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SCCC/ATS Board Meets

The Seward County Community College/Area Technical School Board of Trustees met Monday, May 3, for its regular board meeting. Prior to the board meeting the board met with a cross-section of students to discuss their experiences at the college. The board said that overall the students were pleased with their education at the college.

Suggestions for improvement included the feasibility of providing child care and continuing to insure awareness of student activities to all students enrolled.

Donetta Dreitz, registrar, gave a review over the 2010 graduation ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, May 8 in the gym. Members of the board of trustees will hand out diplomas to more than 300 graduates, which is an increase above the number of students receiving diplomas in 2009.

Dr. Duane Dunn presented several scenarios from the Kansas legislature for raising additional revenue in the state, including changes in the state income tax and possible cigarette and liquor tax increases.

Further reductions from the state are possible, Dunn said, and reductions in the departmental budget requests will continue to be developed.

Doug Browne, multimedia technology director, presented an overview of a campus-wide security camera system that would include all off-campus facilities. The security camera system will enable the college to provide improved security and record of any accidents or damages that occur on the college property.

The board approved the purchase of the necessary equipment from Alexander Open Systems of Garden City in the amount of $111,906.11.

Although the Gas Compressor Institute was very good this year, attendance

was down, said Dale Reed, associate dean of educational services. The board will re-evaluate the materials as well as the overall institute to see what can be done to boost enrollment. One aspect was a change in pre-registration procedures which may have had an impact on the number of people who attended.

The college signed an articulation agreement with National American University to provide and online bachelor¹s degrees as well as graduate degrees, said Cynthia Rapp, dean of instruction. The new agreement provides another avenue for on-line students who have completed an associate degree through SCCC/ATS to complete a bachelor¹s degree without having to relocate.

Celeste Donavon, dean of student services, told the board that the phonathan to raise money for scholarships brought in $33,776. The Baseball Team raised the most money as an organization and Galen McSpadden, head men¹s baseball coach, raised the most money as a staff member.

In other action, the board

Accepted the resignation of Ryan Stock, assistant men¹s basketball coach;

Approved the quote from Luminous Neon of Dodge City in the amount of $39,527 to update the electronic sign at the west entrance of campus, including an RGB color electronic message center.

Approved the purchase of nine ADA-compliant classroom desks, 75 regular classroom desks, 128 caster chairs for hard surfaces and 40 caster chairs for carpeted surfaces from Kansas Contract Design of Wichita in the amount of $43,420.55 that will be used at the area technical school;

Approved the purchase of carpet for the Humanities Building from Flooring American and Furniture of Liberal in the amount of $47,608;

Approved the purchase of one server and three players from Mission Electronics, Inc., of Lenexa in the amount of $15,000 to expand

monitors for Channel 17 and other messages at the Area Technical School and the Student Activities Center;

Approved the purchase of a water jet cutting tool from Kansas-Oklahoma Machine of Wichita in the amount of $113,275 for the Manufacturing portion of the Welding, Drafting and Design Technology and Machine Tool technology programs. Funds for the purchase of the cutting tool are provided through a grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The next board meeting is Monday, June 7 in the board room

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