

TREASURE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TVCC BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Board of Education members in attendance (quorum present)

Vice Chair Stephen Crow, Betty Carter, John Hall, Darlene McConnell, Roger Findley and Mark Wettstein (absent Chair Cheryl Cruson)

Staff, Representatives, and Guests in attendance

Dr. Dana Young, President, Vice President Eddie Alves, Vice President Brad Hammond, Vice President Shirley Haidle, Sandy Porter, Anne Marie Kelso, Cathy Yasuda, David Koehler, Julie Lynch, Kate Walker, Tara Dominick, Ralph Poole, Abby Lee, Samantha Jessop, Kylee Salvidar, Steve Recla, David Reynolds, Dennis Gill, Bernie Babcock, and Larry Meyer (Argus Observer)

WORK SESSION

I. **Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Guests**

Vice Chair Stephen Crow 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 and vision statements. The meeting was held in the Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, Room 115A, Ontario, Oregon.

a. **Bookstore Tour**

The Board took a tour of the bookstore which was relocated from the Student Services Center area to the remodeled Barber Hall building.

b. **ANS Camp Review**

Ag instructor Sandy Porter provided an overview of the March 28-29 Animal Science Camp which was held at the TVCC campus. She also shared some of the positive responses received from the students who attended the camp. Currently, they are working on another camp to be held next spring.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

I. **Agenda Review/Changes**

There were no changes to the agenda.

II. **Special Presentations**

a. **Library Book Drive**

Tara Dominick, Head of Library, shared information on their Holiday Book Drive. The library is collecting donations to purchase books for the local schools. The goal is to raise \$3k for 1,000 books. Giving trees with donation tags will also be displayed in the community. Individuals who would like to help are encouraged to contact the library for more information.

II. **College Business**

a. **Eastern Oregon Border Board Tax Proposal**

Motion: John Hall moved to discuss and approve the Eastern Oregon Border Board tax proposal and a motion was seconded by Betty Carter.

Vice President Shirley Haidle stated she attended her monthly Business Officers meeting and the message they received was that HECC could true up the tax amounts based on actual receipts. However, she also learned that this has never been done before by the State and more than likely will not happen.

It will be at the discretion of the TVCC Board of Education whether TVCC will be part of the EOBB tax proposal. Haidle reiterated if the program rebates proposed by EOBB were fully accessed it would cost the college approximately \$20k a year in property tax over 10 years. Theoretically, TVCC would benefit from the possibility of more families moving to the community and more students coming to college.

EOBB's proposal is a partnership with every taxing district in Malheur county who are in the process of taking the proposal to their boards. To date, many taxing districts have voted in the affirmative to support the proposal.

It was noted that Dr. Young declared a conflict of interest in any comments because she serves as a member of the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Board.

The motion carried with one abstention by Roger Findley.

b. Aviation Required Fee Update by VA

Aviation Administration Coordinator Julie Lynch shared that the Idaho Veterans' Administration informed the College of some required changes to our fee schedule. The good news is some of the fees will be decreased. According to Lynch, the approval would be retroactive to fall term.

Motion: Darlene McConnell moved to approve the changes to the aviation fees for fall quarter and the motion was seconded by Mark Wettstein. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution to Hire General Contractor for the Career and Technical Education Center

CTE Building Project Manager Bernie Babcock asked the Board to approve the resolution to hire Petra Incorporated as the general contractor for the Career and Technical Education Center. Babcock provided the Board with an overview of the bid process and noted that the College received seven responsive bids.

Motion: Darlene McConnell moved that the TVCC Board of Education approve Resolution #19-002 as presented and the motion was seconded by Roger Findley. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

IV. Consent Agenda - Action Item(s)

- a. Board Minutes – October 22, 2019
- b. Financial Report

Motion: Darlene McConnell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented noting there were some revisions to the board minutes. The motion was seconded by John Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

V. College Reports and Statements

a. Statements from ASG/Student Programs

ASG Vice President Sami Jessop summarized her written report which included updates on the fall quarter events and activities, the 10 in 10 initiatives, Food for Thought on community resources, an upcoming event on mental health awareness and the winter quarter schedule of events.

b. Statements from Faculty

TVEA President David Reynolds thanked Sandy Porter and Tara Dominick for their presentations tonight. He said at the last board meeting Vice President Eddie Alves asked him to invite faculty members to share what they are doing. He believed this happened tonight and he will continue to ask faculty to share their experiences with the Board.

Lastly, the TVEA leadership team met with college administrators and Reynolds stated there are positive interactions between the two groups.

c. President's Reports

i. Academic Affairs

Vice President Eddie Alves reported faculty tenure evaluations were finished this week and a recommendation will be brought before the Board at their January meeting.

Other news:

- The Caldwell Center wrestling team is traveling to Moses Lake for their first meet. Last year, the team had 6 members and this year the number is up to 8. They are working to promote the program and get more members.

- Nursing Program update: Vice President Eddie Alves, Abby Lee and Anne Marie Kelso attended the OSBN meeting. The meeting went well, and we will continue work to hire nursing faculty and a nursing administrator. Special thanks to Abby Lee for her help in the department and Brianne Haun for filling in as the interim administrator until the position is filled.

ii. **Student Services**

In addition to his written report, Vice President of Student Services Brad Hammond reported on winter enrollment and shared that we are up 22% in reimbursable FTEs; however, he did note these numbers are fluid and will change.

Athletics highlights – Cross Country competed in the NWAC championships with the women's team finishing 3rd and the men's team finishing 8th for the season. For the first time, the volleyball team will be going to the NWAC championships!

iii. **Administrative Services**

Vice President Shirley Haidle provided the Board with a written report and stood for questions.

iv. **College Relations and IT**

Abby Lee shared she has been working in the nursing department and reported the new nursing faculty are resilient and students have been patient during the transition. During our last visit, the OSBN reviewer said our faculty are qualified and our students are feeling supported.

The IT department staff are working hard and are giving more attention to the importance of cybersecurity.

v. **President's Comments**

1. **Community College Higher Education Issues and Trends**

Dr. Young shared her experience at the OCCA Conference which was well attended by TVCC. More information about the conference will be shared during the Board's December work session. Dr. Young and board member Stephen Crow also had the opportunity to attend the ACCT conference in San Francisco. The conference was very informative, and they were encouraged to attend the national ACCT National Legislative Summit in February to be part of a group that meets with legislators in Washington, DC.

Community colleges are advocating at the national level to have second chance Pell grants reinstated for inmates and the Oregon Presidents Council is hearing recommendations from the Reentry Council to encourage additional state aid for inmates. In addition, statewide, community colleges are looking at what academic programs are being offered to inmates and how they can still complete their education after being transferred to another correctional institution.

Lastly, Accreditation Liaison Officer David Koehler and Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning Miguel Lopez will share a timeline of when accreditation reports are due during the December board planning meeting.

d. **Statements from Foundation**

According to Executive Director Cathy Yasuda, a new scholarship has been established by Bil and Betty Carter and the College received a \$34k grant (\$19k first year and \$15k second year) from the Oregon Community Foundation to help fund our Athletic Mentor Program. In addition, an announcement will be made soon regarding a \$500k gift to the College for scholarships and capital projects.

e. **Statements from Board Members**

- Betty Carter attended the OCCA Conference and had a great time. The theme for the conference was Finding Your Why, Personalizing the Community College Mission. Betty challenged everyone in the room to consider what their why is. She stated she will share at the next board meeting information on diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Roger Findley had the opportunity to visit with the rodeo team students from Nevada who shared they came for the rodeo and horse production programs and are enjoying the campus and instructors. However, the students did note they felt safer on campus than off campus. Roger stated we need to figure out why people are moving from Ontario to Idaho and reverse the migration by energizing Ontario. Because if this is affecting students, we need to take an active role.

- Mark Wettstein shared he attended the Foundation Gala and commented on the great evening. He thanked everyone at the College for their role in making the College work.
- Darlene McConnell spoke to a parent today whose child is attending TVCC as part of the rodeo team and the parent said their child is making good connections.
- Stephen Crow stated he traveled extensively for the College this month to attend the OCCA and ACCT conferences as well as serve on the OCCA Executive Committee. He shared he is proud our College is attending state meetings and is being involved.

Because board member Darlene McConnell was not able to attend the OCCA conference, Vice Chair Stephen Crow presented her with the OCCA 8 years of dedicated service award.

VI. **Important Date(s)**

Upcoming important dates included:

November 28-29	Thanksgiving Observed (college closed)
December 9-13	Final Exam Week
December 16-Jan 5	Winter Vacation
December 22-29	College Closed

VII. **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Cheryl Cruson, Board Chair
Treasure Valley Community College

Dr. Dana M. Young, President
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