
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Minutes of April 30, 2024, Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Jason West, Mr. Eddie Peterson, Ms. Deborah Boyd, Ms. Janet Spence, Mr. Jason Tyler

Members Absent: Mr. Sid Medina, Mr. Jay Waller, Mr. Mark McClain

Others Present: Dr. Barbara Beebe, Ms. Sheila Hale, Ms. Melanie Schwertner, Ms. Stephanie Ducheneaux, Mr. Britt Canada, Ms. Patricia Claxton, Mr. Donald Sewell, Mr. Matt Hardy

Mr. West gave the invocation and called the meeting to order.

Minutes

Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Tyler, to approve the January 30, 2024, board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Financials

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Boyd, to approve the April 8, 2024, financials. Motion carried unanimously.

Scholarship Proposal Adoption

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Spence, to approve the scholarship proposal adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

Inspire Program

Anthony Ciccarone, sports information director, is requesting \$5,000 for a Canon 5D Mark IV camera, two lenses for the camera, and some accessories. This will benefit all the athletic teams and students. Pictures can be taken on media days, during practice, and during games and events. Our old camera broke. Anthony and Melissa are the only ones that will use it.

Jimmy Fancher, library director, is requesting \$5,000 to replace the worn furniture in the student study area. During the student study area project last spring, they moved several pieces of little-used furniture from the 1st floor to the 2nd floor (unsure when this furniture was purchased). The updated study area has proved to be a popular area with students and the furniture is used daily. Because of the heavy use, the material on the furniture is worn and threadbare. He will use the funds to purchase additional furniture to replace the worn pieces. He will purchase eight black chairs, four end tables with charging stations, 6-8 drums (footstools), and some plants.

Maedgen Lindsey, biology instructor, would like \$5,000 for a DNA lab. Inspire funds will be used to purchase a thermocycler, ultra-cold sample storage, and reagents, ultimately in support of creating a robust and informative laboratory experience for students.

Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Ms. Spence to approve \$5,000 for the camera and accessories for athletics. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Boyd, seconded by Ms. Spence to approve \$5,000 for new furniture for the student study area in the LRC. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Boyd to approve \$5,000 for the DNA lab for science. Motion carried unanimously.

Foundation Report – Sheila Hale

Foundation Donations: Pam Browning donated \$10,000 to establish the Stacy James Browning Memorial Scholarship fund, an endowed scholarship extension of the dedicated scholarship created in December 2023. Ms. Browning would like the original \$10,000 to fund a student scholarship at WTC until the endowed account can grow to support students each year.

Scholarships: The WTC Foundation Scholarship program received 56 scholarship applications, and 44 were submitted to the scholarship committee. Of the fifty-six applications, 33 are athletes. A lot of students don't find value in a scholarship. Some even think the application is too hard to fill out. There are a lot of moving pieces in the awarding process.

General Update – Dr. Beebe

Matt Hardy was in attendance to talk about an exciting event that is coming up in September. Matt started his fourth year as head coach, and he has been waiting to get Nolan Richardson to come to Snyder. Paul Pressey was one of the best basketball players at WTC. Matt met up with Mr. Pressey, and they got to talking about Coach Richardson. Mr. Pressey contacted Mr. Richardson, and he has agreed to come to Snyder. There will be a 1980 Reunion Gala at the Coliseum on September 28th. Charles Barkley and David Robinson have given soft commitments. Most of the 1980 national championship team will be here. Mr. Richardson wants all players for the three years he coached to be invited. We will make sure they all get here even if they can't afford to. Mr. Richardson's foundation sent us a \$5,000 check to purchase championship rings for the team. Matt is going to Invenergy to ask for money so they can keep the naming rights for the gym at the Coliseum. This is a big undertaking. The WTC men's basketball team will help work the event. We are getting items donated for the auction. We will get a corporate sponsor for the meet and greet. The community should get behind this. There will be a fully catered dinner.

The lineman rodeo will be held this Thursday. It is a lot of fun to watch if you have never been to one. It will be held at the Coliseum.

May 9th is our graduation at the Coliseum at 10:00 am. Let Melanie know if you are going to attend.

Information and Questions

Talking about Invenergy, there is a huge solar power company coming into town, and we could ask them for money.

There was no information or questions from board members.

Motion by Mr. Tyler, seconded by Ms. Spence, to adjourn the meeting.

Next Foundation Board meeting: July 30, 2024

APPROVED: _____

Ms. Deborah Boyd, Secretary

Mr. Jason West, President

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