After introductions of newly appointed Board member Mrs. Jennifer Hill, members of the Sumter Advisory Committee, and the LSSC staff working at the Sumter Campus, Dr. Mojock spoke about the Sumter Turns Twenty! event held on November 6 at Sumter. Many people who were involved in the development of the Sumter Center came to the celebration. Among those was Dr. Robert Westrick who was College President at that time.

Board Chairman Rice appointed Ms. Emily Lee as Board Liaison to the LSSC Foundation, Inc. He indicated that after the first of the year, other Board Committees will be activated.

The Board approved the following Human Resources Transactions:
- Accepted notice of Retirement from Dr. Charles Mojock (effective 12-31-2015), and from Denise English (effective 12-31-2015).
- Approved Richard Scott as Acting President for the period January 1–31, 2016; In a separate action, the Board approved revision of his contract as Sr. VP to include appropriate compensation and ending date of June 30, 2017.
- Approved Dr. Stanley Sidor’s contract as President beginning February 1, 2016.

Dr. Jones showed a video about the Electrical Distribution Technology program and the new Associate in Science Degree in Engineering Technology with a Relay/Substation Tech Specialization. He thanked Duke Energy for its support of these programs, and took the opportunity to present awards to two representatives of Duke sitting in the audience. Dr. Mojock complimented Sasha Tomlinson for her work on the video which was shown by Dr. Jones.

Dr. Mojock then read a Resolution about the Sumter Campus which resolves that the District Board of Trustees is celebrating the history of the campus and will nurture it to its fullest while thanking those who had the vision more than 20 years ago and implemented it.

Dr. Mojock reviewed items of interest:

During the President’s Report on Safety and Security at the College, Richard Trimble demonstrated the new Informacast System recently installed in desk phones, hallways and classrooms. It allows for the distribution of an urgent vocal message about any type of emergency and what everyone should do for protection. Soon, this equipment will be tested by implementing various types of drills. The automatic door locking system, obtained through a Homeland Security Grant, is almost completely installed. All classroom doors lock from the inside. The Administration is working on a system to send text messages to all students in an emergency situation. The contract with the current security officer firm is expiring, and the College will go out for proposals from security firms. The Legislature has not given LSSC any funds with which to improve safety and security on our campuses, but the College is taking the steps it feels necessary to have safe and secure campuses.

LSSC received many tributes at the Association of Florida Colleges Convention in November:
- Board Member Timothy Morris was designated “Trustee of the Year.”
- Colleen Carter presented her program as one of the three finalists for the Professor of the Year Award, and although she did not win, Colleen was recognized statewide at the gala awards dinner for her presentation of “Cancer, the Cell Cycle and Celebrating Birthdays.”
- Dr. Mojock, Thom Kieft and Sybil Brown accepted the Department of Education Chancellor’s Award for the Summer RISE Academy program.
- Dr. Mojock received the Presidential Leadership Award for his service to AFC.
- Mike Merrill was awarded the Unsung Hero Award from our AFC Chapter, and he stepped into his new role as the Director of Region III.
- LSSC Faculty Members Brenda Skoczelas and Cynthia Nash will be officers of the AFC Faculty Commission, Representative to Region III and Secretary respectively.
The following Communications and Marketing Awards were given to LSSC:
  o 1st place “Advertising-Outdoor” use of the Bus Wrap
  o 2nd place “Student Handbook/orientation” for the Student Handbook
  o 3rd place “Article/Story Pitch Resulting in Publication” for nursing grad’s motivation for a career change and future career plans.
  o 3rd place “Video/Electronic Promotion” for the “Student Testimonial Video”

LSSC was awarded the Gold Star Plaque for its Chapter Book submission. The levels are Silver/ Gold/ Platinum/ Chapter-of-the-Year.

The Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents (COP) in cooperation with the Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) has developed a Legislative Priorities Platform for 2016. LSSC supports these priorities and will benefit if these priorities are achieved.
  o Priority 1: $80 million for Workforce Preparation Enhancement
  o Priority 2: $20 million more for Performance Funding
  o Priority 3 Increased Capital Outlay Funding
  o Priority 4: Substantive Legislation
    To allow colleges to pursue needed workforce baccalaureate degrees as outlined in new State Board of Education Rules,
    To maintain laws prohibiting carry of guns on college campuses,
    To support the request of Lake Technical College, Inc. to receive more funding for completion of construction and equipping of Advanced Manufacturing Center.

The Board approved or acknowledged the following:

✓ A Resolution in honor of Sumter Turns Twenty!

✓ Minutes of October 21, 2015 Regular Meeting
  October 28, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board/Selection of a New President
  October 15, 20, 22, and 26, 2015 Board Interviews of Presidential Candidates.

✓ Curriculum Revisions recommended by the Curriculum Committee and the President.

✓ Facilities Update

✓ Purchases Over $25,000 which include a $51,254.25 purchase of Dell Laptop Computers as part of the Refresh Program.

✓ College Values Statements:
  Be AFFORDABLE: Deliver value
  Be the best: Seek QUALITY
  Be SUPPORTIVE: Do more than expected
  Be STUDENT CENTERED: Inspire growth
  Be CHALLENGING: Empower learning

✓ Monthly Fiscal Report for October 2015 with a step by step review by Associate Vice President of Business Affairs Vicki Ward.

The Board changed its January 2016 meeting date to January 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Leesburg Campus so Trustees could attend the January 19-20, 2016 Trustees Commission Legislative Conference in Tallahassee.