On September 17, 2013, the District Board of Trustees honored Representative Marlene O'Toole by adopting a resolution on her behalf which cited her helpfulness in establishing the Sumter County Partnership for Innovation and Education. This year is the 50th anniversary of Leesburg Regional Medical Center and the 75th year of Florida Hospital Waterman. Both hospitals were honored with the adoption of resolutions recounting their histories of service to the college and the community.

The Board approved the appointments of
Paul Genz as Instructor in Electrical Distribution Technology (effective 8/13/13),
Diana Billingham as Specialist Accounting (effective 7/22/13),
Nancy Petty as State & Federal Reports Coordinator (effective 8/1/13),
Stephanie Brinkley as Administrative Legal Assistant (part-time, effective 9/3/13),
Chris Marquez as Maintenance Service Worker II, Buildings South Lake (effective 9/3/13),
Kyle Cole as eLearning Technologist (effective 8/1/13) and
Timothy Vazquez as Science Lab Technician, South Lake (effective 9/6/13).

accepted the retirement notices of Karen Levin, Joette Naftel, Howard Dixon, Warren White, and Joseph Dziengowski; and accepted the resignations of Debra Marvel, K. Sue Fagan, and Amber Owen.

The Board approved offering the existing health insurance plan to employees with an 8% increase in premiums absorbed by the College through June 30, 2014. This will require no adjustment to the budget for 2013-2014.

Dr. Mojock discussed items of interest:

- Dr. Matt Basham has been hired as the Director of the Sumter County Partnership for Workforce Innovation and Education. He will be here in about two weeks, and comes to us from the University of Western Kentucky and also had a lengthy stay at St. Petersburg College.

- The Legislative Budget request from the Florida College System for 2014 totals $150 million. The first priority of the colleges is student achievement and success, and the second is “compression funding” which seeks to bring better balance into the funding of all colleges within the Florida College System.

- State funding of the colleges is 20% less now than it was five years ago.

- There will be a lot of discussion this Legislative Session about Dual Enrollment and how to cover the costs.

- A bill has been submitted for colleges to consider all veterans who apply to be viewed as residents of the State of Florida and to charge them resident fees.

- A discussion will be held at the October meeting on the baccalaureate degree application and approval process timeline and the selection of baccalaureate programs.

- A draft of the 2013-14 Annual Plan is on the Board Portal for Board members to review.
The Board approved or accepted the following:

- The revision of Board Rules 1.02 (Meetings of the District Board of Trustees) and 2.24 (Identity Theft Prevention Program)

- Memorandum of Understanding between LSSC and Sumter County Schools with regard to applying for a United Way grant in support of postsecondary workforce training

- Sale of real property (1.05 acres on Highway 441 in front of Facilities Building) owned by LSSC Foundation, Inc.

- Lease for six months from Sumter County Schools six classrooms in former Wildwood Middle School for use by the Sumter County Partnership during 2013-14

- Through an existing contract with Edison State College, a five-year banking services agreement with Bank of America with the possibility of 5 one-year renewals.

- The 2012-2013 Annual Financial Report highlighting the following:
  
  o In FY 2012-13, State support and student revenues were about the same as the previous year. FTE was down and distance learning fees were up.

  o The State requires a 5% ending unrestricted fund balance. LSSC has an 11.67% fund balance which includes the Board’s designated reserves of $1.16 million.

  o The College’s net assets as of June 30, 2013 is $65.6 million.

  o The Foundation’s net assets as of December 31, 2012 are $12.9 million.

- The President’s contract for 2012-2016 updated


- Facilities Update including the new entrance signs for the Leesburg Campus.

- Purchases over $25,000 for the period July 1 through August 30, 2012

The next meeting of the Board will be on October 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sumter Campus.