

**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE
BOARD WORKSHOP-SUMTER CENTER UPDATE
Wednesday, September 20, 2017
4:00 pm – Board Room SSB210, Leesburg Campus**

Present: Scott Blankenship, Marcia Butler, Jennifer Hill, Emily Lee, Tim Morris, Kelly Rice and Peter Wahl

Topic	Discussion	Action / Next Steps
Welcome/Call to Order	Mr. Blankenship welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4 pm.	
Meeting:		
Sumter Center Report	<p>Dr. Sidor explained that two members of the Trustee Board were appointed to the Sumter Planning/Partnership Committee and a meeting was held with those members to discuss a preliminary meeting that Dr. Sidor and Bradley Arnold to create ways to maximize the full potential of the Sumter Center. The minutes from the July 31st, 2017 meeting are sitting in the consent considerations Item 116(Tab B) for the full board's approval at the 5 p.m. meeting.</p> <p>Due to the depths of the discussion, Dr. Sidor recommended that the full board be brought in before any further action was taken regarding Sumter and its programs.</p> <p>Kelly Rice asked what the needs are of the Sumter Center and the next steps to get there. Dr. Sidor replied that Sumter County has a shortage of healthcare related professionals also a significant weakness in traditional workforce professionals. When you look at healthcare related fields many of those require onsite training and our students are seeking an opportunity to be as close to those locations as possible. The major opportunities perspective we have a chance to expand healthcare within our Bachelors of Science in Nursing and had expressed interested in Associate Degree Nurses, and other professions that support the healthcare field. The second opportunity is growth within Sumter County itself with construction and trades growth that we have seen. Those programs are harder to fill and students tend to move in and out quickly and move on to another profession.</p> <p>Dr. Sidor explained that we have collaborated with Lake Technical College in terms of certificate training and they have expanded to help fill some of the healthcare needs. The Relay Tech and Line worker Program is another growth opportunity. The location is not conducive for folks coming down from the Upper Midwest to train and far as transportation and lodging are a concern. Although this is a minor threat, it is still affecting the program.</p> <p>Within our healthcare programs, the bigger issue is the ability to come out of the classroom and go to clinical sites. The other program we offer is dual enrollment with South Sumter High School. The opportunity to show more growth of this</p>	

	<p>program would be to find a way to offer the courses directly on the high school campus as transportation is a challenge and is an additional cost to the school district.</p> <p>When you look at the total number of student enrollment, it is not generating enough revenue to support the facility or its operational cost.</p> <p>Mrs. Butler gave a brief recap of the July meeting she stated that an opportunity came forth with Bradley Arnold that within five years he is looking to expand the tax collector's office and the Sumter center would be an ideal location to meet that need. In addition, the location would be used to house the Villages Public Safety training facility. She also stated that LSSC would still have a presence at this location for viable feasible programs. Scott Blankenship asked if the Sumter County is looking to lease the property. Dr. Sidor stated that leasing the facility is an option.</p> <p>Jim Thigpen spoke in favor of keeping the campus in the same location of the campus in Sumterville. He also gave a brief demographic study of Lake and Sumter Counties within a 30-minute radius.</p> <p>Mr. Blankenship asked Anita Geraci-Carver to review the deed/covenant and explore what we can and cannot do with the Sumter Center in terms of operations and leasing opportunities. Dr. Sidor also stated he would work with his team to define the cause of the problems and come back to the board with recommendations for solutions. (Specifically revenue and course offerings)</p>	
<p>President's Update and 2017-18 Work plan</p>	<p>Dr. Sidor discussed his 2017 work plan in order to let the board know what he is currently working on. He is seeking consensus on the five priorities from the District Board of Trustees. The board stated that they would like Dr. Sidor to continue to work on the Sumter Operations, BSN, Facilities, Health Science Collegiate Academy, and Workforce Opportunities.</p>	
<p>Adjourned</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.</p>	

Submitted by: Claudia Morris

ATTEST:

Scott Blankenship, Chairman

Stanley M. Sidor, Ed. D.
Secretary/College President