After a well-attended Reception to meet Dr. Sidor, the District Board of Trustees assembled in the Clark Maxwell Building, Sumter Campus, for its meeting on February 17, 2016. Many guests stayed over from the Reception for the meeting. Each one was asked to introduce him/herself. They represented the County Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce, the LSSC Sumter Advisory Committee, and the LSSC Staff at Sumter. The School Board was also invited, but was unable to attend.

Cole Martinez, Karla Gamez and Madison Wynns, all students at the Sumter Campus, addressed the Board with information about themselves, telling why they chose to attend LSSC, what they were studying, their educational goals, and their goals after college. The Board very much appreciated the presentations and wished the students well.

Dr. Sidor reported that he had been going around the district, meeting as many people as possible, and having one-on-one time with members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff. His assessment is that
- The College is very well loved in the community.
- There is need for more programs in certain areas, such as health and advanced manufacturing.
- There is need for students to have a balance between classes taken online and those in the classroom.
- He said he had attended a South Lake Chamber event and the Leesburg Regional Hospital Gala.
- Dr. Sidor reported he had addressed the Lake County Commission on the College’s interest in and support of Economic Development in the district. The Commission was deliberating the re-zoning of a section of property in the East Lake area to allow Economic Development. Dr. Sidor told the Commission that the success of Economic Development rests in great part on access to highly skilled workers. He provided the Board with a copy of what had been given the Commission.
- The East Lake County neighbors who were against any Economic Development in their area or re-zoning to allow it spoke to the Commission about their concerns/fears: increased traffic, trucks on the highway moving dirt around. Their fears were sufficiently allayed. The re-zoning of the area took place with a vote of 5 to 0 supporting it.
- Dr. Sidor further reported that he was going to Tallahassee for the monthly Council of Presidents meeting and would see several members of our Legislative Delegation or their aides while he was there.
- Dr. Sidor indicated that he was going to meet with Dr. Culpepper of Lake Tech College to review the possibilities for educational partnerships.
- The Spring Term 2016 Enrollment/Demographics reported that Headcount and Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) were flat in growth compared to the previous two years of Spring Term, as they were also for most of the Colleges in the Florida College System. Dr. Sidor also pointed out that the Ethnicity of the LSSC student population had not changed much in the last three years. He encouraged the Board to review the total document.
The Board approved the following Faculty Rank and Promotion candidates:

- Betti Baytar-McTurk promoted to Assistant Professor (Computer Science)
- Mary Heikkinen promoted to Associate Professor (Office Administration)
- Brandy Ziesem er promoted to Professor (Health Information Management)

The results of the following Human Resources Transactions:

**Appointment Approved by the Board:**
- Amanda Phelps as Head Volleyball Coach/Campus Recreation-Intramurals (effective 7-1-2016)

**Transfer Approved by the Board:**
- Bill Owens to Applications Programmer (effective 1-25-2016)

**Notices of Retirement Accepted by the Board:**
- Mikki Byerley (effective 6-1-2016)
- Leon Oexner (effective 3-31-2016)

**Resignation Accepted by the Board:**
- Dr. Richard Westbury (effective 3-4-2016)

The Board approved or acknowledged the following:

- Curriculum Revisions recommended by the Curriculum Committee and the President
- LSSC Foundation, Inc. New Directors and Officers for 2016
  - New Directors – Matthew Black, Debbie Boggus, Richard Bowersox, Harry Hackney, Kevin Hofecker, Jerry Miller, Mary Beth Morris, Kristopher Poliquin, Carl Specci, Vicky Wynns and Greg Yager
  - 2016 Officers - Lori Farfaglia, President; Lindsay Holt, President-Elect; Richard Bowersox, Vice President; Josh Gonzales, Treasurer; Rosanne Brandenburg, Executive Director/Secretary; Past President, George Davis; Dr. Stanley Sidor, LSSC President; Emily Lee, Trustee Liaison; Dr. Gary Sligh, Faculty Liaison.
- Facilities Report
- A request made by Dr. Sidor to give the Cabinet 90 days in which to resolve the concerns of some Board Members regarding the details of the 2016 Summer Schedule - 4-day work week.
- Selected CPPI as Construction Manager for the Health Sciences Lab Building
- College Banking Services Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank

Dr. Sidor asked the Vice Presidents to give their updates on activities in their areas.

Dr. Mary Jo Rager, VP of Academic Affairs, spoke of the accomplishments of several Faculty:

- Dr. Cory Blackwell (Instructor in Biology) will represent LSSC by participating in the annual “Professor of the Year” contest sponsored by Association of Florida Colleges.
- Recently receiving their doctoral degrees are Minerva Haugabrooks (Assistant Professor in Nutrition)
Dr. Rager reported that LSSC has been granted $25,000 for scholarships for students studying Health Informatics in order to earn their Certificates in the discipline; Kids’ College programs will continue this summer at Leesburg and South Lake; and a summer camp on STEM topics will take place at the Leesburg and Sumter Campuses.

Senior VP of Business Affairs Dick Scott reported that

- Amanda Phelps is the new head volleyball coach for the LSSC Lakehawks. She is a graduate of St. Leo University and has filled positions in volleyball at the University of West Georgia and at Lake Minneola High School.
- The bi-weekly payroll system is online and working well.
- The financial audit done by the State is complete.
- At a future meeting of the Board, there will be a Report on Financial Aid.
- On February 23, 2016, there will be a meeting of the Task Force to investigate Security on Campus with members of the community law enforcement agencies. The Task Force will bring the Board information about the Pros, Cons and Costs of Security on Campus so it can make a decision about what security services it wants and move forward to obtain them.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Leesburg Campus.