

BOARD ACTION

A Report of the FCCJ District Board of Trustees Meeting

February 17, 1988

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ARTS: Larry Davis presented a strategic plan for the Arts developed to guide future growth and development through the year 1992 and beyond. FCCJ recognizes the importance of the Arts to the quality of life in the community and to a comprehensive curriculum of the College. FCCJ's primary goal in the Arts is leadership of a coordinated community effort to provide Jacksonville with the highest quality planned and publicized cultural activities.

FCCJ TO TRAIN 4,000 BELLSOUTH EMPLOYEES: AACJC has contracted with FCCJ to develop a workshop on returning to learning, to be given to 4,000 BellSouth employees throughout the nine-state BellSouth region. This contract will also include the creation and management of a network of colleges to provide academic/career counseling to these employees. Coordination within the nine-state BellSouth region promotes the concept of partnerships between community colleges and business and industry for training/retraining of America's workforce. In making a presentation to the BellSouth selection committee, Chairman Wilson indicated that our community college system is already in place and has been paid for through tax dollars and corporate contributions. Our mission is to retrain displaced employees and with four fully developed campuses serving over 70,000 individuals, why recreate what is already in place and working?

FCCJ HONORS THE TEACHING PROFESSION: The premier celebration of Teaching Week will be held March 14-18. An impressive roster of six nationally-known educators including Dr. Patricia Cross, will provide a series of lectures on teaching and learning strategies. FCCJ faculty members will conduct 24 special showcase presentations which demonstrate various teaching techniques in 20-minute "favorite lecture" formats. Chairman Wilson commended the work done by the CTW committee members.

SPENCE AND COLLIER TO ATTEND NATIONAL SEMINAR: President Spence and Trustee Davis Collier will attend an ACCT National Legislative Seminar for more than 500 community college trustees and administrators from at least 40 states, to be brought up-to-date on legislation affecting education.

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CHAIRMAN WILSON TO PRESENT PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING: Chairman Nate Wilson has been asked to make a presentation on Performance Contracting during the Annual Trustees Leadership Meeting in Tallahassee. The general topic of this meeting will be structured around planning.

TELEPHONE SKILLS TRAINING ANSWERS A NEED: Sheryl Williams, president of the Career Employees Council reported that a two-part series on Telephone Skills Training will be given by the Career Employees Council Task Force, for 200 employees. Topics covered will be telephone courtesy skills and a review of the telephone systems. President Spence will address the group and Dean Charlotte Minter will speak on "Our Role in Student Success."

GRADING SCALE PREFERENCE SURVEY: Ed Safer, president of the faculty Senate reported that a survey was being taken to consider the change to a plus/minus grading system. Dr. Safer indicated a trend toward plus/minus systems at the university level in Florida and it is believed this grading system would make our graduates more competitive for limited enrollment space in undergraduate programs.

APPOINTMENTS: Ernestine Reese Daniels has been appointed to the instructional position of Professor of Dental Hygiene and was introduced and welcomed by the Board. Dean Miner also introduced Kevin Kirk who has been appointed Assistant Dean of Non-Traditional and Off-Campus Centers. Kirk's responsibilities include TV programming, military programs, development of programs in Nassau County and off-campus centers.

The next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, at 4:00 p.m. at the College Administration Building.