Rogue Community College District Special Meeting: Board of Education Work Session January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order- The Rogue Community College (RCC) Special Board of Education (Board) meeting was called to order by Pat Fahey, Board Chair, at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 in-person on the Riverside Campus, Higher Education Center, Room 127/129, 101 South Bartlett Street, Medford, OR and via Zoom. Due notice was given.
- **2. Determine Presence of a Quorum-** A quorum of the Board was present including: Pat Fahey, Roger Stokes, Claudia Sullivan, Gary Plano, Jeff Lang, Maria Ramos Underwood, and Pat Ashley.
- 3. Introduction of Guests- RCC District employees included: President Randy Weber, Jamee Harrington, Juliet Long, Lisa Stanton, Navarro Chandler, Jodi Simons, Nicole Sakraida, Julie Toledo, Rene McKenzie, Laurie Roe, Mary Middleton, Jeanine Henriques, and Rachelle Brown.

4. Information Presentation:

- A. Update on Legislative Issues- President Randy Weber highlighted items from the Secretary of State (SOS) Audit and the 2023-2025 Legislative Ask (see file). The SOS audit calls for greater state investment in student success initiatives, increased student warp-around support services, and sustainable funding for community colleges. President Weber noted that educational leaders and state legislators must advocate to find a sustainable funding formula that will address the immediate enrollment challenges brought on by the pandemic, as well as provide stability for audit-aligned needs to increase enrollment and meet student needs. To fully maintain all current capacity, Oregon community colleges would require that state to provide an ongoing biennial increase in state support of 44 percent. The 2023-2025 Legislative Ask consists of 4 parts: to pass a 20 percent increase to the Community College Support Fund (CCSF) to address increases in operating costs and enrollment decline, to pass an additional one-time stopgap request of \$50M to ease transition to new enrollment realities, to seek a 100% increase in the Oregon Opportunity Grant, and to authorize community colleges to offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. President Weber concluded his presentation with a discussion on board advocacy opportunities and encouraged board members to engage with legislators and community leaders to advocate for community colleges.
- **5.** Adjournment- Pat Fahey adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rachelle Brown, Assistant to the President-Governance.