

EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
11/27/12

The East Georgia State College Foundation quarterly meeting was held at 6 p.m. on November 27, 2012 at McKinney's Pond Restaurant in Midville, GA.

Present were: Shot Strange, Harriet Ray, Tammy Wilkes, Donny Wilson, Bobby Reeves, Jerry Cadle, Carol Yeomans, Jean Bridges, Jean Morgan, Bobby Sasser, Nick Herrington, Donald Jenkins, Danny Palmer, Bill Simmons, Butch Parrish, Milton Gray, and Denny Key.

Also in attendance were: Elizabeth Gilmer, Mike Rountree, Dr. Bob Boehmer, Donald Avery, Caroline McMillan, Cliff Gay, and Amanda Williams.

Denny Key called the meeting to order. Harriet Ray read the minutes. Jerry Cadle made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Nick Herrington seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Denny Key took a moment to thank Representative Parrish for his involvement with the community and college. He also thanked foundation members for attending and encouraged them to continue to attend all foundation meeting, stressing the importance of each person's attendance as issues are discussed and decisions are voted upon.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Cliff Gay. Mr. Gay made reference to the Balance Sheet for the end date of October 31st, 2012 as well as the restricted and unrestricted Profit and Loss sheets for July through October 31st. He stated that all GAHEFA money will be received for expenses accrued during the construction of Bobcat Villas student housing complex. Mr. Gay stated that while available unrestricted assets were still down, they were showing improvement. Elizabeth Gilmer presented the comparison of actual to proposed budget for FY 13. A motion to approve was made by Butch Parrish. Nick Herrington seconded the motion. The treasurer's report and proposed budget for FY 13 was approved unanimously.

The Presidential Report was given by Dr. Bob Boehmer. Dr. Boehmer began by expressing his appreciation towards the community and college for their support and warm welcome towards him and his wife Joyce. He proceeded to illustrate what positive advantages East Georgia State College has by giving examples of our students like the young man from California who said Admissions was very helpful, the student who lives in housing and works at plant ops part-time, and the single mom who works the graveyard shift. These illustrations were to convey that a variety of students can get a great start at EGSC. Dr. Boehmer then listed ten challenges that EGSC is currently facing. They are as listed:

1. Enrollment-Reverse the fall 2012 decline
2. State Budget-3% cut this year/another 2% likely
3. Funding Levels-Bring up to par in comparison to other institutions/currently at \$5,500 per student
4. Increase housing students

5. Initiation of a Capital Campaign
6. New Programs in Augusta for Fall 2012 with GA Regents University of Augusta
7. SACS Visit in February 2013
8. Complete College GA Plan-The governor plans to increase the number of people who obtain a degree in the state of Georgia. This in turn creates a more attractive area to live, attracts better industries, etc. Our goal is get students in the door, get them to graduate and then get them to another institution. Dr. Boehmer stated the current graduation rate for black females is 3.5%, for black males is 3.5%, for white females is 12.5% and for white males is 7.0%. The goal is to increase these percentages over the next two years.
9. Associates Degree in Statesboro- approval needed from SACS for Statesboro
10. Biology Program-Create an excitement in our students for the program as well as work towards developing other programs that do not duplicate what other institutions are doing. For example, a bachelor of science in nursing, teacher education or public protection for those whom wish to be firefighters.

Dr. Boehmer went on to state that opportunity exists in all challenges.

Dr. Paul Cerpovicz was mentioned for his Regents recognition as Professor of the Year. Dr. Cerpovicz will attend the Regents Gala in Atlanta in March of 2013.

Bobby Sasser recognized the full calendar of events such as basketball games, Vision Series events, and Fulford Center events at EGSC as being a good thing.

Dr. Boehmer extended an invitation to all guests to take advantage of EGSC's new and improved food service options including the Common Grounds coffee shop, dining hall, and Campus Café.

He also announced his upcoming letter in January to the college and community that will be posted on the college website as an informal means of communication to keep everyone informed.

Denny Key expressed his gratitude towards Dr. Boehmer's enthusiasm as EGSC's new president and community member.

Mr. Key opened the meeting by expressing the need for a change in the Foundation by-laws. He proposed that the by-laws state that the majority may rule rather than $\frac{3}{4}$ being needed. At that time Elizabeth Gilmer expressed reasoning on why a change in the by-laws was necessary. The current member list of 32 presents a difficult time achieving a quorum so that issues at hand can be voted upon. A copy of the current by-laws was included in each member's packet for review. It was also mentioned that there would be an increased effort to get back to committee work and standing committees would be formed to aid in dealing with basic changes or needs.

After a brief question and answer session a motion was made by Jerry Cadle to amend the by-laws with Milton Gray seconding the motion. Motion to amend the by-laws was unanimous.

A motion to change the current name of East Georgia College Foundation to East Georgia State College Foundation was made by Bobby Reeves with a second by Donald Jenkins. The motion was approved unanimously. This will be recorded with the Secretary of State's Office.

Elizabeth Gilmer presented information from the 2011 Voluntary Education Report (VSE) regarding fundraising efforts from similar institutions. She stated the need for a Capitol Campaign to be put into motion. She stated that an outside consultant would not be hired to aid in the campaign. Bobby Reeves made a motion to approve the start of a capital campaign with Danny Palmer seconding the motion. Motion to begin a capital campaign was approved unanimously.

Ms. Gilmer stated that a rough draft of the FY12 Annual Report would soon be presented to Dr. Boehmer for review. Working to help create the annual report is EGSC's new graphic designer, Robin Willis. There will be approximately 250 copies published with all board members receiving a copy.

Ms. Gilmer also stated that A Day for EGSC had currently generated \$83,182 in gifts and \$16,247 in pledges for a total of \$99,429. It was also noted that EGSC had several new donors contributing to athletic funding for a total of \$20,435.

Jerry Cadle discussed the current property option of 90 acres on Thigpen Dr. This acreage may be used in correlation with housing EGSC students and athletes. There are currently 8-10 developers that would be a good fit for construction of the housing units. It is felt that 20 bed duplexes would be the most appropriate. There will be another meeting to discuss the option in March.

Shot Strange suggested the option remain secure for the purpose of purchasing the land in the near future so that we maintain control of the land. He also stated it is our responsibility as foundation members to secure the future of EGSC.

Open discussion included:

- Upcoming monument dedication in front of the Court House will include the display of the EGSC brick
- Mary Bragg's Vision Series visit will be Nov. 29th
- Graduation will be Dec. 15 at 10am in the EGSC Gymnasium with Dr. Cerpovicz as the speaker and Darlene Dickens as the alumni speaker.
- There will be a Grant Workshop at the Fulford Center on Dec. 14th and January 10, 2013

The next annual meeting will be March 28, 2013. Elizabeth Gilmer will be working on forming nominating committees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Ray