

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD WORKSHOP
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 – 2:30 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM
39 COLUMBIA DRIVE
MINUTES**

The Board Workshop commenced at 2:30 p.m.

The following Trustees were in attendance:

Mrs. Dipa Shah
Brig.Gen. Chip Diehl
Mrs. Betty Viamontes *[via Zoom]*
Mr. Bruce Wills

Dr. Atwater advised that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the process and timeline of migrating to a Level II Baccalaureate Degree-granting Institution. Dr. Atwater introduced Dr. Paul Nagy, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Analysis.

Dr. Nagy gave an overview of the three (3) approval phases and the two programs being considered: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing and the B.S. in Education. He discussed in depth the approvals required by HCC's Trustees, the State Board and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges.

Dr. Atwater introduced Dr. Leif Penrose, Dean of Health Sciences, to discuss the B.S. in Nursing program. Dr. Penrose gave an overview of anticipated enrollment and completion of the program. Mrs. Viamontes commended Dr. Penrose on the work done to date.

Dr. Atwater then introduced Mr. Rich Senker, Vice President for Academic Affairs, to discuss the B.S. in Education. He added that since the University of South Florida (USF) is considering shuttering some or all of its B.S. in Education program, HCC will weigh its actions against USF's decision. Mr. Senker provided a brief overview of courses currently in HCC's curriculum and recommendations for undergraduate programs.

Mrs. Shah recommended that HCC move forward with laying the foundation for the education program regardless of USF's decision. She added that Early Childhood Development appears to have the greatest need.

Brig.Gen. Diehl stated that HCC needs to commit to this as it is the only Florida college not offering Baccalaureate degrees. Chip asked what four-year degrees are being offered by

other state colleges. Dr. Atwater stated that he could provide that list. *[This information was sent to the Board on January 4, 2021]*. He also suggested that HCC appoint a trustee as a liaison to assist with the Baccalaureate degree program. Brig.Gen. Diehl also recommended Ashley Carl, Executive Director of Marketing as the College's liaison.

Dr. Atwater provided an update on the new administration building. Mr. Al Erdman, Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of changes made to the building including the location of the Board room and the internal staircase which was moved outside to create additional usable space.

Mr. Wills asked how adding the Baccalaureate degree programs would impact HCC, such as campus housing. Dr. Atwater stated the College was not changing to a four-year degree school. He stated that the College will continue to use adjuncts, with little emphasis on research, and will continue to focus on teaching and learning. He added that the College is not changing but only adding two Baccalaureate Degree programs to the current offerings.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.