

# BOARD ACTION

A Report of the FCCJ District Board of Trustees Meeting

October 18, 1989

**FCCJ SAYS NO TO DRUGS IN THE WORKPLACE:** The Board of Trustees, in wishing to guarantee a drug-free workplace at FCCJ, adopted a resolution charging the College with developing a plan to address concerns about substance abuse in our workplace. The plan will address education and training of students and employees; employee assistance and treatment; confidentiality, when required and appropriate; testing of applicants, employees and Board members, and employee and student disciplinary procedures. Lynn Parker will chair a Drug Free Workplace Planning Task Force with representatives from faculty, career, administrative and professional employees.

**UNF ARTICULATES ON AGREEMENT:** Dr. Kenneth Martin, UNF's interim vice president for academic affairs and Dr. Jan Joy, coordinator of community college relations and office of articulation at UNF, reported to the Board on the excellence of the articulation agreement between the two institutions. Dr. Martin indicated that leaders from FCCJ and UNF have provided the leadership and support vital to successful articulation of academic programs, scholarship programs, joint use of facilities and coordination of extracurricular activities and programs. With 70 percent of FCCJ's students transferring to UNF, future articulation initiatives include the planning and implementation of a "UNF Advising Week" to be conducted on all four FCCJ campuses and the development of a brochure for educational opportunities in Jacksonville (K-12, FCCJ, UNF, Edward Waters College and JU) to be used for businesses relocating to Jacksonville. Dr. Martin said, "Because of the commitment of leaders at both institutions, there is every reason to believe that future articulation efforts will be as fruitful as those in the past."

**INFORMATION RESOURCE PLAN PRESENTED:** Jack Tinsley, associate vice president of information systems and services presented an Information Resource Plan to the Board informing them of the computer planning process and the results of the process in formulating the College's

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direction with regard to the use of computer technology. The results of the plan showed that 66 percent of monies allocated for computer technology will be spent for instructional activities and 34 percent for non-instructional, for a total recommended funding of \$697,564.

**RESOURCES DEVELOPED:** Marlene Camper, assistant dean for resource development presented an audiovisual report showing examples of College projects funded by agencies from proposals submitted during the 1988-89 college year, focusing on the impact and scope of grants and contracts on the College. External dollars received by the College for fiscal year 1988-89 were \$7,201,423. The financial impact to the College of these external dollars generated was \$12,024,869. What this resulted in was the College adding 53 employees to meet the objectives of grants and contracts captured to staff more than 80 projects. This year, 43 faculty were directly involved in grant-created opportunities. Developing resources for students also includes providing financial assistance. Last year, 5,000 students received financial aid through one of the financial aid programs. In a comparison of the ten largest Florida community colleges showing grants captured, Miami-Dade was first with \$7,182,465 and FTE of 28,057.8, followed by FCCJ showing \$5,225,089 with an FTE of 14,965.5. Quite remarkable considering Miami-Dade's FTE is almost double ours.

**SPENCE TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** The FACC Trustees Commission meeting will be held Nov. 1-2 in Miami in conjunction with the FACC Annual Convention. We are proud to note that President Charles Spence will give the keynote address at the convention.

**MATH PROFESSOR SCORES HIGH:** Roger Breen, professor of mathematics at Downtown Campus is one of three statewide finalists for the FACC Little Red Schoolhouse Award. This award designating the top teacher of the year for Florida will be presented at the FACC convention in Miami.

**AWARDS ACROSS THE BOARD:** Board Chairman Alton W. Yates and former Board Chairman Nathan H. Wilson have been selected as recipients of the 1990 National Conference of Christians and Jews Brotherhood Award, to be presented May 10 at the 20th anniversary awards dinner.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES PRAISED FOR ROLE IN HELPING INNER CITY RESIDENTS: FCCJ was lauded for its role in training workers as just one example of how community colleges are responding to the needs of inner-city residents, according to a study released by AACJC entitled, "Who Cares About the Inner City? The Community College Response to Urban America. FCCJ was cited as one of a dozen community colleges with innovative programs that help educate, train or otherwise improve the lives of urban residents. Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Alfred A. DelliBovi said, "It's the community colleges that are right on the cutting edge of providing those new skills." AACJC President Dale Parnell said community college officials have "their sleeves rolled up and literally are on the front lines of trying to solve some of the problems of inner cities."

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29, 4pm, College Administration Board Room. There will be no meeting in December.