

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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BUSINESS SESSION

May 17, 2018
Sylvania Campus
12000 S.W. 49th Ave., Portland, OR 97219

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Valdez Bravo, Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Michael Sonnleitner, Kali Thorne Ladd, Deanna Palm, Kien Truong

WORK SESSION

The Board of Directors met in Work Session at 4:00 pm.

Budget and Tuition Schedule – Jim Langstraat

Vice-President Langstraat presented five draft budget projection scenarios for the 2019-21 biennium. Each takes into account property tax, state revenue, tuition, wages and salaries, retirement and benefits costs, and enrollment. He also shared a preliminary budget development calendar.

PERS Bond – Jim Langstraat

Vice-President Langstraat presented information about the opportunity to issue pension bonds to reduce the cost of PCC's obligations to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The Board agreed that he will continue exploring this option and may bring a resolution to the June 2018 Board Meeting.

Metro Bond – Mark Mitsui

President Mitsui shared details on a regional affordable housing measure on the November general election ballot. Sponsored by Metro, the measure could create as many as 3,200 affordable homes for up to 10,000 people. He also described a partnership between Tacoma Community College and the Tacoma Housing Authority that provides rental assistance to students who are homeless or almost homeless.

Transportation Update – Mark Mitsui

President Mitsui described a recent meeting with TriMet officials to discuss making reduced-fare transit passes available to PCC students. Details have yet to be worked out.

K-12/PCC Alignment Discussion – Kali Thorne Ladd

Chair Thorne Ladd discussed Opening Doors to Adult Success, a recent meeting of PCC and nine K-12 districts at Education Northwest. Separate follow-up meetings may be held for board members and administrators.

Board Retreat Planning – Kali Thorne Ladd

Chair Thorne Ladd regrets that she is unable to attend the Board retreat on July 20 with Noah Brown, President and CEO of The Association of Community College Trustees. The meeting will go forward as a half-day professional development opportunity for the Board. The retreat has been rescheduled for August 10.

OCCA Update – Denise Frisbee

Director Frisbee encouraged Board members to attend the OCCA's Trustee Summer Workshop June 25 at the Oregon Garden Resort. The event will feature Josh Wyner, founder and Executive Director of the College Excellence Program at the Aspen Institute. She also noted that Southeast Campus President Jessica Howard will serve on the search committee for the next OCCA Executive Director.

District Student Council Update – Kien Truong

Director Truong reported that the DSC voted to provide funding for the DREAMers Center to support mentoring programs on each campus, student ambassadors and supplies during the 2018-19 academic year.

Statewide Budget Request – Emma Kallaway

Government Relations Manager Kallaway presented PCC's strategy for building support for higher education funding with business, labor, students, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the Governor's Office, Legislators, Media and the Public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Thorne Ladd called for The Board of Directors to meet in Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Transactions.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thorne Ladd called the business meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Thorne Ladd asked for a motion to approve the May 17, 2018, agenda as published. Frisbee/Bravo

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Thorne Ladd asked for a motion to approve the April 19, 2018, meeting minutes. Director Frisbee asked that the minutes be amended to include her comments as follows: "Director Frisbee expressed her disappointment that the college had not utilized data to examine the equitable distribution of Future Connect and college aspiration programs in the college district, particularly with reference to schools in the southwest school districts of Tualatin, Tigard and Sherwood. To learn that fewer than 1 percent of Future Connect students come from those school districts—an area that comprises one third of our district—undermines our stated commitment to equitable student success."

The meeting minutes were approved as amended. Sonnleitner/Palm

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Mid-cycle Accreditation

Vice-President Katy Ho reported that two evaluators visited PCC in mid-April as part of the Mid-cycle Accreditation process. They were here to follow up on the report and recommendations from the last accreditation and to provide feedback and coaching. Although the evaluators did not provide formal evaluation results, they were very positive on PCC's work in Information Technology, Facilities Planning and Accessible Learning Outcomes. They were especially impressed with the application of Critical Race Theory in the facilities plan and indicated the college is on track for its next accreditation cycle.

Student Housing/Metro Bond

President Mark Mitsui shared information about a regional affordable housing measure that will be on the November ballot. Sponsored by Metro, the measure could create as many as 3,200 affordable homes for up to 10,000 people. Also on the ballot will be a constitutional amendment to allow local bonds to support affordable housing created by nongovernmental entities. Depending on whether the amendment passes, a regional bond would have different outcomes and eligible activities.

YESS (Yes to Equitable Student Success) Update

Vice-Presidents Katy Ho and Rob Steinmetz reported on the YESS initiative's first year. Activities included PCC becoming a member of Achieving the Dream, an independent non-profit aimed at closing the opportunity gap and accelerating student success through innovative, evidence-based programs and interventions. Four focus areas have emerged:

- Build a Foundation for Guided Pathways
- Continue PCC's Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Increase Data and Technology Capacity
- Implement a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan

The initiative is now moving into the implementation phase. Between now and December 2018, steps include funding allocation, team formation, communications planning, a YESS summit, detailed implementation planning and establishment of outcomes and timelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jeff Grider: Regarding Board Resolution 18-114: Accept proposal and award contract for commercial property management services at the Downtown Center to Melvin Mark Properties, Mr. Grider noted that the Portland Community College Federation of Classified Employees, takes exception to PCC's decision to use an outside contractor to provide custodial services at the college's Downtown Center. He also noted that custodial staffing at the CLIMB Center has been reduced.

BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Thorne Ladd proposed approval of Consent Agenda Items 18-110 through 18-116. Alyajouri/Palm

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

None

REPORTS

Faculty and Academic Professionals

Frank Goulard, President of PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals, reported that President Mark Mitsui and Linn-Benton Community College President Greg Hamann appeared before the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) on May 10 to represent community colleges in Oregon. Mr. Goulard is a non-voting member of HECC. The June meeting of HECC will be the commission's last chance to receive input before sending a funding proposal to the governor.

Classified

Jeff Grider, President of PCC Federation of Classified Employees, has been elected Treasurer of AFT-Oregon, a state affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers.

Students

Kien Truong, PCC Student Trustee, reported that the District Student Council (DSC) approved funding for Dreamer Center programs through the 2018-2019 academic year. He introduced three DSC representatives: Communications Director Hannah Alzgal, Vice Chair for Legislative Affairs Jenn Aarness, and Council Chair Mohamad Karim, who will service as Student Trustee in 2018-2019.

Board Members

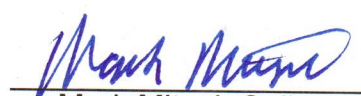
Director Sonleitner acknowledged the observance of Ramadan, May 17 to June 15, by Muslims in our community. Chair Thorne Ladd reminded Board members and others about the PCC Foundation Gala May 19.

President

President Mitsui offered congratulations to Student Trustee Kien Truong for an amazing year of student leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.


Kari Thorne Ladd, Chair
Mark Mitsui, College President

Prepared by:


Chris Moore, Interim Executive Coordinator

Seannie Moton

Amended minutes approved on May 17, 2018.