

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

AUGUST 19, 2020



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A Work Session of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held via interactive videoconferencing. Board Chair, Ms. Patricia Garcia, called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

PRESENT: Patricia Garcia
Patrick Hurley
Marie Peoples
Joseph R. Smith
Nat White

ABSENT: None

Also Present: Dr. Colleen Smith, CCC President; Ms. Randi Axler, Mr. Keith Becker, Ms. Sarah Benton, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, Mr. Brian Harris, Mr. Larry Hendricks, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Steve Peru, Ms. Crystal Ramirez, Ms. Suzzanna Rodriguez, Ms. April Sandoval, Mr. Dietrich Sauer, Mr. Bobby Sedillo, Dr. Nate Southerland, Mr. Kurt Stull, Ms. Jami Van Ess, Mr. Bob Voytek, Mr. Anthony Williams, Mr. Brian Wilson, and Ms. Isabella Zagare.

Reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the August 19, 2020 documents file.

Follow Up

- Mr. Joseph Smith asked for information on what types of funding are included in Northland Pioneer College's other category. Ms. Jami Van Ess will follow up on this question.
- Mr. Patrick Hurley asked why the budget included \$90,000 in two fiscal years for architectural fees for Lone Tree roofing. Ms. Jami Van Ess will follow up on this question.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS

The follow-up items related to policy and procedure will be brought back at the next meeting. The items related to DGB Priorities and the President's evaluation will be brought forward at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. DGB Priorities/Goals – Ms. Patricia Garcia

Ms. Garcia mentioned that she had not received the Board's Goals and Priorities at this time due to extenuating circumstances. The Board will be setting up a meeting with Dr. Naricsa Polonio to discuss these items and the President's Evaluation.

The Board will also consider the President's Compensation item discussed at the June Retreat at a future meeting. All items acted upon would be retroactive to June 1, 2020. The Board would like to extend the President's Contract by one year. College staff will research to see what would need to happen to extend Dr. Smith's contract.

Ms. April Sandoval will send out possible dates for the meeting with Dr. Polonio.

B. COVID-19 Resolution – Ms. Patricia Garcia

Ms. Garcia reviewed the resolution and polled the Board to see if everyone was ready to vote on the resolution. Discussion on this topic focused on whether Dr. Smith was comfortable with the level of authority in the resolution, how much Board members appreciated Dr. Smith's communication with them about COVID-19, and the Board's support of the many decisions Dr. Smith and the leadership team have made.

The Board also recognized the contributions of other College staff in making some of these very difficult decisions. The Board appreciated the way College staff have worked together, listened to each other, and made these tough decisions. As a College, we have also been able to quickly implement some of the decisions because we are not a residential college and have small class sizes.

C. Equalization Funding – Ms. Jami Van Ess

Ms. Jami Van Ess discussed Equalization Funding with the Board and explained the history of this funding and why the College does not receive it. Discussion on this presentation included what makes a college eligible to receive equalization funding, how the legislation was written, and the challenges in the formula used to calculate equalization funding.

Mr. Joseph Smith asked for information on what types of funding are included in Northland Pioneer College's other category. Ms. Jami Van Ess will research and bring that information back.

The Board asked if there was a possibility to come up with a fair formula for equalization that has longevity. The College started this work several years ago and was not successful in getting support from the other schools that receive equalization funding. The Board was supportive of revisiting this topic and seeing if there was a way it could be handled without encouraging competition between districts.

D. Budget Book – Ms. Jami Van Ess

Ms. Jami Van Ess reviewed the budget book for Fiscal Year 2021 with the Board and highlighted some of the information included in the book. Ms. Van Ess and Dr. Colleen Smith talked about some of the highlights of the current strategic plan, accomplishments from this plan, and their relationship to the College's budget.

Dr. Nat White suggested adding information about state funding from a historical view. If someone new looked at state funding over the most recent ten years, it appears that state aid is maintaining funding at a constant level. Looking at this from a historical perspective would give a clearer picture of the drastic cuts in state funding over time.

Mr. Patrick Hurley asked why the budget included \$90,000 in two fiscal years for architectural fees for Lone Tree roofing. Ms. Jami Van Ess will follow up on this question.

The Board would like to receive hard copies of the Budget Book. The Office of the President will mail copies to board members.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Adjourned at 5:24 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. April Sandoval
Board Recorder

Dr. Nat White
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Ms. Patricia Garcia
Board Chair