

TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

650 College Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914
Weese Building, Room W-110

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Board of Education members in attendance (quorum present)

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

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

President Dr. Dana Young, Vice President Sandy Porter, Vice President Travis McFetridge, Vice President Darin Bell, Anne Marie Kelso, Cathy Yasuda, Arwyn Larson, Cheryl Cruson, Julie Van Matre, Irene Folkman, Prudi Sherman, Holly Kerfoot, Debbie Blackaby, Dave Bean, Frank Yraguen, Evelyn Dame, Tyler Gaston, Sheila Hart, Ron Haidle, Carlos Arana, and Jaime Grimaldo

Work Session

The meeting was called to order at 4:56 p.m. Chair Hart led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the college's mission and vision statements.

A. Joint Board Scholarship

Foundation Executive Director Cathy Yasuda provided an update on the financial status of the joint board endowed scholarship, established several years ago. The first scholarship was awarded in 2020. Both Boards discussed strategies to increase the annual scholarship principal to \$25,000, aiming to achieve this goal within a year. This increase would enable the awarding of a \$1,000 annual scholarship.

B. Fostering Mutual Support Between Boards

President Young asked the Boards to think about how we can better support each other and the work of the College. It was noted that having the Board of Education liaison on the Foundation Board has been very beneficial to the partnership as well as the representation from the faculty (Arwyn Larson) and student (Carlos Arana) body.

Some suggestions for Board collaboration included:

- a tour of the education program at SRCI,
- joint discussion about the next capital project,
- foundation board members attending a Board of Education meeting as well as receiving meeting minutes, and
- consideration of programs such as heavy equipment operators, powerlines, what we can do for the workers in the gold mine, for instance.

In other news, President Young spoke about Dr. Greg Hamann's visit yesterday to TVCC for the purpose of learning more about what we do and how HECC can further support community colleges. Dr. Hamann is the Vice Chair of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). The visit was a great opportunity for state funded programs to highlight what we do to foster student success. Moreover, President Young spoke about how the College is working on the next five-year strategic plan. She also spoke about the focus to target the nontraditional student population due to declining birth rates affecting traditional graduates.

Additionally, Executive Director Cathy Yasuda spoke about the relationship with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI) who has an interest in partnering with TVCC. GOBHI has a

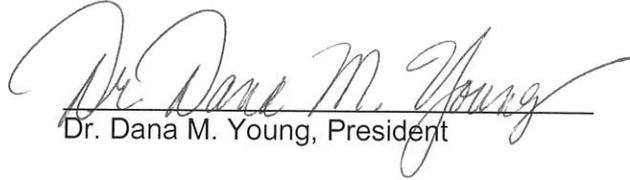
critical need for more skilled professionals in addiction studies and social work. They are looking to invest in a scholarship program to support students pursuing careers in these fields, as well as to create internship and job opportunities for our students. Vice President of Academic Affairs Sandy Porter spoke about the programs and courses TVCC offers for social work, certified peer mentors, as well as positions in human services.

Everyone was invited to attend the November 1 Foundation Gala. Special recognition went to Debbie Blackaby and the Special Events Committee for their work on this year's gala.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Mr. Ken Hart, Board Chairman



Dr. Dana M. Young, President