of initiatives. The relationship was initially sparked through an initial meeting arranged by our Chairman, Tracy Keller, and Spartanburg School District 3 Chairman, Chris Jolley

Start of Fall 2023 Enrollment Stats

- 18% increase in new students (2,408 total new students and 3,608 returning students as of 8/14)
- 6,016 Chasers taking classes on Day One (5% increase over last year's Day One)
- Outstanding turnout at New Student Orientations @ Giles & Cherokee campuses (2,295 total new students and guests)

Update on Union County Campus Offerings

- Dr. Mikota highlighted that the College had been working with local industry to develop workforce training and course offerings specific to their needs
- Eight comprehensive workforce training opportunities offered to industry since July:
  - Introduction to Mechatronics
  - MSSC Safety, Quality, Production
  - Operation Workforce Training
  - Introduction to Manufacturing
  - Welding Certificate
  - Certified Nursing Assistant
  - Advertising of new offerings placed in local paper
- Additional courses that plan to be implemented in the near term are phlebotomy and forklift training.

This concluded Dr. Mikota's report. The floor was then opened to questions, none were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the President's Report. Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the President's Report, Commissioner Bell seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

V. ENROLLMENT UPDATE presented by Dr. Stacey Obi, VP Strategic Innovation

- Fall Semester kicked off Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
- Classes have a staggered start and will continue to start until October
- As of 8/17/2023 total enrollment is 6,113
  - This number includes all 5 campus's and/or online
  - Represents a 56% growth since 2021 in total enrollment
  - 3.8% growth over this time last year
  - Student numbers breakdown:
    - Spartanburg County – 4,371
    - Cherokee County – 891
    - Union County – 194
    - Other SC Counties – 460 (includes employees taking classes & senior citizens)
    - Non-SC Resident – 97 (must be a SC resident for 1 year)
- 47% of SCC students are adult learners
  - The Free Tuition Initiative kicked off in 2021 enabled more adult learners to return to the classroom
- To sustain this growth:
  - More programs are being added
  - Continue work making a stronger presence in high schools through the CTC's (College Transition Coordinators)
  - Provide more support for the dual enrollment students

This concluded Dr. Obi's report. The floor was then opened to questions. Commission Radford asked for clarification as to the guideline to receive free tuition.

Dr. Obi answered that to receive free tuition a student must declare a major, take 6 or more credit hours, complete the FASFA, complete the residency process, progression of degree, and be in good standing with the college.

Currently there are a few changes to the Free Tuition Initiative. The Free Tuition Initiative is now the Live to Chase Initiative. Communication is going to be sent to students. The changes include success measures. Per Dr. Obi starting this fall, all students received the Live to Chase, but students must have a 2.2 grade point average to keep it. From the results of data with the Free Tuition students would enroll, attend and drop because it was free which impacted the students success level.

The floor was again opened for questions, none were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Enrollment Update. Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the Enrollment Update, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

VI. ACADEMIC UPDATE presented by Dr. Lisa Satterfield, VP Academic Affairs

Nursing Program Update

- Initiated Accreditation Process for LPN Program
- Received Approval to Increase Enrollment by 193 – LPN and Nursing programs
- 2022 overall pass rate was 75% for nursing; 2023 pass rate is at 97%
- No LPN students have tested yet
- Have met with Spartanburg Regions to discuss plans for the Evan’s Campus School of Nursing

#### Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)/Paramedic

- Prior to Dr. Satterfield’s arrival in February 2023 Spartanburg Regional Medical Center met with SCC to discuss the EMT shortage and requested assistance to meet the need
- Due to SCC’s inability or unwillingness to respond - SRMC started their own EMT Academy
- SCC was running EMT on the credit and non-credit side, Spartanburg County was running an EMT program and SRMC now had an academy
- Changes made to SCC’s program
  - Program Director changed
  - Curriculum Revisions
    - Prerequisite changes
    - Offering format: 7.5 week- and 15-week options
- Partnered with SRMC for Employees Training
- Results:
  - EMT 2022
    - 3 cohorts per year
    - 8-10 Students Enrolled
    - NREMT Exam Pass Rate: SCC 64%
    - NREMT Exam Pass Rate: National 68%
  - EMT 2023
    - 6 cohorts per year
    - 20-30 students enrolled
    - NREMT Exam Pass Rate: SCC 95%
  - Paramedic 2022
    - 1 cohorts per year
    - 6-10 Students Enrolled
  - Paramedic 2023
    - 1-2 cohorts per year
    - 30 - 40 Students Enrolled

#### Sonography Program

- SACSCOC: December Board Meeting: Review for Approval
- State Tech System: Awaiting Approval
- Requested 30 students for the first cohort
- Prerequisite classes should start in January
- Major curriculum should start in the fall

### Physical Therapist Assistant Program

- Very high demand both locally & nationally
- Will ask the Commission for approval in the near future
- Accrediting agency is very stringent and strict on how many programs approved per year
- Next available date for the Commission to consider a program is the winter of 2025 – 1 spot left or summer of 2025 – 1 spot left
- If approvals are not received and SCC doesn't get on the agenda for one of those two dates, it will be 2027 before SCC can reapply

### SACSCOC

- Formal Complaint
  - Current employee
  - Alleging SCC did not follow it's own policies in relation to faculty governance and that SCC is out of compliance with Standard 10.4 that also has to do with faculty governance
  - College administration feels neither are true
  - Responded – Awaiting Response

### Monitoring Report

- 2016 – Awarded 10-year Reaffirmation
  - Maximum accreditation awarded
  - Next Reaffirmation 2026
- 2021 – Fifth-Year Interim Report
  - This report response showed there were areas where SCC was not in compliance
- 2022 – Non-Compliance with Referral Report to Address Issues not in compliance
- 2023 – Notification on Monitoring Report (Core Requirement 8.0 Student Achievement)
  - January 2023 received notification that SCC was being put on Monitoring Report – last opportunity before being put on warning/probation for non-compliance
  - Response Due September 2023
  - Failure to come into compliance at next review results in sanction (Warning/Probation)

### Compliance Efforts

- Diligently working with all academic departments on Assessment/Outcomes
- Implementing new assessment software – Weave- Currently in Process
- New Planning Process Implementation September 2023

This concluded Dr. Satterfield's report. The floor was opened for questions, none were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Academic Update. Commissioner Bell motioned to approve the Academic Update, Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

FINANCIAL REPORT presented by Ms. Melissa Hughes, Director, Finance  
Financial Report for Year End June 30, 2023

- Revenue:
  - Curriculum Revenue actuals show over \$2M brought in for the fiscal year
  - Continuing Education received approximately 76% of projected revenue
  - Auxiliary which includes the Book Inn, textbook and supply sales, received 92% of projected revenue
  - Revenue from the State surpassed the budget by 3%
  - 100% of the State – Cherokee Allocation has been received
  - Spartanburg County Allocations equal to \$8.5M
  - Received an additional \$2.8M from Spartanburg County which will be used towards Capital Projects
  - Received from Union County \$256,000
  - Received from Cherokee County \$662,000
  - Other revenue surpassed anticipated revenues received 98% of the anticipated revenues
- Expenditures
  - Fulltime Salaries 90% spent which is a decrease of 9% year-over-year
  - Fulltime Fringe 97% spent
  - Parttime Salaries and Fringe reflects a decrease
  - O&M down 9%
  - 12% decrease in expenditures year-over-year

Operational Budget Status as of June 30, 2023, SCC received 98% of our budgeted revenues, which is a revenue increase of \$4,218,958 in comparison to June 30, 2022. There are no major issues regarding the budget. Expenditure as a percentage of the budget was at 89%, which is 12% less than the previous year.

This concluded Ms. Hughes report. The floor was opened for questions, none were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Commissioner Bell motioned to approve the Financial Report, Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

## VII. ADJOURN

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sarratt motioned to Adjourn. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. All voted aye, and the meeting Adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Tracey Hill*

Mrs. Tracey Hill, Secretary