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College bids volleyball coach, AD farewell *FY 2019 budget sees first publication*

Seward County Community College trustees handled a full agenda in the regular meeting Monday night. They received a personnel report that included the resignation of Athletic Director Roy Allen and volleyball coach Thais Baziquetto-Allen, along with several new hires and position openings (see full list in sidebar). The board also approved the first reading of the 2019 fiscal year budget. The proposed budget for 2019 comes in at \$15.33 million. A complete draft copy of the budget can be viewed by the public at the SCCC library.

“Financially, Fiscal Year 2018 was a positive year,” stated Vice President of Finance and Operations Dennis Sander in his preface to the report. “Faculty, staff, and administration continue to be frugal and efficient, and were able stay within the expected constraints for the year.” Following a motion by Vice Chair Marvin Chance Jr., seconded by Stacy Johnson, the board voted unanimously to authorize SCCC administration to publish the proposed budget.

Allen presented his final athletic update to the board, focusing on student athletic achievements before he mentioned his departure. The 3.23 grade point average overall in the athletic division, was exceptional, he pointed out, in addition to the many championships and award earned by athletes in seven sports.

“What I’m proudest of is the 1,600 hours of community service our student athletes completed in 25 different projects,” Allen said.

Allen has accepted a position in the sports information department at Florida Gulf Coast, and his spouse, Thais, will take over the head volleyball coaching position at Florida Southwest. Both colleges are located in Fort Myers, Fla. The couple will miss the community of Liberal, Allen said.

“I’ve been here 10 years. It’s where we got our start, and we hate to leave,” he said. “I certainly appreciate this board and everything Seward has done for us. When we say we are ‘forever a Saint,’ we mean it.”

SCCC President, Dr. Ken Trzaska expressed appreciation to Allen.

“You occupied the Athletic Director position for a short stint, and during that time you brought a renewed energy and enthusiasm to the department,” he said. “We thank you very much for your service.”

Executive Director of Grants and Outside Funding Charity Horinek presented an update to the board about more than half a million dollars in grant funding received by SCCC during the past fiscal year. Originally a “Mover” committee project, her area of work has now been established as part of the institution. Horinek is currently at work on four grants, in addition to submitted applications that total \$1.5 million in funding.

Representatives from Genesis Health Systems and the Liberal Area Coalition for Families presented a proposal to the board, outlining opportunities for partnership that would benefit SCCC students and community members who need more equitable access to health care. LACF Director Sarah Mersdorf-Foreman explained to the board that the pre-

sentation is an early-stage, information-only item designed to begin conversation about the possibilities for an on-campus health services option provided by Genesis.

“It is the goal of the project to have a specific implementation plan [to present] to the SCCC Board of Trustees by June 2019,” the presentation narrative stated. This would include feasibility studies, reported input from SCCC team members and students, a business plan, roles and proposed MOA, and representation by SCCC on the project’s leadership team. LACF will return to the SCCC board to request permission for the planning activities needed to support creation of a proposal.

In preparation for the upcoming academic year, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Todd Carter, presented updates to several programs as well as the introduction of an additional Stand-Alone Parent Program aligned with the surgical technology program. The 12-credit-hour Central Sterile Processing Distribution program will be offered in response to requests from business and industry. The new certification will not require additional faculty or facilities. Following a motion made by Marvin Chance, Jr., and seconded by Dustin Ormiston, the board voted unanimously to approve the new SAPP.

Minor program changes were approved for auto body collision repair, automotive business management, automotive technology, corrosion technology and cosmetology. Some of the changes connected to technological shifts — for instance, the removal of drive-train repair in auto tech, replaced by a focus on biofuels — and others were designed to restructure scheduling issues that increased the cost to individual students. All changes align with Kansas Board of Regents requirements and may be viewed with the board documentation in the SCCC library.

In other business, the board:

- approved the request to auction the naming rights of the circle drive for one year, with a minimum bid amount of \$500 to be established for those naming rights, as part of the 24th annual Foundation party auction Sept. 15.
- moved its September meeting date to Monday, Sept. 10, as the original day overlapped with the Labor Day holiday.
- retained the same legal counsel, Sharp McQueen, P.A., and accepted the proposed Agreement to Employ Attorney for the fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented.
- named High Plains Daily Leader & Times as the newspaper for legal publications of the College as recommended.
- accepted the proposal from Byron Bird and Associates of Liberal, to perform the fiscal 2018 independent audit for an amount not to exceed \$31,500.
- voted to update board policies as required. These included Board Policy #114, Policy on Nondiscrimination, as recommended, leaving Dennis Sander as the nondiscrimination compliance officer and authorizing publication of the statement in High Plains Daily Leader & Times and Liberal Light as a legal notice; Board Policy Series No. 519: Computer Usage, for its first reading for consideration of adoption at a later date as presented; and Board Policy 605 and 626, regarding Professional Development Grants.
- approved the Year End Encumbrance Report be approved as presented.
- approved, after discussion in Executive Session, a 2% increase in salary for administration and staff, to match the 2% increase granted faculty in accordance with the approved MOU with PEA and that \$50,000 be allocated toward additional salary adjustments.

PERSONNEL REPORT NOTES:

New employees include:

Jennifer Malin, Director of Student Housing
Paul Pulley, Assistant Baseball Coach
Tyler Parks, Computer Information Systems Instructor
Yongyao Zhou, Chemistry/Math Instructor
Ryan Wondrasek, Head Softball Coach
James Barrett, Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach
Lizzie Nessling, Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach

Resignations include:

Alli Lyon, Wellness Education Coordinator/Aquatics Director
Johnette Johnson, Recruiter and Admissions Coordinator
Derric Moore, Math Resource Center Coordinator
Thais Baziquetto-Allen, Head Volleyball Coach
Roy Allen, Athletic Director

Open Positions, Applications Accepted:

ABE/AOK Instructor, full time
Instructional Designer, full time
Diesel Technology Instructor, full time
Automotive Technology Instructor, full time
Chief Development Officer, full time
KSBDC Dodge City Business Consultant, full time
KSBDC Liberal Business Consultant, full time
Writing Lab Coordinator, full time
Head Volleyball Coach, full time
Maintenance II/Vehicle service, full time
Math Resource Center Coordinator, full time
Part-time GED Instructor and ESL Instructor
Part-time Data and Student Scholarship Coordinator