

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Portland Community College
PO BOX 19000, Portland, Oregon 97280

BUSINESS SESSION
January 17, 2019
Sylvania Campus
12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Mohamed Alyajouri, Valdez Bravo, Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Deanna Palm, Chair Kali Thorne Ladd, Michael Sonnleitner and Mohamad Karim

WORK SESSION

Director Thorne Ladd called the work session to order at 4:34 pm.

Sylvia Kelley provided an overview of a possible bond and the timeline of the planning process should PCC decide to pursue a bond. Eric Blumenthal and Dina Farrell provided an update on the base budget and what it means for PCC.

An update on OCCA and all the legislative work being done in Salem was given by Director Frisbee and Emma Kallaway. Director Bravo reported that he would be introducing a resolution for consideration during the business session of the board meeting. A brief update was provided by Directors Alyajouri and Sonnleitner in regards to the work of the DEI Committee.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thorne Ladd called the business meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Thorne Ladd asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a resolution from Director Bravo. Sonnleitner/Palm

Chair Thorne Ladd asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda.
Alyajouri/Sonnleitner

The December 13, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as published. Alyajouri/Frisbee

INFORMATION SESSIONS

YESS Update--Dr. Rob Steinmetz and Dr. Katy Ho

An update of the work being done on YESS was provided to the board. Attention was given to the work surrounding Advising Redesign and Guided Pathways. A PowerPoint was presented.

Dashboard Update--Mark Mitsui

President Mitsui presented a draft version of a dashboard that will be used for quarterly updates to the board.

Tuition Update—Mark Mitsui, Eric Blumenthal and Dina Farrell

President Mitsui provided an overview of the biennial budget process and the key decisions that were used to develop the budget. Keeping in mind that decisions have to be made before the state budget is announced as well as the requirement to present a budget to the tax conservation district. The Governors recommended budget \$543M, community colleges are currently working with \$570M. The co-chairs have submitted a budget but there is no indication of any new revenue packages. Interim Vice President Blumenthal and Interim Associate Vice President Farrell's report included an overview of the base models for \$543M, \$570M, \$580M. They also discussed the \$6 per credit increase that continues to be modify based in the most current information from the State. There continues to be a decline in enrollment, there was 6.3% decline winter term which also affects the budget process. Given the uncertainty of enrollment the budget is being developed with a conservative approach. Teams from all of the 17 community colleges are collaborating to share and compare approaches the different approaches being taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Tuition: Jon Conner, Hannah Alzgal, Teri Fane, Amanda Hernandez, Jadera B. Shane Kirkpatrick, Tylar Briggs, Jen Aarness, Amanda Hernandez

BUSINESS SESSION

Before the approval of the consent agenda, Director Bravo asked for a motion for the board to consider a resolution for a Call on the Oregon Legislature to Fund Community Colleges. Director Frisbee made the second. The full text is below:

CALL ON THE OREGON LEGISLATURE TO FUND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

WHEREAS the Oregon Community College Association recommends that community colleges be funded in 2020-2021 at a level of \$787 million, and

WHEREAS the Governor's proposed base budget for 2020-2021 only allocates \$543 million for community colleges, and

WHEREAS Portland Community College will have to make up 40% of the legislative budget shortfalls from the state by raising tuition in excess of \$6.00 per credit hour for each year of the next biennium, and raising tuition for international students in excess of \$12.00 per credit hour of each year of the biennium, and

WHEREAS in addition to raising tuition Portland Community College will also need to make up 60% of the difference between what is needed for community colleges and what has been allocated by the Governor's base budget by cutting as many as 100 dedicated, hard-working, student-serving staff and thus reducing offerings and services, and

WHEREAS the Oregon Community College Association recommended budget allocation of \$787 million would allow for \$70 million in career technical education (CTE) programs (which would double the number of graduates, an additional 7,900) and \$70 million in student support (which would serve an additional 17,900 students) for Oregon's 17 community colleges, and

WHEREAS fifty percent of Oregon's jobs are middle-skilled jobs but only 45% of those jobs are currently filled due to a skilled workforce shortage, and

WHEREAS every dollar invested in Portland Community College results in a significant return-on-investment to the community, and

WHEREAS each dollar allocated beyond base funding will go directly toward lowering tuition hikes, reducing student debt, enhancing academic and career advising and thus raising graduation rates, and expanding resources for underserved communities, and

WHEREAS if Oregon is serious about addressing big challenges like reducing student debt, achieving greater economic fairness, and creating better opportunities for all Oregonians, we must increase the commitment to community colleges. To achieve financial stability for students and community colleges, additional revenue and a more balanced budget is required.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROPOSED THAT the Portland Community College Board of Directors calls on the Oregon Legislature to fully fund Oregon's 17 community colleges at the \$787 million level currently proposed by the Oregon Community College Association which will prevent tuition hikes across Oregon's 17 community colleges, retain staff positions, improve student success and access, and help train students of today to meet Oregon's workforce needs of tomorrow.

Discussion:

Chair Thorne Ladd referred to the Action Steps and Lobby Days for PCC community support. She noted that we need to mobilize and be heard. She encouraged everyone to show up for lobby days and make calls to your legislators.

Motion passes.

Chair Thorne Ladd proposed approval of Resolutions 19-059 through 19-071.
Palm/Frisbee

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Democracy and Fees: Charles Bridgecrane Johnson

Metro Layoffs: Jaime Rodriguez

Food/Bookstore: Mahdi Ahmed

Student Life: Vee Vo

Resources: Sucdi

Carbon Reduction: Thomas Colvin

REPORTS

Reports were given by:

Students: Mohamad Karim

Classified: Jeff Grider

Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard

Board Members

Chair Thorne Ladd acknowledge Directors Frisbee and Palm for their leadership in meeting with the Governor.

Director Palm thanked Director Bravo for the resolution

Director Bravo thanked Jeff Grider for signing onto the resolution. While Lobby Day was positive and supportive, it was everything short of a hard commitment. He encouraged everyone to tell their stories and push for that commitment. He thanked everyone who for their support.

Director Palm noted that she hears from legislators and that they love community colleges. But the investments are not there, the college needs the funding.

President

President Mitsui noted that the dire cuts proposed by the governor and co-chairs is not good news. The only way to adjust for this is unfortunately with increased tuition and fees, as well as layoffs. There have been passionate meetings all around the state. The legislature needs to hear from all of you. They need to hear the stories we heard tonight.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was able to mobilize people by connecting us. We won't see change unless we mobilize, this is our opportunity to speak loudly, reinforce we are the equalizer and that we provide opportunity more than any other institution. Let's show them that we have a voice. Tell your neighbor, friends for the equity future of Oregon

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.


Kali Thorne Ladd, Chair
Mark Mitsui, College President

Prepared by:


Jeannie Moton, Executive Coordinator

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