The East Georgia College Foundation quarterly meeting was held on June 26, 2012 at 6 PM at the Fulford Community Learning Center.

Members present were: Tammy Wilkes, Bobby Reeves, Nick Herrington, Harriett Ray, Jerry Cadle, Milton Gray, Danny Palmer, Denny Key, Donald Jenkins, Shot Strange, Bobby Sasser, Jean Morgan, Carol Yeomans, Jean Bridges, Stephanie Flanders, Lynda Talmadge, Jesse Stone, Bill Rogers, Jr. and Charles Schwabe.

Also present were Dr. Bob Boehmer, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Gilmer, Cliff Gay, Neil Bailey and Donald Avery.

Chairman Bill Rogers opened the meeting and asked Bobby Sasser to provide the invocation. Secretary Harriet Ray presented the minutes from the 3/29/12 meeting. A motion was made to approve by Jerry Cadle and second by Nick Herrington. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Cliff Gay presented the treasurer’s report. Explanations of various accounts were made by Elizabeth Gilmer. Motion to approve was made by Milton Gray, second by Bobby Sasser. The treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

Dr. Bob Boehmer presented his president’s report with a power point presentation as well as a narrative. The main points included:

- Welcome back to Bill Rogers and good wishes for his continued good health.
- We are approaching our name change as an opportunity. We are not buying new items with “state college” on them until we run out of the inventory we have. Only in critical cases will anything be done right away in purchasing.
- We have about 20 projects going on right now in renovations and repurposing on campus. This is being done with a common theme to utilize existing space, making a better space for student learning. A power point presentation of the projects in the pipeline was shown. The point was made again that these projects underway are in an effort to graduate students – making them more successful.
- GHEFA funds – as soon as we are invited to do so, we plan to pursue another round of GHEFA funding for a residence hall and possibly an extension of student service space.
- We plan to make a request for funding for a small capital project to increase academic space
- We fared well in state funding. We are using what we received for people. We are doing this because our top priority is finding ways to increase academic success. We did get a modest regular budget increase. Our percentage increase is greater than any other unit.
• We are facing a challenge with new admission standards. Also, qualifying for federal student aid is much harder. Enrollment is down all over the system. We are working to create a successful recruitment effort although we do expect enrollment to be down some.
• We are hiring several new faculty and administrative positions.
• To meet Complete College Georgia plans, the numbers have to increase dramatically.
• Housing is full for the Fall with a wait list. We have a strong case for more housing. More residential spaces are needed on campus and in the local community.

Old Business was discussed by Elizabeth Gilmer
• The directional sign is in place at the corner of US 1 and Meadowlake Parkway. This is the Leadership Emanuel Sign.
• The LED sign will be going to Statesboro due to restrictions on space by Harmon park.
• Richard McNeely is working on the by-laws and membership committee.

New Business
• The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was presented and approved – motion – Milton Gray – second Jean Morgan
• Discussion regarding moving $20,000 from Economic Development Support to unrestricted. Jerry Cadle made the motion that this be done subject to the approval of David Gambrell. Jesse Stone provided the second and the motion passed.
• The list of Leadership Scholarships was presented.
• Announcement – A Day for EGSC is October 18
• Neil Bailey made a proposal regarding a fund raising plan for athletics. The motion was made and passed to go forward with the plan.
• Announcement – We are planning a capital campaign.
• Announcement - The Patriotic Concert and Emanuel Salutes America programs begin June 28, 2012.

OPEN DISCUSSION –
• The board asked for comparative information on tuition and fees at EGSC vs. other institutions. This will be sent to each trustee.
• The trustees would like for pledges to be shown on the financial documents.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Ray, Secretary