

**COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD**

WORK SESSION

NOVEMBER 20, 2024



**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 4:05 pm.

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

Also Present: Dr. Eric Heiser, Ms. Kirsten Mead, Dr. Adriana Flores-Church, Ms. Alyssa Sergent, Mr. Brian Wilson, Mr. Craig Hunt, Ms. Colleen Carscallen, Mr. David Asencio, Mr. Jacob Hagen, Dr. Jami Van Ess, Ms. Janel States, Ms. Jennifer Jameson, Ms. Kay Leum, Mr. Keith Becker, Mr. Kurt Stull, Mr. Nolan Begaye, Ms. Randi Axler, Mr. Ryan Bouwhuis, Mr. Ryan Norton, Dr. Sandra Hinski, Ms. Sonni Marbury, Ms. Tanya Buckley, Mr. Tony Williams, and Mr. Van Walker.

The November 20, 2024, documents file contains reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes.

1. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Facilities Sub-Committee – Dr. Eric Heiser

Dr. Eric Heiser proposed the formation of a Facilities Master Planning Committee following the purchase of the 4th Street property and the finalization of the College's Master Plan. The recommendation, initiated by Mr. Patrick Hurley, includes appointing a Board member to the committee to foster direct communication between the Board and staff. Dr. Heiser emphasized that this is an opportune time to formalize Board involvement to support effective planning and decision-making.

The Board discussed:

- Recognized the significant time required to manage the CTE and HCTA expansions and land development projects.
- The implications of these efforts over the next three to four years.
- Reaffirmed the Board's role as fiduciaries, emphasizing the need for well-considered decisions that align with the College's long-term interests.
- Identified areas requiring additional space to support program growth.
- Requested clarification on the expectations, responsibilities, and limitations of the committee's appointed board member.
- Stressed the importance of integrating taxpayer feedback into the planning process.
- Suggested incorporating external facilities experts to provide specialized insights.

- Strategies to balance facility planning with programmatic needs and expansion goals.

Chair Smith recommended that Mr. Patrick Hurley consider participating in the Facilities Master Planning Committee to provide guidance and ensure alignment with institutional objectives.

B. Tuition and Fees – Dr. Jami Van Ess

Dr. Jami Van Ess presented the proposed tuition and fees for FY26. See the November 20, 2024, documents file for additional information.

The Board discussed:

- The advantages and disadvantages of raising tuition, including its potential impact on community perception.
- The Board's commitment to implementing gradual annual increases in tuition and fees, as opposed to larger, less frequent adjustments.
- Dr. Van Ess will provide updated information on current out-of-county tuition rates to assist the Board in making informed decisions.
- Emphasized the need for transparency in communicating differential tuition, ensuring students clearly understand the actual cost of attendance.

FOLLOW UP:

Dr. Van Ess will provide updated information on current out-of-county tuition rates to assist the Board in making informed decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session adjourned at 5:04 pm.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. Kirsten Mead
Board Recorder

ATTEST and APPROVED:

Mr. Patrick Hurley
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Mr. Joey Smith
Board Chair