

FJC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HIGH-LITES

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Implementation of State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.31 on College-Level Communications and Computation Skills will require Florida Junior College at Jacksonville to initiate a program for entry assessment and admissions counseling, some probable revisions on curriculum and instruction, and the adoption of a sophomore testing program, Associate Vice-President for Educational Services Dr. E. Timothy Lightfield told FJC's District Board of Trustees at its AUGUST 19, 1981 MEETING. Though the College already had initiated a research study that, beginning Fall Term, will explore the basic skills levels of college credit students entering FJC, the SBE Rule mandates that a system for instruction and measurement of 112 student competencies be in place by Fall, 1982. FJC President Dr. Ben Wygal said the August 24 visit of State Commissioner of Education Ralph Turlington during the annual Faculty Convocation will provide a forum for faculty, administrators and Board members to learn more.

Dr. Gary A. Rice, of Yakima Valley Community College, Yakima, Washington, presented his College Management Information System (MIS). Rice shared with the Board an abbreviated version of the MIS he had been discussing on FJC campuses earlier in the week. The College has been considering a number of approaches to improve management information of curriculum and instruction. "The main purpose of this system is to provide good information and get a better handle on local governance and be able to anticipate things rather than operate in a crisis posture," Rice said. Rice's MIS is a means of making sense and managing massive amounts of information. FJC Executive Vice-President Dr. Charles O. Ferguson said, "The College is presently considering several options for improving management information in support of the decision-making process."

Prompted by Board interest in the role of FJC Advisory Committees, Occupational Educational Services coordinator Dick Johnston presented an annual report on the committees' involvement in FJC Occupational Program Needs Assessments and Development. The Board learned that the 41 Advisory Committees and 523 members continue to provide an "indispensable resource to responsive education and, ultimately, a better quality of life for graduates."

In other matters...the Board viewed an artist's rendering of the College Administration Building....The Board approved the administrative appointment and promotion of Dr. Dennis P. Gallon to the position, Dean of Occupational, Adult and Continuing Education, Kent Campus; the employment of Earleana A. Benjamin as Professor of Medical Laboratory Technology, North Campus; Kendell E. Schoeff as Professor of Aviation, Kent Campus; Eugenia C. Casas as Professor of Data Processing, North Campus; and Carrol N. Grier, D.D.S. as Professor of Dental Hygiene, North Campus. The Board also approved the resignations of South Campus Division Chairperson Billy R. Weaver; North Campus Professor of Nursing Mary K. Shannahan; South Campus Professor of Letters and Library Science Karen E. Read; and Downtown Campus Professor-Librarian Mary F. Simmons.