

BOARD ACTION

A Report of the FCCJ District Board of Trustees Meeting

April 18, 1990

SHERIFF'S STAR SHINES: The Board of Trustees recognized Duval County Sheriff James E. McMillan as the recipient of the Leroy Collins Distinguished Community College Alumni Award for the FACC Region II area of Florida. Governor Bob Martinez presented the award to McMillan in Tallahassee on April 17. McMillan earned his associate in arts degree from FCCJ (then FJC) in 1973. Following his graduation from the College, the Sheriff frequently served as an instructor in the criminal justice and police science curricula at the College.

RETIRING NAVAL OFFICER LAUDED: Open Campus Provost Carol Miner introduced Captain Ralph Parrott, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Supply Center, who is retiring after 27 years of service. Parrott was lauded by the Board of Trustees for his cooperation with and contribution to FCCJ's Military Education program. Chairman Yates, in presenting Captain Parrott with a plaque to commemorate the occasion, said, "The world is closer to global peace because of men such as you."

FOSTERING THE LINKS OF FRIENDSHIP THROUGH EDUCATION: Dr. Duane Dumbleton, provost of Downtown Campus, highlighted the International Education program at the College. One of the recent highlights was 15 international visitors hosted by President Spence. These visitors indicated that of all the colleges they visited, FCCJ had the best variety of programs and best spirit of global friendship. Sixteen Central American and Caribbean students are presently studying Fashion Merchandising Management at the Kent Campus through the CASS program (Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships). A grant has been received to host 23 additional students in the Fall. Students are presently being accepted for the second semester to study in Oxford, England, and we have had our first international Visiting Professor, Julia Ostashenko, from the Soviet Union with us this past year. Dumbleton also informed the Board of Trustees that the College enrolls almost 1,000 students from over 70 countries in the English as a second language program.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TASK FORCE PRAISED: The Human Resources Committee reported a spirited discussion of the findings and initial recommendations of the College Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and suggested that a board-wide workshop on this and other matters be held. Dr. Spence congratulated the Board on its leadership in this area, and praised the Task Force for its work so far. He recognized that strong feelings exist on all sides of any proposed drug and alcohol policy, and that there may never be consensus among all the College participants. Still, he felt that the work being done on the policy was important, and that it was his hope that the process of implementation would continue to be achieved in a very measured, careful manner.

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COLLEGE RECEIVES SECOND ENDOWED CHAIR: The College and Barnett Bank of Jacksonville recently dedicated the Roland S. Kennedy Chair of Innovation for Excellence in Business. The Chair, designated to foster teaching of business-related issues, was created through a \$45,000 gift from Barnett Bank of Jacksonville, for whom Kennedy worked as president and C.O.O, and a matching grant of \$30,000 from the State of Florida through the Florida Academic Improvement Trust Fund. Chairman Yates praised Trustee Joy Jones and said the College owed her a debt of gratitude for her hard work and efforts on behalf of the establishment of this Chair.

SOVIET EDUCATOR TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE: The Board approved the awarding of an Honorary A.A. degree for Dr. Mirza Makhmoutov, former minister of education and director of the Pedagogical Research Institute in Kazan, USSR, for leadership in international education. The degree will be awarded during College Commencement ceremonies on May 4.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 4 p.m., College Administration Building.