



Enterprise Campus Authority Board

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Via Zoom

Members Present

Paul Batson
James Blakely
Jo Hackl
Hunter Howard
Dean Jones
Ray Lattimore
Ray Martin
Coleman Shouse, Chair
Keith Smith
Kenneth Southerlin

Members Absent

Dr. Burke Royster

Staff Present

Jacqui DiMaggio
Julie Eddy
Dr. Abul Hasan
Susan Jones
Dr. Matteel Knowles
Lisa Mangione
Becky Mann
Dr. Keith Miller
Wendy Walden
Dr. Jermaine Whirl
Ann Wright

Chair Shouse called the meeting to order at 12:47 p.m. and welcomed members of the board and staff. Chair Shouse announced that in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the press had been notified of the meeting, but no members of the press were in attendance. Chair Shouse acknowledged that the agenda was posted on the GTC website and a quorum of board members was present.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Batson made a motion to approve the January 15, 2020 minutes. Ms. Hackl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CMI Update

Dr. Whirl introduced Dr. Hasan, new dean of the School of Advanced Manufacturing Technology and director of the Center for Manufacturing Innovation (CMI), to present the CMI update.

There are currently 407 students enrolled for Fall Semester (80 Machine Tool Technology and 327 Mechatronics).

CMI is collaborating with Dr. Frady of Clemson University on the NSF Department of Energy and Environment Prediction Grant. CMI is also collaborating on a connected multimodal mobility and cyber security project related to the autonomous vehicles center.

Clemson is working with the South Carolina Research Authority on a project, "Modernizing South Carolina Manufacturing Assets to Enable Industry 4.0", with CMI as a collaborating partner. Dr. Miller noted that in the past, SCRA utilized research universities only. Approximately two years ago, Senator Leatherman asked Greenville Technical College to serve on SCRA with the desire to partner technical colleges and universities on research projects. Since that time, the college has been heavily involved, primarily because of the capabilities and training offered at CMI.

Community outreach events include:

- The Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering event will be held virtually on September 27, 2020 because of COVID. Marketing is helping to create videos for this event.
- National Manufacturing Day (NAM) is scheduled for October 2, 2020, and CMI will kick off a month of activities to celebrate in conjunction with the Greenville Chamber.

Economic development visits include:

- Hosted four economic development visits over the last three months (in the midst of COVID).
- Successfully landed one out of four companies and likely to land another two or three companies.
- Aero Precision out of California is the company that elected to come to Greenville.

Applied Baccalaureate Degree (BAS) update:

- The SACSCOC board of trustees finalized the recent level change request for the BAS.
- CMI had ten students start the program in Fall 2019, and six remain in the program.
- The incoming Fall 2020 cohort is made up of 15 new students including 1 female (first female in the program), 2 African American students, and 1 American Alaska native.

Moving forward, CMI plans to:

- Collaborate with industry to come up with real-life projects for the BAS students.
- Integrate projects between AAS students and BAS students.
- Continue to collaborate with Clemson so that CMI AAS and BAS students work on projects with Clemson MS and PhD students.
- Bring one more original equipment manufacturer (OEM) to the facility.

Dr. Whirl added that the next CMI Advisory Board meeting is in October with all manufacturing partners at the table.

Dr. Miller reminded the board that the college will join the leadership of Greenville Drive, BMW, and Hubbell Lighting to host the annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering event virtually on September 27, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Dr. Royster and Greenville County Schools are heavily involved to expose more students to those careers. Ms. Walden will send the link to the board.

Dr. Whirl added that each of the academic schools is working on a strategic plan, and he anticipates having the plans ready for board review by the retreat in February 2021.

Old and New Business

There being no old or new business, Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.