



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

Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 27, 2021 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: Linda Dill, Jason Flowers, Kate Marquez, Dave Jensen; Rhoda Keown; Helen Petersen; and Kenneth DeCrans. A quorum was confirmed. Rhoda Keown joined the meeting at 6:30 pm

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, President; Tricia Fiscus, Vice President; Jamie Jennings, Vice President; Bill Jennings, Vice President; Charles Massie, Executive Director; Maggie Polson, Executive Director; Lacey Jarrell, staff; Kathleen Walker-Henderson, staff; and Shannon Childs, Secretary to the Board.

Guests: Michael Fitzgerald.

II. BOARD REORGANIZATION

A. Oath of Office for Newly Elected/Nominated Board Members

Chair Kenneth DeCrans, Linda Dill, Jason Flowers, Kate Marquez, Dave Jensen and Helen Petersen stood. The oath of office was administered, and stated for self, by Chair DeCrans.

B. Election of Board Chair

Nomination: To elect Kenneth DeCrans as Board Chair.

Nomination by: Dave Jensen

Motion: To close nominations.

Motion by: Helen Petersen

Second by: Jason Flowers

Discussion: None.

Action: Nomination passed. Unanimous approval.

C. Election of Board Vice Chair

Nomination: To elect Dave Jensen as Vice-Chair.

Nomination by: Jason Flowers

Nomination: To elect self, Trustee Petersen as Vice-Chair.

Nomination by: Helen Petersen

Motion: To close nominations.

Motion by: Dave Jensen

Second by: Helen Petersen

Discussion: None.

Nomination to elect Dave Jensen. Action: 5 yay; 1 nay.

Nomination to elect Helen Petersen. Action: 1 yay; 5 nay.

Action: Nomination passed to elect Dave Jensen as Vice-Chair.

D. Appointment of the President as Clerk of the District

Motion to appoint Dr. Gutierrez, President, as Clerk of the District.

Motion by: Kenneth DeCrans

Discussion: None.

Action: 5 yay, 1 nay. Motion passed.

E. Appointment of the Vice President of Administrative Services as Deputy Clerk of the District

Motion to appoint Tricia Fiscus, Vice President, as Deputy Clerk of the District.

Motion: Kenneth DeCrans

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval

F. Appointment of the Budget Officer

Motion to appoint Tricia Fiscus, Vice President, as the Budget Officer pursuant to ORS 294.331. As outlined in this Statute, the Budget Officer shall prepare or supervise the preparation of the 2020-2021 budget document during fiscal year 2019-2020. The Budget Officer shall act under the direction of the President.

Motion: Kenneth DeCrans

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval

G. Appointment of Secretary to the Board

Motion to appoint Shannon Childs as Secretary to the Board.

Nomination by: Kenneth DeCrans

Discussion: None.

Action: 5 yay, 1 nay. Motion passed.

H. Adoption of Meeting Time, Date, and Location for 2021-2022

Motion: To move the March 15, 2022 meeting to the 4th Tuesday of March, which is March 22, 2022.

Motion by: Helen Petersen

Second by: Kate Marquez

Discussion: Trustee Petersen shared that it was mentioned to her, by many, over two years, that they missed that meeting due to the meeting not aligning with the other Board meetings. Chair DeCrans inquired on who had inquired or missed. Trustee Petersen shared that Mrs. Justice has missed that last two years. Trustee Petersen did not want to share other names do to feelings of retaliation. Dr. Gutierrez shared that the College has a process if there are complaints or concerns, there is a process that employees need to go to human resources to file a formal complaint. Trustee Jensen shared that he did not feel it was an issue, as he did not see many students joining the meeting. There was discussion held on benefits of the meeting being during Spring Break or the week before.

Action: 1 yay, 5 nay. Motion failed.

Motion: To accept Board meeting schedule as written.

Motion: Jason Flowers

Second: Dave Jensen

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.

I. Appointment of the OCCA Representative

Nomination: To appoint Trustee Kate Marquez as OCCA Representative for Academic Year 2021-2022.

Nomination by: Dave Jensen

Motion to Close: Dave Jensen

Discussion: None.

Action: Nomination passed. Unanimous approval.

III. SHOWCASE

None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board Minutes (Regular Meeting June 22, 2021)
- 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: Jason Flowers

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.

V. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: To adopt the agenda.

Motion by: Helen Petersen

Second by: Dave Jensen

Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Motion passed. Unanimous approval.

VI. PRESIDENT REPORT

- a. Dr. Gutierrez asked VP Fiscus to give an update on the Apprenticeship Center. VP Fiscus referred to the handout on Bid Solicitation, which has reflected a lot of interest. Dr. Gutierrez shared that the ground-breaking should be in fall. The vision of having a Pacific Northwest Fire Training in Klamath falls was reviewed and has been shared with Washington DC. Dr. Gutierrez has been in conversation with the Forrest Service. \$115,000 was given from the National Forrest Service for the Apprenticeship Center. They did share that they hope that is the first of many more to come. Dr. Gutierrez shared this is a long-term plan. Trustee Flowers inquired if the College feels happy with the National Forest Service conversations. Dr. Gutierrez expressed that it is a good conversation at this time. Dr. Gutierrez is modeling this on the Fire Training in Florida that is serving the East. Trustee Petersen inquired if she may have information on the academy in Florida.

Trustee Rhoda Keown joined the meeting at 6:30 pm. Chair DeCrans asked Rhoda Keown to stand and the oath of office was administered.

- b. Statewide enrollments were reviewed. The highest drop in enrollments was 22%, with the lowest at 7%. KCC has had record enrollments and is currently up about 2% in the 2020-2021 academic year.

- c. Dr. Gutierrez gave updates on the Child Care Center. Dr. Gutierrez shared the history of acquiring acreage with Child Care Center visioning and a grant acquisition. There is a push to have modulars available. There are hopes to have partnerships with Oregon Childhood Development Coalition (OCDC), Headstart and KCC. Trustee Petersen inquired if contracts came to the Board. VP Fiscus shared contracts over \$150,000 go to the Board. Executive Director Polson shared that it would be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and those do not need to come to the Board. Trustee Petersen asked if the Board could have copies of the MOU for the Child Care Center. Trustee Keown shared she did not believe the Board needed a copy, as the President keeps the Board informed. It creates more paperwork that is time consuming and not necessary. Dr. Gutierrez shared that he would continue to keep the Board informed. Trustee Marquez inquired on the crosswalk. VP Fiscus shared that there is a crosswalk, however they are looking at two entrances for buses to be able to get in and out of the property. The Department of Transportation has approved the double entrances.
- d. The National Forrest Service currently has a command center on the KCC campus. Dr. Gutierrez shared that Governor Brown will be on campus tomorrow for an assessment of the Bootleg Fire.

VII. ASKCC STUDENT REPORT

- a. VP Bill Jennings shared that Daniel Lawrence will be the new ASKCC President joining the Board next month. Mr. Lawrence is a Business Administration major.
- b. VP Jennings shared that ASKCC was able to receive some local gifts from a local meat vendor. It was bundled with Food Pantry items for pasta kits for students.

VIII. STATE REPORT

- a. Trustee Marquez shared that the November 3-5 Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Annual Conference session information will be out soon. It will be in Sunriver.
- b. The legislative session is over. There is \$703 million budgeted for the Community College support. The bill also includes \$200 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant, Oregon's largest state-funded, needs-based grant program for college students, which serves approximately 40,000 students.
- c. The part-time faculty healthcare bill was approved, and includes money cover costs associated with paying for the healthcare coverage outlined in bill.
- d. OCCA looking for new executive director. Cam Preus is retiring. Dr. Gutierrez shared he was on the search committee.
- e. The federal judge upheld Indiana University's vaccination requirement for students. Some Oregon schools will likely to require vaccinations, while others will not.

IX. FOUNDATION REPORT

- a. Executive Director Massie shared that the raffle was finished up and \$8,500 was netted. It was a good number to be added to the scholarship fund. The next project may be a campaign around the giving Tuesday event in November.
- b. The Foundation Board Retreat is August 23rd.

X. INFORMATIONAL AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Self Evaluation – Information Item

Executive Director Polson shared that based on policy, the Board needs to evaluate itself. The policy was read. Executive Director Polson had envelopes for those members serving during the 2020-2021 year. Michael Fitzgerald will also receive a survey. As results will be at the Board Retreat, it was asked that the survey be returned by next Tuesday, August 3rd. Executive Director Polson will receive all information and

confidentially compile. Executive Director Polson shared it was both a self-evaluation as a board member and an evaluation of the Board as a whole.

B. COVID Updates – Information Item

Executive Director Polson shared that there has been one case since the last meeting. The College is still in the process of getting decals for doors reading that masks are not required, but recommended. Trustee Petersen inquired on the change of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. Trustee Petersen inquired if it was preemptive to put signs on the doors. Dr. Gutierrez shared that this will ultimately be a Board decision if they want a recommendation from administration. Executive Director Polson shared that at this time, the CDC is only making recommendations, except for K-12.

XI. BOARD DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Board Discussion

i. Board Comment

- Trustee Petersen noticed construction in Building 4 in the culinary area. Dr. Gutierrez shared that aviation and Precision need an area for aviation students to meet. There is a larger vision to include pilots, who need to be re-trained, including a Precision paid simulator study area. This will be for both students and local pilots. The Food Pantry may be moving to another area and possibly expanding. The Dental Hygiene area is fairly small and the area is being maintained. There is also a plan to hopefully have a maintenance portion of the program. Dr. Gutierrez has talked to Kingsley about a possible Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved Airframe and Powerplant program. Dr. Gutierrez shared some details of working with Kingsley field.
- Trustee Marquez shared the following for the record. “I’m going to talk about something more personal than I typically would. Last week, I testified in Portland at the Oregon Sex Workers Human Rights Commission, and advocated for the decriminalization of adult, consensual sex work in Oregon. Advocating for decriminalization is both data-driven and personal. I’m telling you because I intend to continue to actively advocate for decriminalization of adult, consensual sex work, with the hope that there will be a measure on Oregon’s Fall, 2022 ballot. Briefly, 40 year ago, I moved to San Francisco to attend college. To support myself and my 9-year-old, I went to work at a downtown massage parlor where I worked alongside mostly immigrant women in very similar circumstances to those recently murdered in Atlanta—they were mothers who were the support of their immediate families and often of families back home in their countries of origin. I got involved w/COYOTE, the first group to ever promote the concept of sex work decriminalization. Before testifying last week, I met with and told Dr. Gutierrez, Kenny Decrans and Shannon Childs that I was going to testify. And at the hearing, I said that I wasn’t there representing KCC (or OCF Leadership Council), but that both organizations supported me testifying, without taking any position on the issue. FYI, I intend to continue to serve on the KCC board as actively as ever. I mentioned data-driven. Why decriminalization? 1) One, most people don’t want the government telling consenting adults who they can have sex with and on what terms. 66% of Oregon voters support decriminalization; percentage is far even higher w/millennials. 2) Second, the evidence is overwhelming that criminalization makes sex workers less safe from violence and exploitation, especially those who are underage or forced. Exploitation, also called trafficking, is a crime, as are assault and theft. Those crimes can and should be aggressively investigated and prosecuted. All evidence indicates that investigation and prosecution happen far more effectively in a decriminalized environment. Also, exiting sex work is much easier with decriminalization. These reasons are why all major human rights groups support decriminalization. Thank you for listening. I’m making a deliberately public

statement. This is not a secret that you need to maintain. If you have questions now or in the future, I'm happy to try to answer. I know this can be triggering for people in various ways. I hope not. I hope you're all ok. And after this little event we can just move on to whatever else comes down the pike on behalf of KCC."

- Trustee Petersen thanked Executive Director Polson and her work. Positive compliments were made on Executive Director Polson's behalf.

B. Public Participation

- Helen Petersen shared with the Board and Community, that as far as the LGBTQTA goes, the queer community goes, as of 2020 a Gallup poll put the queer community in America at 4.5% of the American population, in 2021 the same poll put it at 5.6% of the American population. Currently in America, depending, laws have changed and altered. As of last President, for example, the HUD guidelines for equal access to housing was changed, so the queer community, for sexual orientation and gender identity, you could be discriminated against and could be denied housing. Under the current President, this HUD equal access rule has changed to include this group. This flip flops every few years depending on the powers that be. This is just America, this takes place across the world. There are currently 69 countries that have it as illegal. There are laws in some countries that may equal death for the queer community. Trustee Petersen shared that a person's age, race, gender identity, and sexual orientation should never be seen as a fad or style. A person's rights and ability to seek safety should never been seen as a style or craze. The minority has always fought for equality and equity and that is where they will always stand. Trustee Petersen asked to keep that in mind when thinking of LGBTQTA rights and their safety on the campus.

XII. FUTURE ISSUES

- Chair DeCrans shared that Smoking on Campus will be started with shared governance in October. Trustee Keown shared she has been contacted from medical providers for the campus to go tobacco free.
- Trustee Petersen inquired if they were looking to attend the OCCA Conference. Chair DeCrans informed the Board that information will be shared and it will be individual board member decision whether or not to attend. Attendance was encouraged for the new board members to attend the OCCA Training and the OCCA Conference.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- A. Board Retreat: August 19-20, 2021, Running Y Resort, Boardroom. Dr. Gutierrez shared that there will be a facilitator joining from ACCT.
- B. Scheduled Board of Education Meeting: September 28, 2021, Founders Hall Boardroom

XIV. ADJOURN

Motion: To adjourn.

Motion by: Kenneth DeCrans

Second: Helen Petersen

Chair DeCrans adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shannon Childs

Klamath Community College

Board of Education Secretary