

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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BUSINESS SESSION

June 21, 2018
Southeast Campus
2305 SE 82nd Avenue, Portland OR 97216

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Chair Kali Thorne-Ladd, Michael Sonnleitner and Kien Truong

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The PCC Board of Directors met in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2), (f) Information Exempt from Public Disclosure (Attorney-Client Privilege) for an Executive Session.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thorne-Ladd called the business meeting to order at 6:05 pm

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published. Harper/Frisbee

The May 17, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as published. Frisbee/Alyajouri

PUBLIC HEARING -- SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Vice President Jim Langstraat provided reminded the board members that when the legal budget is adopted in the spring, it is before we have key information such as state funding, bargaining and enrollment. Since this is done, there is a process to amend the budget. In order to do this, we have to have a public hearing—notice has been published and finance staff are present for any questions.

Director Sonnleitner expressed that an ongoing concern that he has is regarding the contingency line items (\$61 million) and the reserve. He advises that having an indirect reduction in the reserve fund is not sound. Vice President Langstraat responded that the current budget does allow for growth of the reserve fund over the course of the biennium.

He also expressed minor concern regarding the distribution of supplemental funds for the campuses. He was slightly concerned that the Southeast Campus budget has proportionality less money directed towards it. He also noticed the Rock Creek budget is less than Sylvania. Vice President Langstraat replied equity among the campus distributions is a primary concern in the Finance Office as well. This year we have done some rebalancing of the campus distributions. Sylvania and Cascade both gave up some resources in favor of Southeast. Associate Vice President of Finance Eric Blumenthal is

working on a distribution model that will bring equity to the process. Chair Thorne Ladd remarked that as board members, it is a fine line to not pit campuses against each other in the budgeting process. As board members we are serving the district. Although, equity is important in the distribution, we put trust into the leadership of the college to advise the board. Vice President Langstraat added that he was pleased with the collaborative nature of the discussion underway. Director Sonnleitner noted that he is trying to show what he believes is a wide-spread impression that in past years the pattern has been inequitable. He saw that the budget approved last June showed some improvement in the equity but now the supplemental budget shows a reversion back to the inequity. Vice President Langstraat did acknowledge that there is a variance among the four campuses and that is being addressed.

This hearing was publicized for community input and the Finance Office heard from no one.

Public Comment on Supplemental Budget Hearing
None

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Southeast Campus Update – Dr. Jessica Howard

Dr. Howard presented a Prezi for her Southeast Campus update. The update provided was framed with equitable student success. Faculty and staff, no matter of position, play an important role creating the conditions for students to succeed. The Southeast Campus plan is all about that by supporting district-wide YESS work by creating the conditions on site for the communities in Southeast Portland to succeed. Campus climate and belonging are a focus and is where student success starts. For students who feel like they are on the margins. Many students come predisposed to feeling that way. The Belonging Work Group is a standing committee that focuses on making all feel welcome on campus. This group also addresses food insecurity, job shadow, pedagogical practices and campus climate. ESOL students have opportunities to connect through Conversation Café. This past year the Portland Art Museum had a display called, Portland Meet Portland. On that display, Southeast Campus was called out twice as a place on the city map as a place where immigrants felt like they belonged.

Student success also means greater synergy with local high schools, specifically Franklin and Madison high schools. Through collaboration with All Hands Raised work with on-site teams made of high school staff and community groups like Latino Network and ERCO to concentrate and align efforts to increase the number of students coming to PCC while in high school. Fast Track is a program offered to these students to help them succeed. Support for specific student communities is also important. Diversity Retention Centers are key to this support. Because of student activism at state Southeast Campus will soon have a Veterans' Resource Center. There have been cross collaborations around campus.

Faculty support is essential for student success. For the last two years there has been an onboarding and ally program offered for all new faculty on the campus. They meet during

the year to share best practices and learn about resources. Next year it will expand to include part-time faculty with multi-year contracts. Faculty members teach others about cultural responsive teaching and equity in the classroom.

There are three new certificate programs at Southeast. An articulation agreement is being developed with PSU for Supply Chain Management Logistics program. There have been many external and internal events hosted at Southeast to engage the community.

The Southeast President's Council connects student engagement opportunities with targeted fundraising. Through those donations some of the things mentioned today are with their support. Dr. Howard thanked the group for their commitment to students and student success.

OER Update – Alex Jordan, Ann Cary, Ross Kouzes

This is the third update from the OER group on the strategic initiative of making an open source algebra book. This is something that can be used openly by anyone without the fear of infringing on copyrights. Students can use this online with no cost attached. It can be downloaded or printed for a cost of \$12.00 if a hard copy is preferred. A few samples were provided for the board members to look at. PCC.edu/ORCA is the homepage for this resource.

The slide deck presented walked through a few of the slides and showed what is offered in the book. Amazon was selected as the publisher for cost purposes. The royalties received from the sale of the books will be accepted by the Sylvania President's Office. Half of the funds will go to scholarships with the PCC Foundation and the other half will to support the project.

There has been a lot of great engagement and feedback from colleagues and students from all over the district.

Fall 2014 was the start of tracking the savings from OER resources. There has been over \$1 million saved by students across the district using multiple resources, not just this math. In the pilot year, for students who used this book there was a savings of \$123,000. Moving forward, the estimate for next year will be around \$600,000. There is no statistical difference in the success rates of students using traditional books versus the OER source.

Other educational institutions are interested or are using this source.

Commencement – Mark Mitsui

There were about 5,000 attendees for commencement this year. There were 900 graduates that walked across the state and 5,800 students completed degrees. This is the highlight of the year. President Mitsui thanked everyone for their contributions to student success. He also wanted to thank Senator Jeff Merkely and the student speaker for their participation.

RECOGNITION

- PCC Accounting Staff: Vice President Jim Langstraat, Associate Vice President Eric Blumenthal, Jim Crofts, and Sally Gregory were recognized for their recognition from the Government Financial of Accounting for their Excellence in Financial Reporting in preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This will mark the 25th year that PCC has been awarded this honor.
- Retirement Recognition: President Mark Mitsui presented Dr. Sandra Fowler-Hill with gifts for her retirement. He noted that he appreciates the work that she has done at Rock Creek. Thanks to her engagement in the community PCC Rock Creek is in a very good place.

Dr. Fowler-Hill made a few comments. She thanked everyone for their support and that it is an honor to end her career at Rock Creek. She recognized Director Deanna Palm for all the support she has offered while at PCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Thorne-Ladd proposed approval of Resolutions 18-117 through 18-155.
Frisbee/Harper

Chair Thorne Ladd noted that with the approval of the resolutions there were 500 years of service to the college retiring.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-156 A Resolution Adopting the Portland Community College Supplemental Budget for the 2017-19 Biennium, Authorizing Transfers between Appropriate Units, Categories and Funds; Use of Contingency Funds; and Changes in Total Budget Authority. Frisbee/Harper

A roll call was taken for Resolution 18-156

YEA

NAY

Mohamed Alyajouri
Denise Frisbee
Vice Chair Jim Harper
Michael Sonnleitner
Chair Kali Thorne-Ladd

Motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Kien Truong thanked the board of directors for his time on the board. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve with such a passionate group of people. He thanked Josh Peters-McBride and Jessica Howard for their support over the years. He considers PCC family

and is proud to be a part of it.

Chair Thorne Ladd added that having Kien's leadership on the board has been phenomenal. He has done a great job of relaying student issues to the board. She presented him with a token of their gratitude.

Southeast Campus President Jessica Howard presented Kien with a token of appreciation from Southeast Campus as a thank you. He is an extraordinary human and carries an abiding love for others. He began his leadership at Southeast Campus with the Passion Impact Club, which is a club about volunteering for service. This is where the Multicultural Night started, which is now a tradition at Southeast and an anchor competent of Cultures East. This event will last as a legacy to his name.

REPORTS

Classified Union

Jeff Grider provided an update on activities regarding the union members. Members have been busy with various conferences and events. These include a Faculty Summit at Cascade Campus, the PCC Foundation GALA, a two-day training on student debt clinics, the Encore conference, the PCC Retirement Dinner and of course—Commencement.

The Classified Union hosted a Professional Development Retreat at Southeast Campus. There were over 250 attendees, with record attendance.

As you all know, we are anxiously awaiting the Janus decision that is soon to be announced.

Student Update

Kien Truong provided a snapshot of what student leaders have done over the last year. A few of the numbers are:

- 100+ Community service project
- Volunteered over 4000 hours
- 260 events hosted around the District
- 66 students participated in an alternative break trip, traveling through 7 states
- 12 legislative interns served in Salem
- 3,150 households (6,000 students) were served by the Panther Pantry
- \$73k emergency grants were awarded (helping 96 students)
- 126 childcare grants awarded (84 families served)

Board Members

Director Frisbee shared that OCCA is conducting a search the Executive Director. Advocacy training hosted by OCCA today, with all colleges being represented. CCWD submitted budget to HECC identifying the community college support fund ask, \$787 million. This is an increase from last year's finding of \$575 million. We will need all the support at the legislature at the next session.

Director Sonnleitner mentioned his attendance at the Rainbow Graduation at Southeast.

There were over 100 people participating in the Pride Parade.

Vice Chair Harper commended PCC on what a great school we are. Attending the PCC Retirement dinner each is a highlight for him to see new and returning retirees each year. We need to remember we have everything to be proud of.

Chair Thorne Ladd noted that she and the board are happy to have Jeannie Moton back in her role. She echoed Vice Chair Harper's voice about the faculty and staff we have here at PCC. She thanked everyone for their work to make PCC what it is.

President

President Mitsui reiterated what an exciting time Commencement is and what it symbolizes. At last week's Legacy luncheon it was great to see Foundation donors. An announcement was made at that event that the Foundation Campaign is now at \$15 million raised of the \$20 million goal. He thanked Director Sonnleitner for attending the event. Transportation is a huge need for our students. He thanked to Directors Frisbee and Palm for their work with TriMEt. He also thanked Rob, Jim, and Kathleen for work their work in securing low income fair for students and employees who qualify. There have also been many conversations about student housing. More to come.

He welcomed Mohamed Karim, the new DSC Representative to the board. He will be sworn in next month at the board meeting.

A summit will be held at Willow Creek next week. We will be implementing HB 4043, this is about reforming benefits policy that create barriers for students. It will be announced by DHS that a waiver for students on SNAP will no longer have a 20 hour work requirement if they are enrolled full-time.

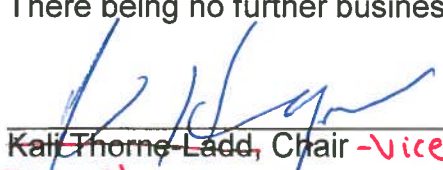
Former US Secretary of Education John King will be at PCC on October 24 to keynote another summit we will be hosting.

The OCCA budget ask of \$787 million will be what we lobby in Salem for. With \$70 million being earmarked for wrap around service initiatives to improve outcomes. The goal is to impact 36,000 of the 286,000 community college students. Most community colleges are deficit spending to meet current service levels. The commission didn't know these. The presentation in Salem was very informative.

Advocates in Action met in Washington, DC. Emma Kallaway, Lisa Avery and myself attended. DACA was a key topic. They also met with the Veteran's Affair regarding the Aviation Program at Rock Creek.

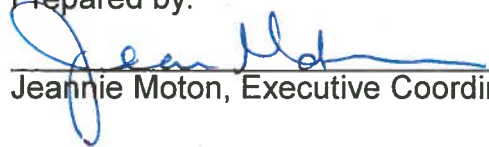
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.


~~Kali Thorne Ladd, Chair~~ -Vice
Jim Harper


Mark Mitsui, College President

Prepared by:



Jeannie Moton, Executive Coordinator

Minutes approved on July 19, 2018.