

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

OCTOBER 18, 2023



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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 Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86005, and via interactive videoconferencing (Zoom). Vice Chair Mr. Joseph R. Smith called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Eric Eikenberry
 Patricia Garcia
 Joseph R. Smith (via Zoom)
 Patrick Hurley (via Zoom)

ABSENT: Nat White

Also Present: Dr. Eric Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Dr. Kelly Trainor, Mr. Tony Williams, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. David Asencio, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Ms. Julie Baumgartner, Mr. Kurt Stull, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Larry Hendricks, Mr. Brian Wilson, Dr. David Borofsky, Dr. Mark Maciha, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Ms. Dianna Sanchez, Mr. Lance Roberts, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, and Mr. Keith Becker.

Reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the October 18, 2023, documents file.

1. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

There were no follow-up items.

2. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Diversity Update and Cultural Awareness – Dr. Adriana Flores-Church and Ms. Jennifer Jameson

Dr. Adriana Flores-Church and Ms. Jennifer Jameson presented the Diversity Update and Cultural Awareness report. They explained to the Board how the data was complied with and the steps the College takes to be more culturally responsive. For more information, see the October 18, 2023, documents file.

The Board discussed:

- Mr. Eric Eikenberry asked for a comparison of Coconino County to the College and learned that the County and the College are very similar. Coconino County 2022 census data shows:
 - 52% White
 - 24% Native American
 - 15% Hispanic
- How long does the College have the Native American Serving Non Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) grant? The remaining time on the NASNTI grant is three years. Mr. Tony Williams explained that the College can apply for a second five-year cycle at the end of the current grant cycle. When the second five-year cycle ends, the College will not be

able to apply for the grant again. The grant is meant to be used as help to get the program going and requires that the College sustain the program changes once the grant expires.

- Vice Chair Smith asked about training for College employees and how it will be continued after the initial training. Ms. Jameson explained that the process is evolving and will give employees tools to incorporate them into their daily lives.
- Vice Chair Smith appreciated the invisible diversity traits that make up an individual being included in the training

B. Annual Security Report and Update – Mr. Lance Roberts

Mr. Lance Roberts presented the Annual Security Report (Clery) and the campus criminal report. For more information, see the October 18, 2023, documents file. The information in the Security Report is for 2022, as the report is due in October of each year.

The Board discussed:

- Mr. Eikenberry asked for clarification of what criminal vs non criminal reports meant

C. In County vs. Out of County Tuition – Dr. Eric Heiser

Dr. Eric Heiser spoke to the Board about the trend of in county vs. out of county tuition. With Universal Admissions, many of the College's students are from Maricopa County. The Arizona Community College CEOs (AC4) discussed how the College compares to the other colleges in the state and found:

- There are ten community colleges in the state
- Northland Pioneer College and Coconino Community College charge different tuition for in county and out of county students
- The remaining eight colleges do not charge different tuition for in county vs out of county

The Board Discussed:

- There is a national trend of charging tuition based on the actual cost of the program a student enrolls in (specialized training costs more than more traditional courses)
- The amount out of county students pay above in county students totals \$340k, which would not necessarily be recouped by charging tuition based on the actual cost of the programs
- Lower cost programs should not subsidize higher price programs

Dr. Heiser would like direction from the Board on how to address these issues and asked them if he should go forward with researching the issues.

The Board discussed:

- Mr. Eric Eikenberry would like to consider polling students to see if it makes a difference to them by removing the out of county tuition; would it entice them to stay at the College?
- How would Coconino County tax payers feel about out of county students not paying a higher tuition?
- Many of our students are not home owners, but are renters
- Mr. Eikenberry supports having a fee structure that supports the expensive courses

- In county, out of county, out of state, and Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) are the levels of tuition at the College currently
- Ms. Patricia Garcia spoke about the differential tuition history and that the College was trying to be more transparent to the students.
- Ms. Garcia wants to make sure we can explain to constituents whatever we chose to do, with the correct data; if there is time, she would like to wait to see how it goes with Universal Admissions before moving forward
- The College can set time constraints; there is no need to rush, and would not look to do so for the coming Fall 2024 semester. Research needs to be done to figure out how students choose to attend or not attend the College based on costs, location, etc.
- Mr. Patrick Hurley would like to wait to see what the data will tell us and would like to know if the Admissions team has followed up with students who choose to attend no longer. Dr. Heiser indicated that when a student decides not to attend the College, they shut us out.

Dr. Heiser will start gathering data to see if other data points are needed, and restated that there is no urgency to implement this immediately.

D. 2024 District Governing Board Meeting Schedule – Ms. Kirsten Mead

Ms. Kirsten Mead reviewed the proposed 2024 District Governing Board Meeting Schedule with the Board.

Ms. Patricia Garcia indicated that the Board wants to move to two full days for the June 2024 Board Retreat and is interested in using an ACCT facilitator. The Board members present agreed that full days on Thursday and Friday would be best. The action item will be updated for approval at the Regular Meeting.

FOLLOW UP:

None

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. Kirsten Mead
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Joseph R. Smith
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board