



BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE:

Randy Helm	Fritz Ellet	Ryan Brusco
Sarah Segal	Eric Clanton	Ashley Mickels
Robin Feuerbacher	Darcy Long-Curtiss	Mary Kramer
Antonio Baptista	Dr. Marta Cronin	Susan Lewis
Dave Mason	Michael Mallery	Kelsey Contreras
Kim Morgan	Courtney Judah	Shayna Dahl
Tim Arbogast	Gerardo Cifuentes	Margaret Myers
Jonathan Fost	Danny Dehaze	Dan Spatz
Marilyn Wong	Steph Hoppe	Leigh Hancock
Nathaniel Stice	Tiffany Prince	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Tim Arbogast, Budget Committee Chair called the meeting to order 6:01pm.

2.0 WELCOME

Introductions

Dr. Cronin welcomed everyone back for this second session, and thanked or their ongoing patience and participation with the proposed budget.

2.1 Review Oregon Budget Law, Role of Budget Committee and Meeting Guidelines

Mike Mallery, Budget Officer, gave a quick refresher and reviewed the expectations for the budget meeting and Oregon Budget Law. Additionally, he went over general purposes, roles of Budget Committee and meeting guidelines.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ida Ghramm, President of Phi Theta Kappa, and John Brunk, CGCC Foundation Board member, both gave comments to the Budget Committee.

Ida Ghramm voiced that she and other members of Phi Theta Kappa had several concerns regarding the budget. Of most concern was how employee layoffs were reflected in the budget, specifically that of Student Life Advisor Michelle Gietl – who's dismissal was seen by many students as disconcerting considering how much she has contributed to student success. The budget should also show more clarification with regards to the skill center and housing project. There was also some question as to how the funds CGCC will receive from the CARES Act will be distributed, and if they would

be used to help reinstate employees. Another point of concern was that there was no clear indication of where the \$1/per credit that students pay for mental health counseling is reflected in the budget. During these difficult times, students need more support than ever.

John Brunk stated that he and other foundation board members recently learned of the decision to reduce the foundation's executive director's position by half without including the Foundation in the discussion. The foundation was also not given the opportunity to provide input towards the proposed budget. There is some concern that, with the reduction of the position and the possibility that the foundation may not approve supplementing the salary and benefits of the role, the effects may be long lasting. There might only be an issue with turnover but also the relationships that have already been built in the community.

4.0 PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

4.1 Review of Budget Document

While the Budget Committee had discussed the budget documents last week, Mike Mallery further discussed that this budget demonstrates that the college is in a good position for next year, but more reductions may have to be addressed as time goes on and more information is available. A preliminary document showing more information will be compiled and presented at the May 19th Board of Education meeting. If the Board decides not to adopt in May, they can wait until the June Board meeting.

Based on comments, Mike and Courtney Judah, Director of Human Resources, stated that mental health funds are part of the General Fund, typically with Student Support Services.

5.0 OTHER

The Budget Committee stated that a clearer overview of the budget changes would be helpful in addressing differences in the budget, as well as presenting a functional justification for the changes regarding reductions in staffing.

There should also be consideration for risk analysis and the repercussions if state funding is impacted.

6.0 MOTIONS

MOTION #1 – APPROVED

Randy Helm moved that **the Columbia Gorge Community College Budget Committee approve the 2020-2021 budget as is.** Fritz Ellet seconded. Motion passed 9-3: Antonio Baptista, Dave Mason, and Sarah Segal opposed. Tim Arbogast chose to refrain from voting except in the instance that there was a tie.

7.0 ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

As recorded by Margaret Myers
Administrative Assistant to the President and Board of Education