



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

A Report of the FJC District Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Adopts Salary Resolutions For Faculty

For the second consecutive year, Florida Junior College at Jacksonville's Board of Trustees set as a goal the maintenance of full-time faculty salaries in the upper quartile of community college faculty salaries in the state. Further, the Board resolved to again support the position that, for 1984/85, full-time faculty members shall not receive any reduction in their base annual salary as a result of an involuntary work load adjustment. The resolutions were passed during the Board's FEBRUARY 15, 1984 MEETING.

Trustees Honor Jacksonville Businesswoman

The Trustees adopted a resolution honoring Mrs. Emily B. Paulk, a retired Jacksonville businesswoman who recently bequeathed \$100,000 to FJC for student scholarship funding. The donation is the single largest contribution of scholarship funds in the history of FJC. A special presentation to Mrs. Paulk for her gift will be made during the Board's March meeting.

FJC Endowed Scholarship Fund Proposal Okayed

The Trustees also voted to adopt a proposal to establish the "FJC Endowed Scholarship Fund." The Fund would insure future College support to student financial aid programs which continue to be affected by fluctuations or limitations in external funding. The goal of the Fund is to be totally self-supporting and serve as a perpetual source of support to the College's student financial aid program. The program will be in addition to the FJC Foundation endowment funding program.

Adult Education Requirements Revised

In compliance with the RAISE Bill (Senate Bill 6-B) passed by the 1983

Florida Legislature, FJC's Trustees voted to adopt new graduation requirements for the FJC Adult High School education core. Changes will take effect Fall Term 1984. The RAISE Bill proposes a gradual change in graduation requirements as follows: no changes for 1983/84; for 1984/85 and 1985/86 school years, students must successfully complete a minimum of 22 academic credits (an increase from 16 credits) in grades 9 through 12. The 22 credits will include a minimum of 3 credits in mathematics and 3 credits in science. A cumulative grade point average of 1.5 on a 4.0 scale is required for graduation.

Legislative Program Presented

An update on Amendment I was given before the Board. The amendment will appear on the November 1984 ballot and, if passed, would roll back taxes to the 1980/81 levels and tremendously affect educational funding. The presentation featured the College's task force studies of the proposition, highlighting their findings in public support. The Board will continue to be informed as the task force findings are updated.

A special presentation on the Learning Resource Center card catalog system was also given. The College is moving away from the "traditional" library card catalog system whereby individual cards were stored in card file drawers, to a new revolutionary system. The "union" catalog system will contain holdings of all learning resource materials from all four FJC campuses. As a demonstration, a catalog no larger than a shoe box was presented before the Board which contained listings for over 95,000 materials. The system is expected to expand to include library material listings for four Jacksonville institutions of higher learning which are members of the Council for Interinstitutional Planning (CIP) — FJC, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville University and

the University of North Florida.

Accountability Standards Reviewed

The Board adopted a process for review of the seven accountability standards set by State Board of Education (SBE) rules. The review, which occurs by rule every four years for each of Florida's 28 community colleges, is being conducted over the next four months and will culminate with a full report to be sent by the Board to the Division of Community Colleges for action of the State Community College Board and the SBE. In addition, the Board received the initial background reports for standards 3 (Personnel Decisions) and 4 (Equal Opportunity) and heard a summary of the standards as presented by Personnel Director Mr. Steve Huntley and EA/EO Director Ms. Eleanor Gay. Dr. E. Timothy Lightfield, designated as overall coordinator for the administration to facilitate the Board's review, also presented an overview of the State requirement. At its March meeting, the Board will take formal action on the Standard 3 and 4 reports and consider two additional standards.

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