



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

Joe Yarbrough, <i>Chairman</i>	Buzz Law
Anne Kaiser, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Chunk Newman
Ben Bryant	Richard Porter
Doug Carter	Sylvia Russell
Shan Cooper	Trey Sheppard
Ben Copeland	Shirley Smith
Lynn Cornett	Michael Sullivan
Jay Cunningham	Phil Sutton
Tommy David	Baoky Vu
Mary Flanders	Dinah Wayne
Randall Fox	Tim Williams
James Gingrey	

MINUTES

Thursday, March 2, 2017

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

System Office
1800 Century Place, 2nd Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Absent: Ben Bryant, Ben Copeland, Lynn Cornett, Jay Cunningham, Tommy David, Jim Gingrey, Sylvia Russell
Absent only during General Session: Doug Carter, Shan Cooper

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Joe Yarbrough

Chairman Joe Yarbrough called the March 2, 2017 State Board meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia [TCSG] to order at 1:00 p.m. He welcomed the attending State Board members, the technical college presidents and the TCSG staff; thanking everyone for their participation during their respective committees.

II. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Yarbrough

The Chairman's first order of business was to call for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2017 State Board meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Ben Copeland, was seconded by Mr. Michael Sullivan, and passed approval by the Board unanimously. Minutes stand approved.

Chairman Yarbrough then called on the Committee Chairs to give their reports.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Academic Affairs**

Dinah Wayne for Lynn Cornett

- I. **Academic Standards and Programs**



Motion (Approval of AAS Degrees and Technical Certificates of Credit):

Motion was made by Mrs. Dinah Wayne that the college requests listed below to offer degrees and technical certificates of credit programs be approved effective the semester specified for each request. Any fiscal requirements to begin these programs must be approved through the standard budget approval process. Motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Sullivan and passed State Board approval unanimously.

Discussion:

Coastal Pines Technical College - Degree program in AAS in Interdisciplinary Studies, AF53, 61 Credit Hours, effective May 2017

Coastal Pines Technical College requests approval for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS). The addition of this program will allow customization of the program of study based on each student's academic and professional goals. The program covers a wider variety of general education courses (21 semester credits) and allows for 40 semester hours of program courses to be combined. This would provide an Associate of Applied Science for program areas that do not currently offer an associate's degree option. It would also provide eligibility for a variety of articulation agreements with bachelor degree granting colleges. There are no colleges in or adjacent to Coastal Pines Technical College's service delivery area that offer this program. The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies will follow the state standard curriculum. The first year costs of the program are minimal--\$1000 for supplies during the first year, increasing to \$3000 by the third year. Supply costs will be funded 100% from tuition and fees generated from student enrollment. Student enrollment is projected for 10 students during the first year, increasing to 18 by the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 6 Year 2: 8 Year 3: 10

Evening Students Year 1: 4 Year 2: 6 Year 3: 8

Coastal Pines Technical College - TCC program in Water Quality Technician, WQT1, 12 Credit Hours, effective May 2017

There is a shortage of licensed water and wastewater treatment operators in Georgia with a 14% job growth predicted in this area over the next few years. Local industry has contacted the college and expressed an interest in training employees to work in this field. No other TCSG or Board of Regents' colleges in or adjacent to CPTC's service area offer the Water Quality Technician program. North Georgia Technical College developed the Water Quality Technician program and CPTC will follow the approved curriculum standard. The first year costs of the program are estimated at \$9,500 and include costs for instructor salary/benefits, supplies, travel, and library resources. These costs will be covered by student tuition and fees generated from enrollment in the program. CPTC anticipates



enrolling 13 students during the first year of the program, and increasing to 25 students the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 8 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 15

Evening Students Year 1: 5 Year 2: 6 Year 3: 10

Georgia Piedmont Technical College - TCC program in C# Programmer, CPB1, 22 Credit Hours, effective May 2017

The C# Programmer certificate is approved at the state level and has been modified to only require two C# classes. This would be an appropriate TCC choice at GPTC in the Programming Program. The TCC will provide students in the programming program the opportunity to obtain a stronger understanding of C# programming. This will also be a method for the students to demonstrate their knowledge of C# programming to perspective employers. The proposed certificate is a non-degree certificate designed for GPTC programming students who do not intend to enroll in the programming degree or diploma as well as for students completing the programming degree. The intent is to raise the students' competencies and semester hours to levels necessary to further their programming education. The classes required are within the current programming degree. This TCC should help increase enrollment in the programming degree, both for new students, and students who have already completed previous TCCs that want to complete a certificate for a new language. It is an additional benefit for students, and will help differentiate the programming students based on language(s) taken. Currently they get a programming diploma/degree (no language specification) and only have a certificate indicating the language if they take C++, Java, or VB.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 28 Year 2: 55 Year 3: 55

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Georgia Piedmont Technical College - TCC program in Certified Construction Worker, CCW1, 9 Credit Hours, effective May 2017

The Certified Construction Worker TCC is a state standard program and is a returning program to GPTC. GPTC has received a Youth Build grant, a collaboration between GPTC, Chris Kids and Habitat for Humanity to target young adults who have not received a high school diploma and reside in some of the most impoverished areas of DeKalb county. The training for these young adults will be modeled after the Accelerated Opportunity program at GPTC, combining adult basic education, college courses and on-site training. Enrollment is anticipated to be 15 students each year with all costs, including a full-time instructor, covered by the grant.



Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 15

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Southern Crescent Technical College - Degree program in Mechatronics Technology, MT23, 62 Credit Hours, effective August 2017

The MT23 Mechatronics Technology degree is designed to provide an opportunity for students to increase their knowledge in the area of electronics, industrial motor controls, programmable logic controllers, and other industrial systems concepts. It will also address the need for the increased number of maintenance technicians in the local manufacturing industry. Graduates of the program should expect to gain employment as mechatronics personnel, technicians, electricians, and other related jobs in the field of industrial mechanical and electrical systems. Occupational trends indicate that graduates of the program should have favorable job prospects with an increasing need to replace retirees in fields related to mechatronics. The salary trends for jobs in this area of study average \$24.91 per hour. Graduates should expect to find employment in manufacturing applications, assembly lines, and production type facilities.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 25 Year 3: 30

Evening Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 25

Backup material for these requests will be available when the committee meets at the Board meeting or may be requested prior to the meeting from Joe Dan Banker, Executive Director, Academic Affairs, at 404-679-1670.

II. Program Terminations

Motion was made by Mrs. Dinah Wayne that the college requests listed below to terminate degrees, diplomas, and TCC programs be approved for the semester specified for each request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law and passed approval by the State Board unanimously.

Discussion:

Albany Technical College

TCC program in Firefighter I Safety Specialist, FI11, effective May 2017.

Columbus Technical College

Degree program in Health Information Management Technology, HI13, effective March 2017.



Degree program in Machine Tool Technology, MT13, effective March 2017.
Degree program in Web Site Design/Development, IS53, effective March 2017.

Lanier Technical College

Degree program in Clinical Laboratory Technology, CLT3, effective August 2017.
Diploma program in Dental Hygiene, DH14, effective March 2017.
Diploma program in Electronics Fundamentals, EF12, effective August 2017.
Diploma program in Electronics Technology, ET14, effective August 2017.
Degree program in Electronics Technology, ET13, effective August 2017.
Degree program in Healthcare Management Technology, HMT3, effective May 2018.
Degree program in Marketing Management, MM13, effective January 2018.
Diploma program in Marketing Management, MM12, effective January 2018.
Diploma program in PV Installation Technology, PIT2, effective August 2017.
Diploma program in PV Technical Sales Technology, PTS2, effective August 2017.
Diploma program in Residential Care Technician, ECT2, effective March 2017.
Diploma program in Solar Energy Manufacturing Technology, SEM2, effective August 2017.
Degree program in Solar Energy Technology, SET3, effective August 2017.
TCC program in Entrepreneurship, EN11, effective January 2018.
TCC program in Geriatric Care Assistant, GC51, effective March 2017.
TCC program in HIT Certificate Program, FNT1, effective March 2017.
TCC program in Marketing Specialist, MS21, effective January 2018.
TCC program in Medical Coding Specialist, MA71, effective May 2018.
TCC program in Sales Professional, SP11, effective January 2018.
TCC program in Small Business Marketing Manager, SB51, effective January 2018.
TCC program in Social Media Marketing, SM11, effective January 2018.

III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions

Motion was made by Mrs. Dinah Wayne to approve program standards and revisions for March 2017. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Anne Kaiser and passed State Board approval unanimously.

State Board Standards and Revisions Summary for March 2017

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
ST32	Sustainable Technologies	Savannah	Diploma	54

V. Technical Education Update



- **Approval of Revised General Program Standards**

Motion was made by Mrs. Dinah Wayne to approve the changes to the General Program Standards listed below. Motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Sullivan and passed State Board approval unanimously.

General Program Standards

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Course Articulation and Transfer

Standard Number: **02-02-09**

Standard Statement

Degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program courses are transferable subject to the determination of the receiving college assuring that accreditation requirements are met.

Explanatory Comment

The receiving college evaluates program courses on the basis of similarity in competency areas and SACSCOC requirements for faculty credentials.

Non-traditional course credit may be awarded by prior learning assessment based upon military and/or industry training courses or experience where appropriate and in accordance with SACSCOC guidance.

Evaluative Criteria

Course credit may be awarded for courses completed with a "C" or better **or other evidence that denotes successful course completion** from a college, university or other postsecondary institution accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Note: Reference State Board Policy # IV. J. Articulation and Transfer

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Program Consistency

Standard Number: **02-02-03**

Standard Statement

Each degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program utilizes **or exceeds minimum** standards and competencies consistent with statewide program requirements.

Explanatory Comment

Programs that have an identical major code are consistent statewide.

Program title and description, standards, competencies, exit points, and minimum course credit requirements designated for each major code are established by the program-specific standards of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

Evaluative Criteria



Each degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program is assigned a state wide major code and utilizes essential standards and competencies designated for that statewide major code. Program components designated for a given degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program major code include, but are not limited to:

1. program title;
2. description;
3. essential general education, basic skills, and occupational courses (as applicable); and
4. minimum number of total semester credit hours required for graduation.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM

Live Work

Standard Number: **02-04-07**

Standard Statement

The faculty of each program that includes live work as part of its curriculum develops and implements a written live work plan.

Explanatory Comment

Live work is a vital component of many occupational/technical programs and is integrated into the curriculum where specific courses require laboratory experience. Where applicable, general guidelines for live work are provided in the program specific standards established by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, relevant to state ethics laws.

Evaluative Criteria

~~The college will maintain:~~ **The plan will include:**

1. a list of programs which are eligible to perform live work;
2. a list of the type of work that may be performed;
3. definitions of the type and scope of Live Work Projects which may be performed for profit and those for which the college will only be reimbursed for actual costs associated with the project;
4. prioritized list of persons for whom live work may be performed (i.e. faculty, staff, students, general public);
5. established parameters within which live work may be conducted (i.e. business hours, school days, etc.);
6. a statement that live work shall always involve student participation and that live work may not be performed solely by instructors;
7. procedures that must be followed when live work is conducted (scheduling procedures, forms, etc.);
8. a statement to inform the customers that they assume the risk of the work being performed;
9. that the students and facilities may not be used for personal gain or profit **or to compete with private enterprises;**



10. the costs related to the services (i.e. fees and/or purchase of parts/supplies) for the customer;
11. that live work projects shall not be of a production nature and do not compete with private enterprises; and
12. that all Live Work Projects shall comply with the Governor's Executive Order on Ethics.

Note: Reference State Board Policy # IV. M. Live Work Projects-VI. Procedure

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Function

Standard Number: **02-08-01**

Standard Statement

A program advisory committee provides expert support for each program area.

Explanatory Comment

A program advisory committee is established to promote interaction between the program and businesses and industries served by the program.

Faculty use the expertise of the advisory committee to improve program content and operation.

Evaluative Criteria

Program advisory committees assist in evaluation of strategic, **safety** and operational plans.

Program advisory committees review and recommend requirements of existing degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit offerings.

Program advisory committees provide advice regarding curriculum content to ensure that courses relate to present and future employment needs.

Program advisory committees make suggestions regarding the modification, addition, or deletion of course offerings.

Program advisory committees make recommendations regarding the design and use of physical facilities.

Program advisory committees make recommendations regarding the selection and maintenance of equipment.

The program advisory committee assists in evaluation of program effectiveness, job development, job placement, and program promotion, evaluation in relation to standards, program advocacy, and industrial support of the program.

The program advisory committee reviews and recommends requirements for admissions, program content and length, program objectives, instructional materials and tests, equipment, technology, methods of evaluation, and level of skills and/or proficiency required for completion of new, existing, and revised programs.

College administration provides documented evidence that program advisory committee recommendations are considered with specific action taken.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Membership

Standard Number: **02-08-02**

Standard Statement

The membership of each program advisory committee is representative of the community and employment market served by the program.

Explanatory Comment

The program advisory committee is composed primarily of persons in the industry served by the program and includes persons within the community and employment market who positively impact the program.

Evaluative Criteria

The faculty of each program area, in cooperation with the administration of the college, selects the advisory committee.

The program advisory committee includes a cross-section of representatives from program related businesses and industries.

The program advisory committee includes program related business and industry representatives who have varying occupational positions.

The program advisory committee is comprised of at least three members external to the college ~~(graduates of the program should not comprise a majority of the committee).~~

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Commitment

Standard Number: **02-11-01**

Standard Statement

Each degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program provides a safe and healthy environment for students and staff.

Explanatory Comment

Appropriate health and safety conditions, equipment, practices, and procedures are available in the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia Policy as well as local, state, and federal law/regulations.

Emergency plans, incident 32 reports, and emergency drill procedures are outlined by various authorities, including the State Fire Marshall's Office, the Civil Defense Division, and the Georgia Department of Human Resources, among others.

Health and safety provisions required by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia meet or exceed appropriate local, state, and federal law. Health and safety plans required by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia Policy include the following:

1. Emergency Operations and Safety Plan;
2. Exposure Control Plan; and
3. Hazard Communication Program Plan (with associated Biennial Hazardous Chemical List).



Evaluative Criteria

The physical facility, furnishings, equipment, supplies, **signage** and practices of the degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program meet or exceed appropriate local, state, and federal health and safety standards.

Proper health and safety practices are developed, implemented, and integrated into the degree, diploma, and technical certificate of credit program. Current, approved health and safety plans including the Emergency Operations and Safety Plan; Exposure Control Plan; and Hazard Communication Program Plan (with associated Biennial Hazardous Chemical List) are available and posted appropriately

- **Adult Education**

Shirley Smith for Ben Copeland

Vice Chair Shirley Smith gave an update from the Office of Adult Education and began by sharing that the GED Testing program graduation rate was running ahead of schedule and that the new GED commercials were being broadcast online. The great news from these commercials was that the results have been favorable, with the “teen mom” commercial receiving the most views. Inquiries have been received from people who indicated that they saw the commercials. (The commercials allow responders to send a text, and receive information about GED classes in their respective area.)

Next Ms. Smith shared that Central Georgia Technical College [CGTC] was recognized for exceptional Program Review but the University of Georgia external review team. CGTC received “exceptional” rating in 7 of the 10 review areas; the other three components were rated “very good”. This was an outstanding review for CGTC and their team should be commended.

Lastly, Vice Chair Smith reminded the Board that the annual EAGLE Awards would be the following week at the Stone Mountain Evergreen Conference Center, and encouraged all Board Members to attend the luncheon on Wednesday, March 15 where the top Adult Education student would be awarded.

That concluded the report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**

Trey Sheppard for Doug Carter

Chairman Doug Carter began by sharing an update from Georgia Quick Start; most excitedly was the announcement on February 14 that Pratt & Whitney plans to expand with 500 new jobs being created in the Columbus area. Next was the announced date of the Manufacturers Appreciation Luncheon on April 27 at the Georgia International Convention Center; all Board Members are invited to attend that event.

From the Communications Department, Mr. Carter shared the new Move on When Ready brand identity had been shared with the colleges and they were proceeding with implementation.



From the Stewardship and Development group in regards to the TCSG Foundation, the first annual Foundation golf tournament was announced and will take place September 15. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the new 'Last Mile' initiative which will provide gap funds to students who need \$500 or less to complete their education at one of our 22 colleges.

That concluded Mr. Carter's report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**

Chunk Newman

- I. Approval of Real Property Dispositions**

Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman to declare the following land surplus to the needs of the Technical College System of Georgia and to authorize the staff to prepare appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with, the disposition of the following real properties. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dinah Wayne and passed approval unanimously by the State Board.

- A. Chattahoochee Technical College - 0.158 AC of Marietta Campus**

DISCUSSION: Chattahoochee Technical College requests approval to surplus the 0.158 acres of Marietta Campus and to grant a revocable license to the Department of Transportation for the realignment of Westside Drive.

- II. Approval of Revocable License & Non Exclusive Easements**

Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman to authorize the staff to prepare appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with, the granting of the following Revocable License Agreement & Non Exclusive Easements. Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard and was approved by the State Board unanimously.

- A. Southern Crescent Technical College- 0.92 AC to Atlanta Gas Light Company**

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Atlanta Gas Light Company, over approximately 0.92 acres on the Henry County Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve the TCSG-317 Industrial Training and Technology Building.

- III. Approval of Construction Contracts**

Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman to authorize the Commissioner to execute the construction contract listed below at cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request.



Motion was seconded by Michael Sullivan and was unanimously approved by the State Board.

A. Georgia Northwestern Technical College- \$576,200 with Superior Roofing Systems, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Georgia Northwestern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for “Re-roofing of 100, 200 & 300 Building” on the Walker County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, with Superior Roofing Systems, Inc., Griffin, GA in the amount of \$576,200.00, using local funds.

B. North Georgia Technical College- \$267,530.34 with Johnson-Laux Construction

DISCUSSION: North Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for “Greenhouses” on the Clarkesville Campus of North Georgia Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, Savannah, GA in the amount of \$267,530.34, using local funds.

C. Ogeechee Technical College- \$205,891.78 with Johnson-Laux Construction

DISCUSSION: Ogeechee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for “Occupational Studies Building Bathroom Renovations” on the Main Campus of Ogeechee Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, Savannah, GA in the amount of \$205,891.78, using local funds.

D. West Georgia Technical College- \$227,000 with R.K. Redding Construction, Inc.

DISCUSSION: West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for “Improvements to the CDL Driving Pad” on the Murphy Campus of West Georgia Technical College, with R.K. Redding Construction, Inc., Bremen, GA in the amount of \$227,000.00, using bond funds.

• **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

Michael Sullivan

- I. **Motion was made by Mr. Michael Sullivan to approve the revisions to Policy 3.4.1 Emergency Preparedness, Health, Safety, and Security. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz and Law and passed State Board approval unanimously.**

DISCUSSION: This policy requires all colleges to develop plans and procedures which are essential to respond to matters of natural and man-made hazards; public health; occupational and environmental safety as well as campus security. During the annual review of this policy, we discovered it was not formatted in accordance with the format approved by the Board in November of 2012. No substantive changes have been made to the Policy.

POLICY: 3.4.1. (II.D.)



Emergency Preparedness, Health, Safety and Security

Revised: Pending Approval of State Board; January 17, 2017; December 5, 2013

Last Reviewed: January 17, 2017; October 14, 2016

Adopted: December 5, 2013

POLICY:

The Technical College System of Georgia [TCSG] and each of its associated technical colleges and work units are committed to healthy, safe and secure workplaces and/or educational settings for all employees, students, volunteers, visitors, vendors and contractors. Each technical college or work unit shall develop, review and submit, at least annually to the System Office, those plans and procedures which are essential to respond to matters of natural and man-made hazards; public health; occupational and environmental safety as well as security. These plans and procedures shall be established with the goals of mitigating risk to individuals and physical resources as well as of maintaining compliance with national, state and local regulations. The Commissioner is directed to develop procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this policy.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of the Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Powers and Duties

- II. Motion was made by Mr. Michael Sullivan to approve revisions to POLICY 2.3.6 Accreditation Reporting Standards. Motion was seconded by Judge Dick Porter and passed State Board approval unanimously.**

DISCUSSION: We are proposing a new State Board Policy that incorporates several SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation and policy requirements that pertain to the reporting of information. The Policy will direct each college to develop and maintain an internal procedure for SACSCOC reporting that includes a requirement that all information submitted to SACSCOC be timely, complete, accurate and current.

DRAFT Policy (Pending Approval of State Board)

Revised:

Last Reviewed:

Adopted: Pending Approval of State Board March 2, 2017



It is the responsibility of colleges accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to require that all documents submitted to the Commission are candid and provide all relevant information. Each college should provide SACSCOC, access to its operations, and complete and accurate information about the college's affairs, including reports of other accrediting, licensing, and auditing agencies.

To ensure that the college operates with integrity in all matters, each college is required to develop and maintain a written procedure that requires all information submitted to the Commission is timely, complete, accurate and current.

III. Motion was made by Mr. Michael Sullivan to approve the recommended Local Board Member Appointment as listed in the Board materials. Motion was seconded by Judge Dick Porter and passed State Board approval unanimously.

Mr. Fred Perriman, Morgan County, Appointment
Georgia Piedmont Technical College
Expiration is June 30, 2019

• **Operations, Finance, and Planning**

Tim Williams

I. Expenditure Requests

The motion was made by Mr. Tim Williams for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to purchase the designated items or execute the requested contracts for the system office and technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated. Motion was seconded by Ms. Shirley Smith and passed approval by the TCSG State Board unanimously.

- 1. TCSG/Tech Ed – Request to pay the yearly participation fee to USG for FY2017 Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services (GATRACS); cost \$164,507.00. *State funds are available for this expenditure.***

Discussion: Georgia Transfer Articulation Cooperative Services (GATRACS) is a partnership between the University System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia, Georgia Dept. of Education, and the Georgia Student Finance Commission. The objective of GATRACS is to improve information on articulation opportunities and course transferability in the State of Georgia.

- 2. Athens Technical College – Two new Freightliner crew cab tractors from Peach State Truck Centers for Commercial Truck Driving Program at 2 campus locations; cost \$197,194.00. *World Class Labs bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

Discussion: The college was awarded World Class Labs funds to update their CDL program at the Alberton and Monroe campus locations. One of these crew cab tractors is needed to replace obsolete equipment and the other is an addition for program improvement.



This new equipment will better prepare students to pass the Class A Commercial Truck Driving licensure exam thru a combination of classroom instruction and range & street/road driving training on equipment that is current in the trucking industry.

3. **South Georgia Technical College** – One special Academic CERT bundle from Technical Training Aids for Industrial Systems Program; cost \$130,482.00. ***World Class Labs funds are available for this expenditure.***

Discussion: The Educational C.E.R.T. (Certified Education Robot Training) bundle is new equipment to be used for the Industrial Systems Program. Robotic vision provides the intelligence required for successful dynamic manufacturing processes and robust robotic applications, and students will receive enhanced hands-on training from various software programs with the Robots. The bundle includes 200id Robot w/ 30iB Controller, educational training cart w/safety enclosure, instructor training program/software package and other accompanying accessories.

4. **Southeastern Technical College** – CNC machining equipment from Haas Factory Outlet for new Machine Tool Technology TCC; cost \$149,998.00. ***Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

Discussion: The purchase of a CNC vertical machining center/CNC turning center with tooling is needed to copy machines used by the local industry to train entry level CNC machinists. This equipment will be used in the Machine Tool Technology TCC which was developed to meet the needs of local industry and current training will help fill employment vacancies that have been open in the local community for several months.

IV. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Gretchen Corbin

Commissioner Corbin began her remarks by thanking the presidents and staff for their time and participation in the State Board meeting.

She again thanked the presidents in advance for their participation in the upcoming March 6 meeting that will include all presidents from the University System of Georgia [USG] and the Technical College System of Georgia. This meeting was scheduled after a conversation between Governor Deal, Chancellor Wrigley and Commissioner Corbin in which partnerships were being discussed. The meeting will highlight the good work being done by both TCSG and USG together and will encourage even more collaboration in the future.

She gave a congratulations to the Office of Technical Education and more specifically to Mr. Kenny Adkins, director of apprenticeships. The Commissioner shared that she received a letter from the United State Department of Labor commending TCSG and Mr. Kenny Adkins for their work in apprenticeships. The letter congratulated all 22 TCSG colleges for being members of the Registered Apprenticeship College Consortium [RACC] and gave accolades to the System for now having the



largest number of RACC members and college sponsors in the entire country. It was noted in the letter what a great job Mr. Kenny Adkins had done promoting apprenticeships not only in the State of Georgia, but also nationally at various conferences and events, and that Mr. Adkins was a true asset to the RACC.

Lastly, Commissioner Corbin shared that Governor Deal signed the Amended FY 2017 budget at a signing ceremony in Augusta on February 15, 2017, authorizing \$24.3 billion in spending for the current fiscal year. The Amended FY 2017 budget includes \$50 million to establish the Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center that will be located on state-owned property in Augusta. The partnership between state and federal agencies, as well as the private sector, will create a secure environment for cybersecurity education programs, testing and training. Already home to the Cyber Center of Excellence and the future headquarters of the U.S. Army cyber command headquarters, the Georgia Cyber Innovation and Training Center will promote modernization in cybersecurity technology for both private and public industries in Georgia and beyond. She remarked that it was an honor yet again for the TCSG to be included in this partnership that will include various state agencies.

That concluded the Commissioner's report.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Yarbrough

Chairman Yarbrough echoed the Commissioner's sentiments on the great work done in the past month by the System Office and the colleges.

He took a moment to remind the State Board of upcoming dates:

- SkillsUSA Breakfast – March 24 from 7-9am – GA Int'l Convention Center
- 2017 EAGLE Awards Luncheon – March 15 at 11:30am – at the Atlanta Evergreen Conference Center at Stone Mountain.
- 2017 GOAL and Rick Perkins awards are April 10-13 and will coincide with the Leadership Summit and our April State Board Meeting.

Next meeting is Monday, April 10, 2017 at the Grand Hyatt-Buckhead. He encouraged all Board Members to participate in as many of the events that week that their schedules allow.

That concluded the Chairman's comments. Motion was made by Mr. Michael Sullivan to adjourn the March State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 1:25pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law and passed State Board approval unanimously. Meeting stood adjourned.

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Yarbrough