
TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

650 College Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914

Laura Moore Cunningham Science Center, Hanigan Board Room (#115A)

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board of Education members in attendance (quorum present):

Chair Dirk DeBoer, Vice Chair Mark Wettstein, Betty Carter, Ken Hart, Roger Findley, Cheryl Cruson and Stephen Crow

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

President Dana Young, Vice President Eddie Alves, Vice President Shirley Haidle, Anne Marie Kelso, Vice President Travis McFetridge, Dean Ben Merrill, Cathy Yasuda, Nino Kalatozi, Kilee Saldivar, Kate Russell, Chase Van Weerdhuizen, Jazzy Jenkins, Sandy Porter, Arwyn Larson, Julie Lynch, Darin Bell, Molly Lightfield, Caroline Bell, Steve Mitchell, Malheur Enterprise, Antonio Sunseri, and Marissa Oedewaldt

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Dirk DeBoer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the College's mission and vision statements.

II. Work Session

a. Medical Assistant Program

Instructor Kilee Saldivar presented an overview of the Medical Assistant program that included information on enrollment, accreditation, and curriculum development. The presentation ended with a student spotlight.

Board member Ken Hart announced that on March 1 the TVCC nursing leadership team will meet with Valley Family Health (VFH) to discuss how to connect the two entities and help VFH employees get into the MA program.

Over the last three months, work has continued to develop courses, the application process, and accreditation requirements to offer a surgical tech program at TVCC. According to Kilee Saldivar, the accreditation for surgical tech must be finalized before the program can even begin.

b. Voter Voice

President Dana Young explained how the OCCA created Voter Voice app works to communicate with our legislators. The app is user-friendly and features canned messages provided by OCCA with the option for users to change the messaging.

Voter Voice is available for use by board members and the college campus. President Young stated legislators need to hear from us. She also reminded the Board that the weekly OCCA legislative calls are held Monday nights if they want to join the calls.

III. Agenda Review/Changes

There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. Special Presentations

a. New Employee Introductions

New employees introduced during the meeting were Marissa Oedewaldt, the new advisor/recruiter at the Caldwell Center, and Caroline Bell, the new grants manager.

V. **College Business**

a. **Spring Ad Hoc Report**

Vice President Eddie Alves provided the Board with a recap of the two recommendations received from NWCCU and what we have done to address them. Prior to the meeting, the Board also received a copy of the Spring Ad Hoc report.

According to Vice President Alves, the College has made significant steps forward in Recommendation 1 regarding the development of a process for the program reviews and systematic methodology to review them over a four-year cycle. A four-year cycle is common for an institution of our size. The goal is to have a process that is effective for faculty as they improve their programs.

Recommendation 2 – we have been thoughtful to ensure that everyone has strategic goals for their areas. In addition, we also ensured the Planning and Budget Committee reviews all the financial requests, the requests are prioritized, and that all have a focus on student learning and achievement. We are hopeful we are in compliance with this recommendation.

It was noted the College previously had 4-5 recommendations and we are now down to just the two recommendations.

b. **Board Policy JECBA International Students (1st reading)**

Admissions Systems and International Services Manager Chase Van Weerdhuizen provided the highlights of the policy and what we are doing to recruit international students. The policy was provided as a first reading.

c. **2023-24 Tuition and Universal Fee (1st reading)**

Vice President Shirley Haidle presented the following highlights:

- a proposed \$3/per credit increase in tuition for 2023-24. The increase has been noted in the 5-year projection model. The ASG team supports a moderate increase each year as opposed to no increase whereas there would then be large “catch up” increases. The \$3/per credit increase will still keep our tuition below the 2022-23 average for Oregon community colleges.
- In addition, we are requesting a \$1.00 increase in the universal fee. The fee has not been increased in 10 years. The current universal fee is \$16 per credit and the increase would bring it to \$17. This increase was also presented to the ASG for feedback and it was supported.
- The 2023-24 proposed tuition increases across the Oregon community colleges were as follows: one community college proposed their tuition to remain flat, seven community colleges are proposing a \$2 per credit increase, three are proposing a \$3 per credit increase, and four community colleges are proposing a \$5 to 6 per credit increase. It was also noted that some colleges are increasing their fees.
- The presentation concluded with a summary of the current rates for TVCC and the proposed rates with the \$3/per credit and \$1 universal fee increase. Also shared was a comparison with Oregon/Idaho universities using 2021-22 IPEDS data.

d. **CTE Month Resolution**

President Dana Young reported OCCA has asked all 17 community college boards to join the National Association of CTE by declaring February as CTE Month. The Board has approved this resolution in the past; however, the resolution read differently due to COVID, so we are bringing a new resolution for consideration and approval by the Board. CTE Month has been celebrated in Oregon for many years.

Motion: Ken Hart moved to approve the CTE Month resolution, and the motion was seconded by Stephen Crow. The motion carried unanimously.

e. **2023 Community College Legislative Priorities Resolution**

OCCA is asking all 17 community college boards to adopt a resolution for the 2023 legislative priorities. Some of which include a minimum ask of \$855m in ongoing funding, \$50m in one-time funding for the Community College Support fund (CCSF), and a minimum increase of \$200m for the Oregon Opportunity grant and legislation clarifying colleges may offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees.

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to approve the 2023 Community College Legislative Priorities Resolution and the motion was seconded by Betty Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

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

- a. Board Minutes – January 17, 2023
- b. Financial Report

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to approve the consent agenda and the motion was seconded by Mark Wettstein. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **College Reports and Statements**

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

ASG President Jazzy Jenkins summarized her written report.

b. **Statements from Foundation**

Upcoming Foundation events include the Planned Giving Seminar scheduled for March 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Weese building and the March 16 Community Ag Summit in the Florence Findley Career and Technical Education Center.

c. **Statements from Faculty**

TVEA highlights included the work being done for the Exercise Science Program, faculty entered mid-term grades for winter term, and the faculty vote to ratify the new contract. According to TVEA President Darin Bell, the contract was passed. He stated the bargaining process was fulfilling for him and he realized there is good that can come out of it.

d. **OCCA Board Rep. Report**

OCCA Representative Stephen Crow thanked everyone for using Voter Voice. During his report, a brief summary was provided on the bills being reviewed and their priority status. Crow also noted the nomination of new members on the OCCA Executive Board. Other news included, the upcoming OCCA Legislative Summit March 8 -9 in Salem.

e. **President's Reports**

i. **Academic Affairs**

Vice President Eddie Alves advised the Board that next month he will report on the advancement of tenure and provisional faculty. In other news, Dr. Ben Merrill has been officially hired as the Dean of CTE. Dr. Merrill previously served as the interim dean.

Board member Ken Hart asked how the search was progressing for a nursing director. According to Vice President Alves, they are in the process of interviews and should have all interviews finished by the end of the week. Hart expressed his concern with enrollment and students not wanting to enter the healthcare field. His concern is how this could affect the construction of a new nursing and allied health professions center. Although, we know there is a demand for nurses, we have to be careful as we proceed with this project.

According to Vice President Eddie Alves, he anticipates this trend will change as we put COVID behind us. He believes the timing will be good for healthcare and we will be able to fill the building in the next 24 months. There are jobs everywhere and we are seeing a positive turnaround in interest.

Board member Roger Findley had the same concern with enrollment and inquired about the number of pre-nursing students. Vice President Alves didn't have the number but stated he would report back at the next meeting.

Board member Roger Findley inquired about the TVCC Equine Program who will be heading to the Idaho Center to participate in an event he believes is in March. Instructor Sandy Porter stated other institutions participating along with TVCC are Montana Western and Feather River College. Vice President Alves stated he would get more information on the event.

ii. Student Services

Vice President Travis McFetridge provided the Board with a winter quarter Q2Q report. He indicated there may be some changes next term on how the data is presented on this report. Which should help our reimbursable FTE. We are also working on extrapolating the dual credit students and he should have something to report next month.

During the Chukar Spirit Night, 70 students registered for the event with 61 students actually attending. We also gave out 8 scholarships rather than 6 because of the number of prospective students.

Dual Credit – this winter is the highest term we had for College Choice. Ninety-five high school students are taking 47 classes for a total of 351 credit hours.

On Wednesday night, athletics will be recognizing Sophomore Night for both the men's and women's teams. Everyone was invited to attend.

Board member Mark Wettstein asked Vice President McFetridge to explain cultural competency in which McFetridge explained the standards set under the House Bill 2864 and how they relate to our diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives on campus. He also explained how TVCC reports annually to the State and the work of our DEI Committee.

iii. Administrative Services

Vice President Shirley Haidle reported on the work still being done on the single audit. She also shared a meeting with the auditors and Audit Committee has been scheduled for next Thursday. A report will be brought to the Board during their March meeting.

iv. College Relations and IT

There was no report submitted this month.

v. President's Comments

President Dana Young shared the following highlights:

- President Young, Chair Dirk DeBoer, and Stephen Crow will be attending the March 8 – 9 OCCA Legislative Summit in Salem.
- Monthly Chamber legislative hotline calls will take place at TVCC with Senator Findley and Representative Owens. The calls will be at 7:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.
- Legislative Session: approximately 3,500 – 4,000 bills are expected to be reviewed this session.
- Senator Findley was contacted by President Young about SB 523 BSN and he stated he was in full support of the bill. This initiative will be important for our region and if we meet the criteria we could start offering BSN degrees at TVCC.

f. **Statements from Board Members**

- i. Roger Findley invited everyone to the March historical lesson on the Lincoln Heights area. The event will be held in Vale.
- ii. Cheryl Cruson attended the Chukar Spirit Night and a Foundation Board meeting. She also said she is seeing many TVCC articles on social media. She was asked to conduct a presentation on the good things about Ontario on March 2 before a PEO group. She is asking people what brought them to Ontario and what keeps them here.
- iii. Mark Wettstein stated he wanted to let the Board know that he has decided not to run for re-election on the Board.
- iv. Dirk DeBoer stated there is a great future for the College and he felt the meeting tonight was a good meeting. There are many ways we can make the college successful.

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Betty Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

II. **Executive Session**

The Executive Session started at 8:12 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

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President Dana Young, Director Anne Marie Kelso, Vice President Eddie Alves, and Vice President Shirley Haidle

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to end the Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Roger Findley. The motion carried unanimously.

III. **Open Session**

The meeting went into Open Session at 9:03 p.m.

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- a. Action, if any, from Executive Session
 - i. TVEA Contract Ratification

Motion: Stephen Crow moved to approve the new TVEA contract, and the motion was seconded by Roger Findley. The motion carried unanimously.

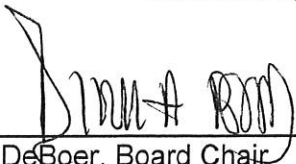
IV. **Important Date(s)**

- a. February 20 President's Day Observed (college closed)
- b. February 21 Registration for Spring/Summer Begins for New Students
- c. March 1 TVCC Foundation Scholarship Priority Deadline
- d. March 20 Final Exam Week
- e. March 27-31 Spring Vacation

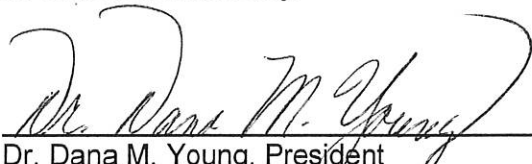
V. **Adjournment and Next Meeting(s)**

- a. March 21, 2023 TVCC Board of Education Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

Motion: Ken Hart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Betty Carter. The motion carried unanimously.



Dirk DeBoer, Board Chair
Treasure Valley Community College



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