

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

JUNE 29, 2016



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MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
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A Work Session of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in the Board Room at the Lone Tree Campus at 2800 S. Lone Tree Road, Flagstaff, Arizona 86005. Board Chair, Ms. Patricia Garcia, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

PRESENT: Patricia Garcia
Lloyd Hammonds
Patrick Hurley
Marie Peoples
Nat White

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Dr. Colleen Smith, CCC President, Mr. Dan Begay, Ms. Christina Caldwell, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, Ms. Allison Eckert, Dr. Dudley Gardner, Mr. Brian Harris, Mr. Larry Hendricks, Ms. Veronica Hipolito, Mr. Jeff Jones, Ms. Emily Lizotte, Mr. Alan Maguire, Mr. Steve Peru, Mr. Fred Rosenfeld (Legal Counsel), Ms. Raquel Sanchez, Ms. April Sandoval, Mr. Scott Talboom, Mr. Richard Travis, Ms. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Corina Vanek, and Mr. Bob Voytek.

Reports, summaries, background material and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the June 29, 2016 documents file.

Follow Up

- If Board members have additional comments or questions on the topic of security, please forward those to Dr. Colleen Smith.
- Ms. Jami Van Ess and Dr. Colleen Smith will follow up with Dr. Marie Peoples on a question related to our security partnership with NAU.

Important Dates

August 24, 2016

Joint District Board and Foundation Board Meeting

Ms. Garcia started the meeting with an introduction of guests. Guests at this meeting were Corina Vanek, Arizona Daily Sun; Alan Maguire, The Maguire Company; Richard Travis, Triadvocates; and Christina Caldwell, Goodwill.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Ms. Patricia Garcia reviewed the follow up items with the Board. The follow up items included additional information requested by the Board at the last meeting related to the topic of security. If Board members have additional comments or questions, please forward those to Dr. Smith. Dr. Peoples asked a question about the partnership with NAU and patrolling campus. Dr. Smith and Ms. Van Ess will follow up on that question.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Override/Educational Outreach – Mr. Alan Maguire and Dr. Colleen Smith

Mr. Alan Maguire reviewed the work that has been done up until now related to the override effort. Mr. Maguire also reviewed the items that have been presented to the Board at recent meetings including the likely voter survey results and the recommendation from the Citizens Review Panel. For additional details on these items, please see the June 29, 2016 documents file.

Dr. Colleen Smith spoke about the workforce education programs requested by our community that the College could better assist with if additional funding was available. Dr. Smith reviewed the financial history of the College including losses in state aid, increases in tuition, and both the College and Board's efforts to maintain services at the College despite these factors.

Mr. Patrick Hurley is in favor of finding ways for the College to gain more resources. Mr. Hurley does not want to only focus on programs related to workforce development. He wants the College to focus on providing a good, overall education as well as workforce training.

Mr. Nat White mentioned the cuts the College has seen in State Aid and the relationship of those cuts to increases in tuition. Mr. White stated that there was no way for the College to increase tuition enough to offset the cuts in State Aid. Instead, the College cut back on programs, cut costs, and increased tuition. With those changes, the College is not doing all that it can and needs to do to support the County.

Dr. White drew everyone's attention to the summary costs of new programs included in the June 29, 2016 documents file. Dr. White felt that one of the ways of thinking about how much the College should pursue in an override is to think about the cost of new programs or other initiatives that could be funded by override monies. Mr. Hurley felt that the costs presented do not allow the College to be responsive to changing community needs and do not include all programs that the community has requested.

Mr. Lloyd Hammonds raised the possibility that all State Aid could go away and asked if the cost summary document takes this and inflation impacts into account. While it is not possible to exactly predict changes in the economy and inflation, Ms. Jami Van Ess has included conservative amounts for these items in the cost summary. There may also be other needs or expenses that are not included in the document such as support for necessary actions to maintain accreditation. Mr. Hammonds asked additional questions related to continuing the secondary tax and the survey results related to asking for additional funding.

Mr. Hurley would want an override to include funding to respond to cuts in state funding and changes in community needs. Mr. Hurley also mentioned the cycle of override funding where organizations go out for override funding over and over again.

Dr. White feels that we have a responsibility to offer the programs needed by county residents as well as a fiscal responsibility. An additional concern is that the College has lost two previous override efforts. College Staff and the members of the Steering Committee struggled with the options of repurposing existing tax dollars or going for a higher override amount.

Mr. Hammonds does not feel that \$2 million is enough but does not want to raise the amount beyond where the survey suggests and override effort would fail. He instead would like to consider an additional increase equivalent to \$1 to \$2 per month per \$100,000 in assessed value. If we are going to go out the voters with a request for an override, the College needs something that will allow the College to maintain operations and meet the needs of Coconino County.

Ms. Patricia Garcia mentioned that the College has the highest tuition rate in the state and that we have implemented a differential tuition rate that charges students higher tuition rates for some classes. Ms. Garcia also mentioned the loss of the lifelong learning courses that were eliminated with the dissolution of the Community and Corporate Learning division. These changes have had a profound effect on Coconino County.

Ms. Garcia offered the Board the opportunity to enter into executive session to speak with Legal Counsel. The Board was supportive of holding off on this option until the special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Adjourned at 5:10 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. April Sandoval
Board Recorder

Mr. Lloyd Hammonds
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Ms. Patricia Garcia
Board Chair