MINUTES

Blinn College District Sealy Campus Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

The Sealy Campus Advisory Committee met on September 26, in Classroom 110, located in the Main Building at 3701 Outlet Center Drive, Blinn-Sealy Campus.

Committee Members present were Mr. Ryan Svoboda, Mr. Bryan McCauley, Mr. Rick Kershner, Ms. Kimbra Hill, and Ms. Chelsea Humes.

Committee Member(s) absent was Dr. Bryan Hallmark.

Representing Blinn College present at the meeting were Dr. Mary Hensley, Mr. Jay Anderson, Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Dr. Becky McBride, Mr. Leighton Schubert, and Ms. Lisa Caton.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ryan Svoboda at 12:25 p.m.

Election of Officers: Ms. Lisa Caton explained that it was time to elect new officers for the academic year. After a short discussion it was unanimously approved that the new officers would be Chair- Ryan Svoboda, Vice Chair – Brian Hallmark and Secretary – Kimbra Hill.

Approval of Minutes. After a proper motion from Rick Kershner, seconded by Chelsea Humes, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the April 27, 2023, meeting.

Legislative Updates by Mr. Leighton Schubert, Executive Vice Chancellor. Mr. Leighton Schubert presented a legislative update explaining how the implementation of HB 8 will change State appropriations to Community Colleges. He explained that currently community colleges are funded by the number of contact hours that are generated by student enrollments. The new funding model will be outcomes based. Success points will be based on three criteria: 1) Earned Credentials of Value, 2) 15 semester hours earned and transferring to public university or complete a structured co-enrollment program with universities, 3) 15 hours of dual credit earned. This outcomes model would result in an increase of 7.4 million dollars in funding.

Initiative to Increase Enrollment, Dr. Becky McBride and Ms. Lisa Caton. Dr. Becky McBride informed the committee that she had met with Elaine Abshire and Lisa Caton to discuss ways to help increase enrollment on the Blinn-Sealy Campus. Ms. Caton told the committee that there would be a Preview Day on the Blinn-Sealy Campus in April and that she was looking at bringing back the Counselors Round Table in the fall. It was also discussed that it may be advantageous to look at different programs that may be beneficial to the Sealy Community.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. by Mr. Ryan Svoboda.