



Klamath Community College Board of Education
7390 South Sixth Street * Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, March 15, 2022 6:00 PM

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kenneth DeCrans called the regular meeting of the Klamath Community College Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kenneth DeCrans; Linda Dill; Jason Flowers; Kate Marquez; Dave Jensen; Rhoda Keown; and Helen Petersen; and. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Absent: Jason Powderface, Non-voting Board Member, ASKCC President (excused).

Staff Present: Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, President; Jamie Jennings, Vice President; Gail Schull, Vice President; Geoffrey LaHaie, Vice President; Charles Massie, Vice President; Bill Jennings, staff; Troy Lanning, faculty; Paul Breedlove, staff; Kurt Liedtke, staff; and Shannon Childs, Secretary to the Board.

Guests: None.

II. SHOWCASE

Dr. Gutierrez shared that there is a long-term strategy to attract high tech companies to Klamath Falls and to bring jobs to the area.

Dr. Gutierrez introduced Jamie Jennings, who introduced Troy Lanning, faculty. Professor Lanning presented on CyberSecurity and Networking Associate of Applied Science (AAS) via PowerPoint. The presentation included data on students, faculty in program, keys to success, what has been done in the community (including rebuilding the internship program post-COVID), and plans for the future.

Trustee Petersen inquired on classes to help high school students and inquired if it helped with FTE (full time equivalent). VP Jennings shared that this does generate FTE. Professor Lanning shared he currently has “low to mid” 30 students. Trustee Marquez spoke to student need of certificates and asked how this worked with what was being offered. Professor Lanning shared that a pathway certificate helps to set students up for jobs. A list of classes was given which helps students work towards certificates and testing. The tests are offered in the KCC testing center, as well as planning for future tests.

Dr. Gutierrez gave history to the most expensive lab on campus, which is the lab in building 8. This is the lab the students in this degree work in.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Minutes (Regular Meeting February 22, 2022)
- B. Personnel Action
- C. Administrative Reports
- D. Appropriated Objects (Financials)
- E. Enrollment Dashboard

Motion: To accept the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by: Dave Jensen

Second by: Helen Petersen

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To adopt the agenda as written.

Motion by: Helen Petersen

Second by: Kate Marquez

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.

V. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Dr. Gutierrez shared that he received an email from the HECC (Higher Education Coordinating Commission) grants office for a \$200,000 grant award. Today there was a verbal agreement from the Department of Agriculture for a 5-year, \$575,000 grant. This will be to work with local community in wildland fire training.
- b. Agriculture drawings are starting with ZCS Engineering; OCDC (Oregon Child Development Coalition) and Headstart have been invited to work with KCC on this initiative. Dr Gutierrez shared that the College could not acquire modulars.
- c. Dr. Gutierrez shared that Student Life is working with MC's at KCC to serve students. Facebook posting were shared from Student Life working with MC's at KCC for finals week.
- d. The Apprenticeship Center concrete is getting ready to be set. With engineering approval, concrete should go in the beginning of April.
- e. Trustee Petersen inquired on the possibility of there being a round-a-bout by the childcare center. Dr. Gutierrez shared that he has expressed interest in that, or a bridge. At this time, they are in discussion stage. Trustee Petersen expressed concern with eminent domain and land being used up. A discussion was held on concern of the road department.

VI. ASKCC STUDENT REPORT

- a. None.

VII. STATE REPORT

- a. Trustee Marquez shared that the OCCA (Oregon Community College Association) Conference is coming up.
- b. Legislature ended. The cybersecurity center bill and funding did not pass. Future Ready Oregon, a 200-million-dollar workforce plan, did pass. Career Pathways also received funding.

VIII. FOUNDATION REPORT

- a. VP Massie shared that there was funding left following the last scholarship cycle. They are looking at a second cycle. The Foundation has picked April 29th as the public launch date for the capital campaign. The Board will receive information and be invited.
- b. There was a \$50,000 anonymous contribution, which is now titled the Bonanza fund. One third will go to the Education, Access and Opportunity Fund; the other two thirds will go to the regular credit-based scholarship cycle. This is to be paid out over 18 months, with a consideration for an additional donation.
- c. The Foundation Board did review and accept the audited financial statements. The Yolanda Daughters of the American Revolution is continually donating \$500 a year to go
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towards a scholarship fund for GED (General Education Development) students to get testing support.

IX. INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Associate of Arts, Oregon Transfer with Math Emphasis (AAOT – Mathematics) – Action Item

Dr. Gutierrez introduced VP Jennings. VP Jennings highlighted that this transfer will articulate and student will start as juniors or seniors at Oregon Institute of Technology or Southern Oregon University. Degree information was highlighted as shared in the attachments provided in the Board packet.

Motion: To approve the AAOT with Mathematics emphasis degree starting in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Motion by: Dave Jensen

Second by: Rhoda Keown

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval

B. Associate of Arts, Oregon Transfer with Exercise Science Emphasis (AAOT – Exercise Science) – Action Item

VP Jennings highlighted that this transfer will articulate to Eastern Oregon University Bachelors of Science (which is also online), as well as be an industry recognized trainer. This will be available all online, which is the only one in the state. Degree information was highlighted as shared in the attachments provided in the Board packet. VP Jennings shared that there were three other colleges who had this, however not online.

Trustee Petersen inquired if the new classes correlated to anything else, or just this new degree. VP Jennings shared that they could count in other health and wellness degrees, possibly science or be used in electives.

Motion: To approve the AAOT with Exercise Science emphasis degree starting in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Motion by: Dave Jensen

Second by: Rhoda Keown

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval

C. Board Governance Policy 100.0110, 100.0210, and 100.0215 – Action Item – First Reading

Dr. Gutierrez introduced Bill Jennings. Mr. Jennings shared proposed additions to the Board policy language. Lake County operates off a tax code map, which was included in the Board packet. Mr. Jennings highlighted the information as distributed to the Board. The Board gave consensus to move forward to the next meeting. Trustee Marquez asked if Mr. Jennings could bring next steps to the next Board meeting.

D. COVID Updates – Information Item

Dr. Gutierrez shared the update of Governor Brown resending restrictions on COVID mandates. KCC continues to ask employees to stay home if they are not feeling well. Dr. Gutierrez shared that the plan is to have commencement as normal, on the commencement lawn. Employees and students who choose to wear masks, are encouraged to continue to do so. Barriers will remain. Vaccines are recommended, however not mandated. Most President's at community colleges are doing similar things as KCC, with the exception of Lane Community College, who are still not yet meeting face to face.

Chair DeCrans called a recess at 6:59 pm.

X. RECESS REGULAR MEETING

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Pursuant to ORS 192.660(h))

Chair DeCrans called the meeting to Executive Session at 7:05 pm under ORS 192.660 (h) which allows the Board to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Kenneth DeCrans; Linda Dill; Jason Flowers; Kate Marquez; Dave Jensen; Rhoda Keown; Helen Petersen; Dr. Roberto Gutierrez; Geoffrey LaHaie; Jamie Jennings; Gail Schull; Charles Massie; Bill Jennings; Paul Breedlove; Kurt Liedtke; and Shannon Childs were present for Executive Session.

XII. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Chair DeCrans reconvened the regular meeting at 8:45 pm.

XIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Board Discussion

i. Board Comment

- Trustee Jensen shared that he has a friend teaching shop and trade studies in Roseburg. He went to an OSBA (Oregon School Board Association) shop teachers conference. He said the only thing they talked about was what Klamath Falls is doing at KCC for the apprenticeship and trades. It was very positive.
- Trustee Marquez inquired on BOLI (Bureau of Labor and Industries) reference in VP Massie's report. Dr. Gutierrez shared that KCC was not happy with the apprenticeship center accreditation being 1-1. KCC is pushing this, VP Massie shared, they have had conversations with BOLI and others. There has been engagement with an advisory group on campus to move it forward on the agenda, to look at a state-wide change to change these limitations. The argument is that this puts rural areas at a disadvantage. This is currently being discussed.
- Trustee Petersen shared that in the news, there is over time for farm workers, which passed. This will affect our area greatly.
- Chair DeCrans asked why the Electrician, apprentices, etc., do not get a ceremony or plaque. He has been approached by those who would like to see something for apprentices.
- Chair DeCrans asked that when emails are generated, please make sure that they are not creating inappropriate conversations outside the meeting.
- Trustee Jensen shared how lucky the college is. Most administration would look at the numbers and play it safe. Trustee Jensen was with OCCA when there were some serious issues in Oregon, at the time, KCC was the only college to come out with a reserve. The current administration has really stepped up and moved forward to take action before there

are real problems, instead of waiting. Trustee Jensen thanked Dr. Gutierrez and his staff for their work.

B. Public Participation

- None.

XIV. FUTURE ISSUES

- None.

XV. NEXT MEETING

A. Scheduled Board of Education Meeting: April 26, 2022, Founders Hall Boardroom

XVI. ADJOURN

Chair DeCrans adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm due to law with no motion needed.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shannon Childs
Klamath Community College
Board of Education Secretary