

# BOARD ACTION

A Report of the FCCJ District Board of Trustees Meeting

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Florida Community College at Jacksonville  
Public Affairs

**TAKE A DEEP BREATH:** Rob Rawls, director of the American Lung Association of Northeast Florida, presented Trustee Don Zell with an Indoor Clear Air plaque for the College, signifying membership on the statewide honor roll. Mr. Zell accepted on behalf of the Board as he was instrumental in the College's efforts to become smoke free. Rawls praised the College for having the courage to take this step to create a healthy environment for everyone.

**FALL ENROLLMENT BEST IN 24 YEARS:** President Charles Spence gave the Board of Trustees the good news that fall enrollment was the largest in 24 years, with a significant increase of 5.8 percent over last fall, bringing total FTE up nine percent, with a head count over 18,000 college credit students. Other statistics show that the average age of the College's students dropped slightly to just below 28. Enrollment is up on every campus in both day and nighttime classes. 16,985 students took advantage of touchtone telephone registration, while Dual Enrollment showed over 1,000 students on the roster.

President Spence said that through the hard work and efforts of the entire College, a clear trend is showing in an increase of minority student enrollment. The enrollment of black male students is up 6.1 percent and black female enrollment is up 5.7 percent.

**TRUSTEES RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE:** The Board approved resolutions honoring Betty P. Cook and Nathan H. Wilson, in recognition of their service on the Board of Trustees. A reception was held for them following the Board meeting.

**TUITION INCREASES:** A one dollar per credit hour increase for capital improvement was approved by the Board. The increase will begin with Winter Term 1990.

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AUDIT UPDATE: President Charles Spence indicated that the auditing team said this year's audit is one of the best in the history of the College and reflects the fewest number of recommendations for improvement in many years. The College was praised for its responsiveness and cooperation. There were some discrepancies found in the registration process. Since the audit finding, the College has taken corrective action. Tighter registration procedures have been initiated and we are utilizing the same audit procedures as applied by the State Auditor General's office.

STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT: The Board of Trustees was given an Annual Report and Annual Plan for the Department of Student Affairs. Some of the highlights of the past year were the processing of 14,852 admissions applications and over 135,000 registration transactions by the Student Records and Registration Office; new assessment services offered that include Computerized Placement Testing and a Pre-CLAST Exam; the implementation of the ALERT Student Retention Tracking System; establishment of a Project Development Office, a Black Student Success Office and the expansion of Disabled Student Services; an 82 percent increase in private scholarship funds, a 56 percent increase in Dual Enrollment students and the administration of \$1,851,150 in Pell Grant Funding by Admissions and Student Aid.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL POSITION STRONG: FCCJ's financial position is strong and getting stronger, as evidenced by the continued growth in FTE and fund balance, according to Clara Isacco, director of accounting. Funding through contracts and grants increased 39 percent, and Artist Series revenue increased 55 percent over last fiscal year. Students attending FCCJ received \$3.9 million in financial aid during fiscal year 1988-89 of which the College contributed in excess of \$1.1 million.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 4pm, FCCJ South Campus. (Please note change of location of meeting).