

Jackson State Community College Foundation
Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 1, at 8:30 AM

The Jackson State Community College Foundation Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 1, 2023, in the foundation boardroom at Jackson State Community College.

The following were present: Chair Jim Crone, Mr. John Rountree, Vice-Chair, Cary Vaughn, Joseph Crone, Thorne Barbour, Hannah Gore, Dr. Burton Williams, Ms. Jessica Reece, Carla Simpson, Peter Hanson, Kori, Ebenhack, Cris Perkins, Dr. Kim McCormick, Henry Kilpatrick, Lynne Hines, and Ms. Lindsey Tritt.

Join via Zoom Al Da Silva, Randy McKinnon, Mike Creasy, and Natalie Porter

Those unavailable to attend: Delaney Timberman and Dr. George Pimentel.

Also, Present was Mr. Ben Dziengel and John Giovannucci from Regions Bank Investment.

CALL TO ORDER

Director of Community Relations and Development, Lindsey Tritt called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Lindsey Tritt welcomed all in attendance including our guests and new members.

APPROVALS

Copies of the March meeting minutes were presented. With no questions, Mr. Thorne Barbour *motioned to accept the minutes as presented*; Mr. Joseph Crone *provided a second. There were no opposed; the motion passed.*

Copies of the meeting agenda were presented. With no questions, *Mr. John Rountree motioned to accept the agenda presented; Mr. Thorne Barbour provided a second. There were no opposed; the motion passed.*

FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Lynne Hines filled in for Mr. Tim Dellinger. Beth presented copies of and reviewed the year-end Balance Sheet and Income Statement dated July 1, 2022- March 31, 2023. The total donations were \$60,430.39; The foundation has a total investment income of \$105,407.11 and net revenue of \$165,837.50.

The total ending fund balance of \$2,915,470.90. There was a deficit of \$21,507.83 in donations from 2022 to 2023.

There was no motion to approve the Balance Sheet and Income Statement as presented.

INVESTMENT REPORT

Copies of the Investment Review were presented to the Board. Mr. John Giovannucci, Institutional Portfolio Manager with Regions Bank, reviewed market data and updated the portfolio's overall performance.

SOAR Award Winner- Elaine Scott

Elaine Scott was the 2023 Student of the Year for the State. Elaine discussed her experience at Jackson State and what brought her to the college and her future endeavors.

President's Report

Dr. Pimentel was not able to attend and Dr. Kim McCormick was in attendance to give an update. Dr. Kim McCormick introduced herself as interim president and will also do her duties at TBR. Dr. McCormick discussed some changes at Jackson State. The first one brought back the Institutional Advancement department including the Public Relations & Marketing Department led by Henry Kilpatrick. Kat Hart and Lindsey Tritt will work in this department. There will be new advertising aired on TV during the evening news and new recruitment efforts. Everyone here at the college including faculty are all recruiters.

Academic Affairs

Dr. Peter Hanson reported on updates for Academic Affairs including workforce development. The curriculum is being enhanced which makes it highly dependable. The college initiated seven-week courses not too long ago due to high demand. The seven-week courses will begin in the fall. Currently, I am responsible for managing the middle college initiatives, which are dual enrollment on steroids. The interest was 120 students across 11 high schools. Students can attend school and receive college credit. We have moved out of the Paris location and have the keys to the renovated Trenton Center. We have interviewed directors for the site and hope our candidate accepts the offer. In the criminal justice program, Karen Perrin has worked with UT Martin and received a portion of a grant to be applied towards the criminal justice program. The robotics competition will be hosted on the Jackson State campus and was started by a homeschooled parent and has grown into a community-supported event.

Dr. Peter Hanson answered a few questions about middle college and early college high school. 34 students graduated with a college associate degree and a high school diploma two weeks later. Cary asked how students could start at Jackson State and finish. Dr. Hanson discussed campus engagement. Cary also mentioned students a few hours short of graduation. How do we get those students back to finish their degrees?

Student Services

Through the registry, Kori Ebenhack introduced herself as the interim president of Jackson State. Kori discussed that many students here are undecided. Over 5,000 text messages and 1400 meetings have kept students engaged. Unfortunately, student services are understaffed and we do not want students to feel not of value to us. Many of our students are first-generation students and do not understand how to log into the system. Summer enrollment is 1000 and the majority of them are online making it difficult to engage students not on campus. They are not within our grasp so we have to reach out and create a relationship with each of them. Some technical updates are being updated to help. Our fall enrollment is 1000 and most return. Not many fall students are first-time students so we need to retain them. Student affairs maintain the cycle of engagement and encourage students to create their relationships with Jackson State.

Introductions

With so many new faces in the room, John Rountree asked if we could take a few minutes and introduce ourselves to the group.

Directors Report

Ms. Lindsey Tritt updated the board on the award's spring progress and one scholarship in the past. This scholarship had two applicants and now has forty-one applicants. Ms. Tritt discussed an article she had printed for each board member. The article describes the writer's experience attending a community college. Ms. Tritt expressed the importance of raising funds for scholarships and how scholarship dollars equal students. Using this as a recruitment tool will hopefully get more students enrolled at Jackson State. Ms. Tritt stated that it takes every board member to make a difference. It will take everyone to reach out to colleagues, business partners, and their place of employment to help raise money.

New Business

Nominations for a new vice chair were on the table for discussion. Nominations and votes will be conducted via email. There was unanimous support for John Rountree as vice chair.

Thorne Barbour's term has come to an end and we appreciate his support through the last seven years as a board member. Vice-chair, and Chair. Thorne was presented with a plaque for his service.

Old Business

During the meeting on March 2, 2023, the fund transfer was tabled. The board members received a handout listing three foundation accounts that have not been used for over four years. According to the agreements, the board has the authority to transfer funds or close any account that has not been used for over two years. By the board's decision, the balance of campus needs (\$5,523.42) and the balance of the building/health science fund (\$3,909.81) will be moved into the special projects fund. John Rountree made the motion and Dr. Burton Williams seconded.

Jim Crone reminded the Board that the next meeting, September 1, 2023

With no further discussion, Mr. John Rountree made the motion to adjourn. And Joseph Crone provided a second. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Lindsey Tritt, Institutional
Advancement*