

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

**WORK SESSION**

**JANUARY 15, 2025**



**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION  
OF THE  
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A Work Session of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held in the Board Room at Coconino Community College, 2800 S. Lone Tree Rd., Flagstaff, AZ. Board Chair Joey Smith called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

PRESENT:       Eric Eikenberry  
                  Patrick Hurley  
                  Joey Smith  
                  Nat White  
ABSENT:        Patricia Garcia

**Also Present:** Dr. Eric Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Ms. Alyssa Sergent, Mr. Brian Blue, Mr. Craig Hunt, Mr. David Asencio, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Janel States, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Mr. Johnathan Szymanowski, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Kurt Stull, Mr. Lawrence Rodriguez, Dr. Mark Maciha, Mr. Nolan Begaye, Ms. Randi Axler, Mr. Rob Bass, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Mr. Ryan Norton, Mr. Shane Pablo, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Mr. Tony Williams, and Mr. Van Walker.

The January 15, 2025, documents file contains reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes.

**1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Master Planning Presentation with SPS+ Architects – Dr. Eric Heiser and Mr. Rob Bass**

Dr. Eric Heiser introduced Mr. Rob Bass from SPS+ Architects (SPS+), outlining the rationale for engaging SPS+ to develop a Facilities Master Plan. He explained the importance of aligning the College’s facilities with its current and future needs, based on comprehensive data analysis and feedback from students, employees, and market trends. The process included multiple information-gathering meetings and market research to identify areas of program growth and address community needs.

The information gathered highlighted the following priorities:

- **Dynamic Student Spaces:** Create spaces that foster student engagement and connection.
- **Community and Cultural Integration:** Strengthen ties to the community and reflect the region’s cultural identity.
- **Facility Optimization:** Maximize the use of existing facilities while creating new spaces for program expansion.
- **Program Expansion:** Provide facilities for high-demand and high-wage career programs (e.g., nursing, construction, HVAC).
- **Flexibility and Adaptability:** Design spaces that can evolve with changing student and community needs.
- **Transfer Education:** Continue to prioritize transfer pathways.

- **Technology and Efficiency:** Address campus-specific needs while incorporating modern technologies.
- **Sustainability:** Ensure environmental and operational sustainability for the College.
- **Strategic Growth:** Focus on purposeful development to support long-term relevance and student choice.
- **Design, Costs, and Funding:** Emphasize thoughtful planning and explore diverse funding options.

Dr. Heiser emphasized the importance of academic program expansion and the construction of new facilities. These recommendations were informed by data from Lightcast, Helios Decision Center, workforce partners, and the College’s historical and forecasted trends. The analysis identified key growth areas for Coconino County and provided a roadmap for aligning programs with regional workforce needs.

**Board Discussion:**

- The methodology used by SPS+ to develop their recommendations.
- The potential impact of increased online course availability on future space needs.
- The feasibility of leasing space versus constructing new facilities.
- The role of CourseDog, a board-approved software, to optimize the utilization of existing rooms and spaces.
- The importance of balancing multiple priorities during the planning process.
- Exploring diverse funding strategies to support the Facilities Master Plan.
- The value of SPS+’s expertise in community college planning and design.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Work Session adjourned at 4:29 pm.

**MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

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Ms. Kirsten Mead  
Board Recorder

**ATTEST and APPROVED:**

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Mr. Patrick Hurley  
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

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Mr. Joey Smith  
Board Chair