

TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

650 College Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914
Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, Room 115A

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Board of Education members in attendance (quorum present)

Chair Ken Hart, Vice Chair Lindsay Norman, Betty Carter, Roger Findley, Torie Ramirez, and Dirk DeBoer (absent: Stephen Crow)

Staff, representatives, and guests in attendance via Zoom or in person:

President Dana Young, Morgan Bayes, Anne Marie Kelso, Sandy Porter, Travis McFetridge, Cathy Yasuda, Heather Bohr, Darin Bell, and guest Dr. Greg Hamann, HECC Vice Chair

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. at which time introductions were made by all individuals present. A special guest introduced was Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) Vice Chair Dr. Greg Hamann. Dr. Hamann's purpose for visiting TVCC is to learn more about what we do and hear how HECC can better support community colleges.

During the meeting Dr. Hamann reported that HECC has recently completed their strategic plan. While he has been skeptical about strategic planning in the past, feeling that plans often end up on a shelf, he expressed optimism about this new plan, which is shorter and more progressive. Both the HECC Chair and Vice Chair are committed to implementing its directives, and he hopes to demonstrate their commitment through tangible actions. HECC wants deeper conversations with institutions face-to-face thus the reason for the tours to Oregon institutions.

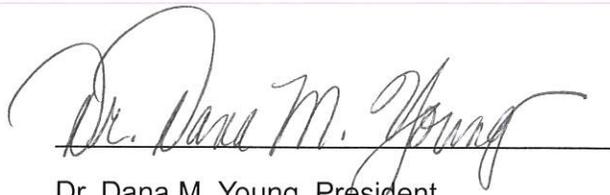
Dr. Hamann also noted there are always challenges in education and one belief is that the current education model is probably not futuristic. The world is changing. He reported that during his visits to various schools, he noted a considerable shift toward online learning, with some institutions reporting that 40-50% of their classes are now conducted online. This transition reflects a change in student engagement and learning methodologies. Moreover, as artificial intelligence becomes increasingly integrated into education, we can expect a rise in virtual reality and interactive learning experiences.

Board members shared some of the challenges they see for higher education. Such as the 30% rule which makes it difficult to change a program: especially CTE under this format. The problem is it limits community colleges ability to be more responsive to the needs of the community and workforce. Other discussions included competition, student mental health issues, and how students come to college not really knowing why they are there. Dr. Hamann shared that he appreciated these conversations because it helps HECC understand the opportunities, challenges, and program offerings at each institution whether urban or rural. He noted that HECC's role is to support community colleges and develop the best practices and strategies in policy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Ken Hart, Board Chairman
Treasure Valley Community College



Dr. Dana M. Young, President
Treasure Valley Community College