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A Report of the FCCJ District Board of Trustees Meeting

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JANUARY 6, 1987

FOUNDATION AWARDS PLATINUM SCHOLARSHIP TO 500,000th STUDENT: The JANUARY 6, 1987 MEETING of the Florida Community College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees opened with recognition ceremonies for the 500,000th new student to register for college credit classes. Michelle Pair, a Mandarin resident, was the lucky student to register at the Kent Campus on December 17, 1986, becoming the half-millionth student to register for college credit classes at FCCJ.

William C. A. Moulder, Foundation president, presented Ms. Pair with the Foundation-sponsored Platinum Scholarship which entitles her to a lifetime of tuition-free courses in college credit and continuing education courses. The Platinum Scholarship was so named in honor of the College's 20th anniversary.

In his presentation, Moulder stated that the "Foundation wanted to do something to help both the College and students and passed a resolution committing to the award of a lifetime scholarship during the year the College celebrated its 20 year service to the community. It is a pleasure to award such a scholarship and we are delighted to have Ms. Pair as a student."

The 20-year-old Ms. Pair is an insurance underwriter with Tullis Insurance Co. and intends to take insurance related courses at FCCJ and complete a two-year degree. She said she would eventually like to become an insurance agent.

CITY COUNCIL AND CHAMBER RECOGNIZE FCCJ: City Councilman Clarence Suggs and Charles Towers, area attorney and past-president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, presented resolutions honoring the College on its 20th anniversary and recognized the half-millionth student enrollee. Towers stated that the College has had a significant impact in both the economic, social, and educational growth of the community.

CONTRACT RULE AMENDMENTS APPROVED: Trustees approved amendments as pertaining to continuing contracts provided in the State Board of Education Rule 6A-14.411. The amendment provides for the Board to have

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full authority to grant continuing contract to instructional personnel. Such action will be based on the President's recommendation for reappointment without reservation or specification. The recommendation for award of continuing contract shall be based on administrative review which affirms successful performance of duties, demonstration of professional competence, and evidence of continued need for the position. In lieu of the award of continuing contract for eligible instructional personnel, the Board may, upon recommendation of the President, offer an annual contract for a fourth year. For a copy of the new ruling, please call the Public Affairs Dept. at 632-3269.

STUDENT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE RAISE: Trustees unanimously approved a recommendation that student employees receive a salary increase to \$3.60 per hour, an increase of 25¢ per hour. The revision was made to provide competitive pay rates for the students.

STUDENT STANDARDS OF PROGRESS REVISED: Trustees voted to revise the Board Rule to require that standards of progress for non-aid students be maintained in the APM and that standards for student aid recipients be maintained in the APM, and that a policy of Academic Standing be established for all students. A copy of the ruling may be obtained by calling the Public Affairs Dept. at 632-3269.

TPC VILLAGE SITE TO BE STUDIED FURTHER: Trustees voted down the proposal to offer property on the South Campus as a viable site for construction of an adolescent drug and alcohol treatment center and research facility. The facility, called the TPC Village, is sponsored by the Tournament of Players Championship Charities. Trustee Alton Yates proposed the College consider land on the North Campus for a proposed construction site. Board Chairman Nathan Wilson said the matter should be studied further since the College does not have a formal study of the North Campus as a possible site and does not know, at this time, the demographics.

NEW FOUNDATION DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED: Arthur L. Ruppel was accepted by Trustees as the College's new Executive Director for the Foundation, Inc. Ruppel comes to FCCJ from the Hawkeye Institute of Technology, Waterloo, Iowa, where he served as director for resource development. Ruppel will officially begin his duties at the College on Feb. 16.

HUMAN RESOURCE ACTIONS APPROVED: Trustees approved the recommendations of the Human Resources Department which included the appointment of Edgar Preston to the position of Research Analyst and Scott Martin as department chairperson for Emergency Medical Technology. The Board also accepted the resignation of Julie Williams, a career employee, for the purpose of retirement. Job classification revisions were approved for the positions of Campus Registration Coordinator, Counselor, and Student Affairs Advisor.

INSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED: Trustees voted to approve several instruction recommendations which included the addition of non-college credit course "Warehouse Management" and "Proof Operations/Financial Institutions." A new college credit course was also approved, "Exterior and Interior Landscaping." Classes are effective Winter Term, 1987.

POLICY ON ACADEMIC STANDING ADOPTED: Trustees approved the adoption of the Policy on Academic Standing for college credit students to become effective Fall Term, 1987. The policy is designed to motivate marginal and academically deficient students to improve through constructive intervention programs.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS PRESENTS "FELLOWS AWARDS": As part of the Trustee meeting at the Downtown Campus, a presentation was made to several area organizations and individuals for their support of the College, in particular to the Downtown Campus. The "Downtown Fellows Award" was presented to Mayor Jake Godbold, Lynn Lazarus, graphic artist with the Florida Publishing Co.; the employees of the Prudential Insurance Company of America; and Iris Taylor, organizer of "People for a Better Tomorrow" project which helps the residents of the Blodgett home complex.

COLLEGE ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES WINS TOP AWARD: It was announced during the meeting that the College earned the coveted Mimi and Lee Adams Award in recognition of the FCCJ-produced "Our Environment" video series. The series focused on the St. Johns River, air pollution, and hazardous wastes. The award, presented by the Mayor Godbold's Mimi and Lee Adams Environmental Advisory Board, recognizes individuals and corporations for their encouragement of environmental awareness and the foster of contributions to the improvement of the environmental quality of life in Jacksonville. FCCJ's program has been adopted by the Duval County public schools for use in grades seven through 12. FCCJ first broadcast the program over cable television two years ago.

NEXT MEETING SLATED: The next regular meeting of the trustees will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. in CAB 451.