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Blinn College District Schulenburg Campus Advisory Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

The Schulenburg Campus Advisory Committee met on September 12, 2023, in Room 120 of the Liberal Arts Building, located at 100 Ranger Dr., Blinn-Schulenburg Campus, Schulenburg, Texas.

Committee Members Present were Chris Sodek, Jon Wunderlich, Kayla Kaspar, Ron Langhamer, Andy McHazlett, and Kimberly Newton.

Committee Member(s) Absent was Chris Hooper.

Representing Blinn College present were Dr. Mary Hensley, Mr. Leighton Schubert, Dr. Becky McBride, Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Ms. Susie Shank, Dr. Clen Burton, and Dr. Becky Garlick.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Wagner at 12:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. After a proper motion from Mr. Jon Wunderlich, seconded by Mr. Chris Sodek, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the April 20, 2023, meeting.

Election of Officers. The committee elected officers: Chris Hooper (Chair), Chris Sodek (Vice-Chair), and Jon Wunderlich (Secretary).

Legislative Update by Leighton Schubert, Executive Vice Chancellor. Mr. Schubert explained two House Bills that will impact Blinn College. First, he discussed House Bill 1114 that added the portion of Waller ISD that is located in Harris County to Blinn's service area. This service area expansion will allow the College to build a new campus in the Waller area. He stated that the college was currently searching for land to build a campus. Then, he explained House Bill 8's impact on funding community colleges. This bill changes the state funding formula for community colleges to focus on an outcomes based funding formula as opposed to the previous contact hour funding formula.

Enrollment Update by Dr. Becky McBride, Vice Chancellor for Student Services. Dr. McBride provided an enrollment update for the Schulenburg campus. She explained that these numbers were not final since Fall enrollment was still in process. Schulenburg currently has 59 students registered for on campus courses and 118 students in the Schulenburg area were taking online courses.

Dr. McBride also explained that they are using a variety of ways to correspond with students including emails, text messages, etc. In addition, the marketing department has been instrumental in creating graphics and social media posts to appeal to students.

Dr. Bussiki told the committee that he had met with Executive Deans on the Schulenburg and Sealy Campuses along with division deans to create schedules that may boost enrollment by better accommodating students' needs.

There was some discussion among committee members about the potential impact of proposed legislation that would impose a statewide vouchers system. Various impacts of such a system were discussed among committee members.

Susie Shank gave an ACCSS update with information about ACCSS sponsored events to encourage enrollment at Blinn College. In addition, she provided Fall and Spring completion data for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 ACCSS cohorts. Finally, she talked about local funders who have provided \$30,000 for ACCSS students' scholarships.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned Mr. Sodek at 1:02 p.m.