

TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
650 College Blvd., Science Center Building, Lecture Hall, Room 104A, Ontario, OR 97914
Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Those present were Chair John Forsyth, Vice Chair Cheryl Cruson, Stephen Crow, Darlene McConnell, Mark Wettstein and Roger Findley (Absent: John Hall)

Others present: President Dana Young, Vice President Brad Hammond, Vice President Eddie Alves, Vice President Kevin Kimball, Judy Cordeniz, Hunter Marrow, Argus Observer and several TVCC faculty and staff

Chair John Forsyth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the flag salute and reading of the College's mission statement. The open session closed and went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2) (d) to conduct deliberations with a person designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations at 6:02 p.m. in the Hanigan Board Room.

I. Executive Session

Those present were Chair John Forsyth, Vice Chair Cheryl Cruson, Stephen Crow, Darlene McConnell, Mark Wettstein and Roger Findley (Absent: John Hall)

Others present: President Dana Young, Vice President Eddie Alves, Vice President Kevin Kimball, Anne-Marie Kelso, Judy Cordeniz, and Hunter Marrow, Argus Observer

II. Open Session

Action, if any, from Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Darlene McConnell approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the two MOUs as presented and the motion was seconded by Stephen Crow. Those in favor were John Forsyth, Cheryl Cruson, Stephen Crow, Darlene McConnell and Mark Wettstein. There was one opposed vote by Roger Findley. The motion carried.

Regular Session Meeting

I. Agenda Review/Changes

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. Special Presentations

There were no special presentations this month.

III. College Business

a. 2018-19 Tuition and Fees (1st reading)

Vice President Kevin Kimball provided tuition and fee information for the other Oregon community colleges and how they compare to TVCC. He also provided a tuition and fee comparison of TVCC and the state average and a comparison of Oregon/Idaho universities and community colleges.

A line graph shared during the meeting showed how state revenue has changed for TVCC from 1997-1998 to 2016-17. It was noted that as state funding decreases for community colleges, it is followed by an increase in tuition and fees.

According to Kimball, several Oregon community college are increasing tuition from \$1 to \$7 per credit and there are some considering a differential tuition and fee model which is based according to class type (lecture, lecture/lab and lab). Kimball explained the differential tuition and fee model for Klamath Community College and shared that TVCC may be looking at a similar model.

Vice President Kimball provided two options for a differential tuition and fees model. He shared that moving to this type of model would allow revenue to reflect the actual cost to teach a class. According to Kimball, the College is validating data and reviewing what areas might be heavily impacted by the model. Earlier, Kimball had presented the model to ASG who understood the concept and would further share with students. Kimball stated no one wants to raise tuition but the College has to have a balanced budget as well as cover costs.

Board member Roger Findley commented that last year the Board was asked to approve a \$300 per student rodeo fee which he believed drove students away. He believed adding additional class fees would further affect enrollment and based on his calculations he believed enrollment in the Ranch Management Program would be affected, too. Findley recommended keeping tuition the same.

The Board discussed the increase in operational and employee benefits each year and noted that no one wants to raise tuition.

There was a question if the universal fee would go away if a differential tuition and fee schedule was implemented. Chair Forsyth asked what is included in the universal fee and he stated he would like to see VP Kimball's budget analysis to review the different models options and how these options would affect the College.

b. College Line of Credit, Resolution No. 17-004

Vice President Kevin Kimball asked the Board to authorize a line of credit for the 2018-19 fiscal year by passing a resolution. Kimball also recommended no reduction in the \$1.25m ending fund balance. The line of credit is necessary to meet cash flow needs for the months of June, July and August at which time the College should receive the state support payments, revenue from tuition and fees and local property taxes.

Motion: Darlene McConnell moved to approve Resolution No. 17-004 and the motion was seconded by Cheryl Cruson. The motion carried unanimously.

c. 2018-19 Academic Calendar

Vice President Brad Hammond updated the Board on the language changes to the advising day which were necessary to provide consistently and better academic advising. He also noted that the academic calendar has been reviewed and approved by the governance councils.

Motion: Mark Wettstein moved to accept the Academic Calendar for 2018-19 and the motion was seconded by Roger Findley. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

Allison Bentz, a current TVCC student, expressed her concern with the time it took to get enrolled at TVCC because of the misinformation she received. There were a handful of things she had trouble with and the only thing she didn't have trouble is with the instructors. It felt like her education was not being invested in so why would she want to invest in the community.

Angela Heiner, Ontario, OR, stated she went through a similar experience in regard to a lack of information when she worked with financial aid. As a nontraditional student she expressed the importance of a support system both at home and at school and while at TVCC she had two instructors checking with her to see if she was okay or needed help. When she signed up she didn't look at the prices compared to other schools and heard that this is a College that cares about its students.

Macie Smith and Brenda Huaman, both non-science majors, stated a tuition and fees increase could deter students from attending TVCC who might as well attend a university. Increases should come with more course offerings. Students develop a relationship with instructors who are there to help them succeed.

Celena Gonzalez, Caldwell Center student, came to TVCC because she heard how much people loved it. She found teachers she can trust. If TVCC raises the prices she will have to go somewhere else.

V. **Consent Agenda - Action Item(s)**

- a. Board Minutes – February 20, 2018
- b. Financial Report

Motion: Cheryl Cruson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and the motion was seconded by Darlene McConnell. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. **College Reports and Statements**

a. **Statements from ASG/ Student Programs**

ASG Legislative Senator Samantha Savage provided a written report which highlighted successful events such as Hot Vegas Nights, Sip and Paint event, and Random Acts of Kindness Week. Over the next several weeks, ASG will visit local high schools about TVCC leadership opportunities.

In addition, the students have heard the tuition proposal and understand the concept. They will work to get more information out to students.

Lastly, they are supportive of TVCC and hope things come to a resolution for the good of the institution.

b. **Statements from Classified Staff and Professional Staff**

Professional staff member Cathy Yasuda read a statement which spoke to the team effort that represents the image of TVCC and if we are to be the first choice or the right choice for students we have to be able to work together. There is hope for reconciliation and healing as the College moves forward in a sustainable future for TVCC. She shared that there are many great things happening at TVCC.

c. **Statements from Faculty**

TVEA President Drake Wallick stated he has negotiated two contracts and this time was the hardest fought and damaging negotiations. He wanted the Board to know there is a lot of support for faculty and hopes they will look at the budget to bring the seven instructors back. During the meeting, Wallick stated he had signed cards from the community which were then dumped from boxes on the tables in front of the board members.

Melissa Vargas, retrenched faculty member, shared how retrenchment will affect the College in several areas where she has either participated or worked. She stated the loss of seven faculty members will impact TVCC in countless ways.

Dominique Banner, non-renewed math instructor, spoke about the impact to her and her family's lives. This is her 2nd year at TVCC and she loved every moment working with students. She introduced her two sons and spoke how her tenuous employment will affect them. Half of her pay goes to pay for their private schooling. She asked the Board to rescind the retrenchment notices and renew those who were not renewed and to stop protecting administration.

Angela Levitt, Caldwell Student, TVCC peer mentor, read an email she sent to President Young on March 14.

Sammy Castonguay, retrenched faculty member, addressed the Board and stated he appreciates their work and understands they have a hard job. He shared he came from a small town and was happy to come to a small place where he can make a difference. He shared his love for people, the environment and the earth. He had three short years to do everything he could to be a good teacher and good person in the community. He doesn't understand the decision to let seven faculty numbers go. He expressed his desire to stay at TVCC.

d. **President's Reports**

i. Academic Affairs

The Ag department had 600 5th and 6th graders participate in Ag in the Classroom. The CTE staff did a great job to accommodate the students. Vice President Alves thanked the CTE faculty and staff for all their hard work coordinating this event.

On Friday, March 23, adjunct Kacie Shaffer will have an art exhibition in the Takami Art Gallery for her Art 181 class. Everyone was invited to attend.

ii. Student Services

Student Services is focusing efforts on getting enrollment up through phone calls, emails and mailings.

Other highlights included:

- The College made 25 high schools visits in February for Idaho and Oregon.
- Admissions hosted 45 potential students for an open house. The College took the Chukar bus to Boise to pick up students. Student Services hopes to do more open houses to promote TVCC.
- The testing center served 781 students in February noting there may be some duplications.
- Tasha Wixom and several students were commended through an email sent by adjunct Kacie Shaffer for their help in coordinating the Sip and Dip painting event.

iii. Administrative Services

Vice President Kevin Kimball shared the College is moving forward with the vo tech building and a legal notice for a RFQ will be published. As the College is meeting the requirements for the EDA and federal government there will be many things to get in place. Lastly, there is a goal to have an architect hired in either late April or May.

iv. President's Comments

President Young stated the Eastern Oregon Border Board met this week at TVCC and had the opportunity to meet with several education and workforce providers in the county. The Border Board will also be reviewing rural laws and processes that might be changed to benefit Malheur County. At the next Border Board meeting the goal is to prioritize workforce issues and discuss strategies for providing grants and loans from the \$5m allotted for Malheur County.

e. **Statements from Foundation**

There were 300 people who attended the Foundation's Donor and Scholarship Recipient reception to celebrate students and recognize supporters of the College. Active member of the TVCC Foundation Arwyn Larson was selected as this year's Volunteer of the Year.

The Foundation Office is in its last few weeks of awarding scholarships and will be awarding more money this year. Other news included:

- the Foundation sponsoring the Pheasants Forever Spring Fling;
- grant update: applications are being taken for the Education to Work Coordinator;
- grant applications are being considered for submission to the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation and Meyers Memorial Trust; and
- upcoming major events for the Foundation are the Pops Concert, Garden Tour, and the annual College Night.

f. **Statements from Board Members**

- i. OCCA Board Representative Report - There was no report this month.
- ii. Roger Findley stated the last 3-4 months have been one of the hardest times for the College and he did not vote for the contract because salaries would be frozen for the next 4 years hurting those at the bottom of the salary schedule.
- iii. Stephen Crow thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and everyone involved in supporting a sustainable college.
- iv. Mark Wettstein stated he was interested in the students who spoke tonight and if they were able to find assistance. He also appreciated the student dialogue and hope their instances with enrolling were the exception. Any concerns by students should be sent to Vice President Hammond.
- v. Cheryl Cruson shared we live in an awesome community and that is why she volunteers to serve on the board. The last few months have not been easy for anyone and that not all the facts and figures are out there for everyone to know. She stated the College has a great administrative team and she appreciates their work. The signs only state we support TVCC faculty; however, the Board supports students, administration, faculty, and professional and staff. It takes everyone working as a team to make the college work.
- vi. John Forsyth addressed the Board and stated they gave the administrative team the support and directive to make sustainable changes. Which included a negotiated contract, retrenchment and non-renewals. The Board has had continued communication from the president on issues affecting the college. As trustees they have to set aside personal agendas and discuss and debate issues and respect the majority decision and not individual interest. If everyone can support each other then we can make progress toward success. Forsyth ended by stating TVCC has great facilities, staff, students and faculty and everything to be successful.

VII. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.


John Forsyth, Board Chair


Dana M. Young, President

Meeting recorded by Gina Roper