

Portland Community College Board of Directors
PO BOX 19000, Portland, Oregon 97280

May 20, 2021
Via remote access

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Tiffani Penson, Dan Saltzman, Michael Sonnleitner, Alex Díaz Rios, Riley Turner

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (a) employment of a public official, (d) labor negotiations, (e) real property, (h) litigation, and (i) evaluation of the CEO.

WORK SESSION

The board met in work session and received updates regarding the Board's strategic calendar, audit committee, election update, and policy.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alyajouri called the Business Meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The May 20, 2021 agenda was approved as published. Frisbee/Sonnleitner
Alyajouri – Yes Penson – Yes Saltzman - Yes
Díaz Rios - Yes Sonnleitner – Yes
Frisbee - Yes Harper - Yes

RECOGNITION

All Oregon Academic Team
Casey Dudek, Thomas Farrenkopf, Paul Herrera, Lenaya Martin, Heidi Brown, Andrew Clark, Audra Lein, Justin Cory, Brea Nazareno, Jessica Betts

INFORMATION SESSIONS

President's Updates – Mark Mitsui

The COVID Opening Leadership Team (COLT) has approved fifteen additional programs to return to campus during the Summer Term. Fall Term will bring the return of a dozen more programs and the most critical student services to campus. President Mitsui also discussed his federal testimony and College service awards.

DEI: Respectful Workplace – Amy James Neel

Workforce and contracting equity update and implementation of respectful workplace programming. Information about workforce and contracting goals, shifting construction culture, strategies for promoting meaningful change, and internal audit processes for equity and access.

Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) – Cam Preus, OCCA President
The 2020 OCCA Virtual Conference had record breaking attendance. Themes included DEI, Workforce and the New Economy, and Coping in the Time of COVID.

Planning and Capital Construction: 2017 Bond Information Technology and Safety and Security Projects – Linda Degman and Debra Jarcho
Update was given via pre-recorded presentation.

Educational Advisory Committee – Katy Ho, Josephine Pino
Update was given via pre-recorded presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Alyajouri proposed approval of Resolutions 21-159 to 21-178. Sonnleitner/Díaz Rios

Alyajouri – Yes

Penson – Yes

Saltzman – Yes

Díaz Rios – Yes

Sonnleitner – Yes

Frisbee - Yes

Harper - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Aubrey Baldwin: Speaking on the open letter from faculty to administration

Davina Ramirez: "Open Letter" sent to Administration

Amy Cakebread: Open letter from the Faculty

REPORTS

PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard, President

A big part of our HECC meeting in June will be about the Community College Support Fund (CCSF) and how that formula will be derived. It will be a good education session for all fourteen commission members. I want to thank those for speaking tonight; it was brave speech. In the COVID Opening Leadership Team, there is one faculty member out of 20. We need their teaching and learning expertise. We need more inclusion in the conversations.

PCC Federation of Classified Employees (AFT Local 3922): Jeff Grider, President

I'm glad to hear the PCC Budget was approved and that the College finances are doing well. Classified employees are below faculty as far as representation. Better outcomes occur when all voices are heard.

District Student Council (DSC) – Riley Turner

Our search phase for student trustee applicants ends tomorrow and we will begin the interview phase. The DSC is in a restructuring process and what we've begun doing conceptually is beginning to materialize in exciting ways. The DSC has sent off our proposal to the general councils for a constitutional convention to take place this

summer as an aspect of our overall restructure. Last week the DSC set two guiding principles; the first is the equity statement already contained in the DSC constitution; the second is the United Cultural Districts list of demands presented in the fall. Last month we received a few different correspondences from students and faculty on behalf of students. Our reopening plan has been a hot topic. Now that we are seeing public education institutions offering full openings in the fall, students are excited about that possibility. I know that is not COLT's plan, but there seems to be a lack of avenues for student input on these issues. I encourage the College to create a pathway for direct student feedback regarding the overall reopening plan.

Board Members:

Director Sonnleitner

OCCA has created a committee for statewide diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). I am one of eighteen on that committee. They are quite serious about dramatically improving DEI at the statewide, community college level. We have begun with trainings for ourselves, including on Oregon's racist history.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mohamed Alyajouri, Chair

Mark Mitsui, President

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Minutes approved on July 15, 2021.