

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

BUSINESS SESSION
October 24, 2019
Sylvania Campus
12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland, OR 97219

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Hannah Alzgal, Mohamed Alyajouri, Denise Frisbee, Jim Harper, Tiffani Penson, Alex Diaz Rios, Dan Saltzman, Michael Sonnleitner

WORK SESSION

The board met in work session and received updates and debriefs about the Association of Community College Trustees Annual Congress, fall enrollment, budget update, student report, and Oregon Community College Association and Oregon President Council activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) to discuss (d) labor negotiations, (e) real property, (h) litigation, and (k) school safety.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harper called the Business Meeting to order at 6:51 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as published. Frisbee/Saltzman

The September 19, 2019 meeting minutes were approved as published. Alyajouri/Diaz Rios

RECOGNITION

ASPCC Leaders and Presidential Interns were introduced.

ADJOURN BUSINESS SESSION AND CONVENE AS LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD

Public Hearing on Exemption from Competitive Bidding in accordance with ORS 279C.335 (2) and (5)

Public Comment on Exemption from Competitive Bidding: None

ADJOURN AS LOCAL CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD AND RECONVENE AS BUSINESS SESSION

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Legislative Update — Emma Kallaway

End of session report and debrief was given to the Board, including feedback from members of the legislature on how they received the efforts of the college. Debrief on zone distribution amongst all the representatives in the area. When districts overlapped zones, the Directors were assigned to representatives who they may have previously established a rapport, has the majority of the district, or how the individual legislator identifies.

This past legislative session moved us towards a larger increase of state allocations than in the previous ten years, however, that barely got us to current service level. During the entire session we were pushing toward staying afloat. At no point did we exceed the amount that we needed and at no point did we receive additional student support services.

Debriefed on the successes and areas for improvement from the past legislative session. Elected officials cited a number of higher education issues they felt could use further explanation. Recommendations include growing internal and external advocates, further develop goals for our preferred outcomes of a higher education process, continue to lead in the OCCA conversations about a dedicated funding source, participate in statewide higher education process that moves us towards dedicated funding, take advantage of the energy and clear up confusion, increase campus invitations for elected officials, and stay involved in the 2020 election.

A timeline for legislative work needed in the next six months was presented.

Budget Report—Eric Blumenthal and Dina Farrell

The Board received an update on the adopted budget and the Finance and Administration Office's work for the current biennium. Attention was drawn to the contingency line of the budget and what that means.

There are a lot of misconceptions about what the contingency is; it is actually part of the adopted budget and does not need a supplemental budget. It is not a part of the unappropriated ending fund balance. It is an appropriation usable for personnel services, material supplies and services, as well as capital outlays. It often gets confused for reserves, but reserves are the unappropriated ending fund balance. The contingency line for this adopted budget is less than it has been before, which means there is less flexibility for unforeseen events and budget overruns. Dollars have been allocated for Oregon Mandates, PERS increases, YESS and Strategic Enrollment Plan initiatives, basic unmet needs such as utilities and IT, Academic Affairs special faculty release funding, President's contingency (strategic planning, presidential interns, etc.), economic package for Federations, and unrepresented increases.

The Community College Support Fund (CCSF) supports all 17 community colleges in Oregon and PCC receives about one third of this fund. PCC estimated the CCSF at \$590 million for the current adopted budget. The CCSF was authorized at \$640.9 million. PCC will receive an additional \$16.8 million in funding (\$8.4 million per Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY 2021).

Potential draws on the estimated additional \$16.8 million in funding include: reinvestment opportunities for equitable student success, economic package for Classified and Faculty/Academic Professionals, salary adjustments for unrepresented employee groups (management, executive, and confidential), and tuition rollback of some kind in FY 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

BUSINESS SESSION

Chair Harper proposed approval of Resolutions 20-047 to 20-063. Saltzman/Frisbee

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON AGENDA ITEMS

Vincent Blanco.....	Living wage
Ron Beers.....	Cost of living
Jordan Durbin.....	Faculty
Mary Sykora.....	Living wage
Christine Manning.....	PF-PT
Elisabeth Davidson.....	Living wage
Karen Radakovich.....	Living wages
Michelle Parr.....	Employer engagement/Grant funded programs
Michelle DuBarry.....	Cost of living
Tessneem Alyasri	

REPORTS

Faculty and Academic Professionals: Frank Goulard

I want to thank everyone for coming out, including the Directors in front of me. It is a volunteer job for you and a volunteer job for everybody who came to speak today. Thank you for being here, for the sake of PCC. Everybody who testified here tonight wants the best for PCC, which means what is best for the students. We need great employees, including President Mitsui and the rest of the faculty and staff, to be at their best. This means better/optimal working conditions, better/optimal pay and benefits, the whole package. That is what is being expressed tonight and we appreciate you listening to these true stories from the heart.

We had a good Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) meeting at SOU in Ashland and another in Medford at Rogue Community College. At this point, we are looking at University capital projects and all the consternation that that causes between the universities. The potential of a Higher Education Tour of the state would be valuable and possibly including superintendents from K-12 districts.

I wanted to thank the Administration Negotiations Team for continuing the dialogue, continuing the exploratory potentials that we have. I applaud them for not shutting down. I applaud us for not shutting down either. There is always that temptation, but the greater temptation is to carry on.

Classified: Susan Buckley Watson

I work at the Sylvania bookstore in the shipping/receiving department. I find myself in a unique position. This is the first union I have ever been a member. I have worked in the private sector most of my life, which is part of why I enjoy being a part of PCC – for the diversity of age, of every direction. It is truly an honor to be a member of not only the union, but everything that comprises PCC. Having said that, I want to say I was surprised at how adversarial the situation is here. I sit across the management team at the bargaining sessions and I often think, I know sitting across from me are really good people who care. That being said, we still have to come to the proper place to take the proper care of our people – of our students. Everybody here is part of who takes care of our students and each other. We have to stay focus and stand our ground. We have to work together, because there is no option here that will serve us all other than to stand our ground and work together.

Student: Hannah Alzgal

I want to recognize the students who came here tonight, as I am usual the only one here. I want to recognize the DSC members. They are a prime example of the student activity fee spent in the best way possible, to fund these positions that are really prioritizing the student welfare. The student council is currently engaging in conversations about the tuition rollback. These are increasingly difficult conversations, but we look forward to having a productive outcome from this.

On September 27, the DSC adopted six goals for the 2019-2020 year: promote cultural collaboration, fight for food justice, advocate lessening financial burden for students, civically advance student voices on the institutional, state and national levels, apply an equity lens to all work, and create more awareness of our resources for the district student council.

We have our legislative intern program happening. Our legislative directors have been working hard to get the word out on this program and I want to recognize them for that work. The application closes November 5, 2019.

Our eco/social justice directors have been working to get the word out for our eco/social justice grant.

Board Members:

Director Sonnleitner spoke about their work demonstrating for the Global Climate Strike. He thanked the tone for this evening and reaffirmed his belief in freedom of expression.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



Jim Harper, Chair



Mark Mitsui, College President

Prepared by:



Jeannie Moton, Executive Coordinator

Minutes approved on November 21, 2019.