

East Georgia College Foundation

Quarterly Meeting

March 29, 2012

The East Georgia College foundation quarterly meeting was held on March 29, 2012 at 6 PM at the Sudie Fulford Community Learning Center.

Members present were: Tammy Wilkes, Bobby Reeves, Nick Herrington, Harriet Ray, Paula Karrh, Jerry Cadle, Milton Gray, Danny Palmer, Denny Key, Donald Jenkins, Shot Strange, Donny Wilson, Bobby Sasser, Richard McNeely, Jean Morgan, Carol Yeomans, Jean Bridges, Stephanie Flanders, Lynda Talmadge, and Charles Schwabe.

Also present were Dr. Bob Boehmer, Mary Smith, Susan Gray, Elizabeth Gilmer, Cliff Gay, Jean Schwabe, LaCrystal Fulgeon, Stacy King, Desmal Purcell and several students from the Washington DC trip. Shanna Taylor and Heather Cook from Leadership Emanuel also attended the meeting.

In the absence of Bill Rogers, chair, Denny Key opened the meeting with prayer and compliments for the great day at EGC (dedication of the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activities Center)

Elizabeth Gilmer then introduced the faculty, staff and students from the spring break Washington DC trip. The group made a presentation about their time there and thanked the foundation for making the trip possible.

Denny Key then called for presentation of the minutes from the 12/15/11 meeting. A motion was made to approve by Jerry Cade and second by Tammy Wilkes. Unanimous approval.

Cliff Gay presented the treasurer's report. Overages in budgeted items were explained by Elizabeth Gilmer. Motion to approve by Bobby Sasser, second by Milton Gray. Unanimous approval.

Denny Key then called on the Leadership Emanuel representatives to update the group regarding the directional sign at Meadowlake and US #1. The bid is \$11,500 – questions were asked concerning lighting. Following discussion, the Mayor said he would work on the city helping with water and electricity. A motion was made by Jerry Cadle and a second by Lynda Talmadge leading to discussion and unanimous approval from EGCF for \$6500.00. The LED sign across US # 1 was discussed. Mary Smith informed the group that this project would be finished by June 30th.

Denny Key then welcomed and introduced Dr. Boehmer.

Dr. Boehmer thanked everyone for the day. He reported on the state of the college. We need to recruit students and keep them here to graduate. Complete College GA was explained. New admissions standards were explained. He reported that the budget is improving (approximately 5%). The consolidation project is moving forward for the colleges that were first tagged. No new information on any other colleges is in the pipeline. We are working on

space utilization as this is a top priority for the chancellor. EGC has a solid foundation to work with and strong enrollment growth. Although we have a good rate of student academic success, it needs to be better. The first BS degree program in Biology will begin this fall (we will have a SACS COC visit next spring regarding this change). Our residence hall is at capacity. We need more space. Our athletic programs are performing well – although we need a long term plan. The Fulford Center provides signature service. We must be different from other institutions in our customer services. It is expected that 40% of young people will get their AA or better by 2020. Governor Deal would like for that to be at 60%. EGC's unique role in Complete College Georgia includes: 1) the Jump Start Summer Academy 2) Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) 3) Learning Commons. We need to make improvements in our transfer and Graduation Rates. In summary, Dr. Boehmer explained the REACH program, discussed new admission standards and how they affect EGC, the budget and how recruiting efforts can enhance the budget, consolidation issues – he is optimistic, yet vigilant, space utilization priorities and the upward trend in enrollment. A power point was presented on priorities for FY 2013. Copies are to be mailed to all trustees.

Dr. Boehmer completed his comments thanking the group for their passion and leadership. He states that Swainsboro is definitely unique in the opportunities it presents.

Denny Key responded that the group was challenged by the comments.

Old Business was discussed by Elizabeth Gilmer

- By Laws and Membership committee – Richard McNeely will serve. He and Elizabeth Gilmer will pick a committee
- Scholarships – The HOPE supplement that was done last year will not be renewed. We would like to add a new tier to scholarships for this year for up to 10 students at \$2000 each - \$1000 for semester for HOPE eligible, non-learning support students that meet requirements for the leadership scholarship. The motion was made by Jerry Cadle, second by Danny Palmer – the vote was unanimous to make the scholarships available.

Danny Palmer had a question on the athletic fees for EGCS students.

He would also like to see copies of the housing student surveys.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Harriet Ray, Secretary