

Frank Phillips College – Allen Campus
Advisory Council Meeting
2016-2017 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Members Attending: Barry Willis, Miguel Valenzuela, Diane Thorp, Minta Wilson, Shae Cunningham, Robert Hall, Cassi Laxton, Dr. Judd Hicks and guest Brenna Vela.

Old Business: Cassi Laxton reported on the budget that Amber Jones had prepared. She noted the items and the reasons for the overage in certain line items, but reported that Amber was satisfied that the budget was where it should be with seven months of the year and 60.9 % of the money spent. Cassi also introduced Anthony Lester, a part-time maintenance person, who had been hired since the last council meeting. Cassi reported that he is a tremendous asset to the staff and that he had been able to take care of some items that normally the college would have had to seek outside help to complete.

New Business: Cassi noted the Membership on the Council and the schedule of the quarterly meetings. It was agreed that the current officers will continue to serve in that capacity.

Brenna Vela reported on the status of the Pathways program. We have 63 graduating seniors who have qualified to attend Frank Phillips Allen Campus for two years with all expenses paid. At the present time there are approximately 300 students enrolled in the Pathways program. Brenna also related that Pathways had helped fund 45 students in 84 courses for dual credit classes in the fall and 44 students in 81 courses in the spring.

Cassi reported on the different areas at the college. In the continuing education area, the college has the Texas Workforce Mobile Unit coming to the campus on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month, the college is offering a Quick Books class for beginners, a waste water class, the Make a Splash Festival, as well as continuing many of the regular offerings. Amber has been working to get the required number of participants for Buckner to come to the campus to offer the Foster and Adoptive Classes. In the distance learning area, the bandwidth has increased from 10 to 65 gigabytes and some lab equipment has been upgraded. In the academics area, the college will have the honors ceremony, hold commencement exercises which will include 15 Allen campus graduates, continue with summer and fall enrollment and offer a new dual credit course in anatomy and physiology in the fall. In the student resource center, the students have participated in movie nights to benefit saving the Ellis Theater, the students have received help in filling our scholarship forms, in testing and having tests proctored. In the future the college will be working on a welding continuing education courses.

Dr. Jud Hicks reported on his time in Austin attending the legislative sessions. There appears to be no big change in funding for junior colleges at the present time; he also reported on the carry law that goes into effect in August of this year. Dr. Hicks also informed the group about the status of the Dalhart campus; that new campus is scheduled to have a move-in date of Summer of 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Minta L Wilson, Secretary