PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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BUSINESS SESSION
March 16, 2017
Southeast Campus
1626 SE Water Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97214

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE
Mohamed Alyajouri, Jim Harper, Deanna Palm, Chair Kali Thorne-Ladd, Michael
Sonnleitner and Molly Walker

WORK SESSION
Chair Thorne-Ladd called the work session to order at 4:30 pm. Foundation executive
board members joined in on the conversation regarding the bond campaign planning.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The board met in executive session at 6:45 pm to discuss In accordance with ORS
192.660 (2), in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (d) labor negotiations and (k) campus
safety.

Linda Degman presented an update on the Portland Metro Partnership. Gary
Christiansen provided an update on litigation regarding the Newberg Center.

Executive session adjourned at 7:15 pm.

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Thorne-Ladd called the business meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
The February 23, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as published. Harper/Sonnleitner

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
The agenda was approved as published. Palm/Sonnleitner

INFORMATION SESSIONS
Southeast Campus Update, Dr. Jessica Howard, Campus President
Dr. Howard updated the board on Southeast Campus. The update provided connection to
the work happening at Southeast and the President’s work plan. Campus hiring practices
reflect a commitment to diversity. The campus has engaged in intentional onboarding of
all new full-time faculty around equity driven student centered practices. A few initiatives
happening at Southeast are Belonging Workgroup, Affinity Spaces, STEM Center,
Conversation Café.
Southeast is host to many events, these include cultureSEast and Multicultural Night. The Multicultural Night was led by students. More than fifteen cultures were represented.

Oregon Community College Association, John Wykoff, Deputy Director
Mr. Wykoff provided an update on the budget work in Salem. Community colleges and universities are usually the first to be cut from budgets, but this year the funding was flat. Legislators have realized that the budget shouldn’t be balanced on the backs of students.

Most of the major decisions regarding the budget will be held off until the May forecast. This could be because legislators are waiting until the end of the cycle to have tough conversations regarding PERS reform. Oregon Promise was budgeted at $40 million and the co-chairs fund it at $20 million, after a statue was removed limiting it to $10 million. A concern with Oregon Promise is that skewing the equity of the program. Students with the most need are not being served by it. They would like to see the copays removed and the 2.5 GPA removed. The Opportunity Grant did get an increase in the governor’s budget. The funding from this should not be cut to fund the Oregon Promise.

A major issue being looked at currently transferability. The universities are pushing back, legislators are in agreement with the community colleges on making the systems navigable. Open education resources is another bill that would help HECC with funding to continue the work on reducing costs for students.

CTE Alignment bill has a lot of support. High schools and community colleges are working to get this moved through for approval. There are several bills for PERS reform. They will not likely move forward as the measures are extreme. The changes need to be done in a thoughtful way to avoid many retirements in the state.

Good news this session, there are fewer Taskforce Bills and unfunded mandate bills.

Workforce Development/Community Education, Marc Goldberg, Associate Vice President WDCE has developed a strategic plan with mission, principles, goals, initiatives and performance measures. Goals include fiscal, performance, team and service components. Public partnerships to leverage the expertise across two counties. Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center is a huge project with many public and private partnerships that is being developed. Gregg Meyer has been doing great work in Washington and Columbia County to line up with employers and schools.

Willow Creek Center will be housing a new mechatronics program. These skills are transferrable to other industry sectors. The vision is that Willow Creek will become an Advanced Technology Center. Key performance measures have been created and data has been collected that is being distilled into a report. Grants fund WFD at 60%, this is year to year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None
BUSINESS MEETING
Chair Thorne-Ladd called for a motion to remove Resolution 17-086. Palm/Sonnleitner
Chair Thorne-Ladd proposed approval of Resolutions 17-078 through 17-088. Harper/Alyajouri

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS
None

REPORTS
Molly Walker provided an update for the District Student Council.

Frank Goulard and Elisabeth Davidson provided updates on behalf of the Faculty and Academic Professional Federation and the Classified Union.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Kali Thorne-Ladd, Chair
Mark Mitsui, College President

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Minutes approved on April 20, 2017.