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***Rogue Community College District  
Board of Education– March 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes***

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1. **Call to Order-** The Rogue Community College (RCC) Board of Education (Board) meeting was called to order by Shawn Hogan, Board Chair, at 5:03 p.m. on March 16, 2021 via Zoom. Due notice was given.
2. **Determine Presence of a Quorum-** A quorum of the Board was present including: Kevin Talbert, Pat Fahey, Roger Stokes, Shawn Hogan, Pat Ashley, Claudia Sullivan, and Maria Ramos Underwood.
3. **Zoom Etiquette-** Rachelle Brown explained the Board’s Zoom Etiquette expectations. Participants, aside from Board members and the Senior Leadership team, were asked to mute themselves and have their video turned off. If someone were to cause a distraction or disturbance to the meeting, that person would be dismissed from the meeting. If anyone wished to speak, they were asked to raise their hand, either electronically or physically on their video screen. Participants were asked to sign in with their full name and title using the chat box.
4. **Introduction of Guests-** RCC District employees included: President Cathy Kemper-Pelle, Curtis Sommerfeld, Juliet Long, Kori Ebenhack, Lisa Stanton, Jamee Harrington, Mary Middleton, Judy Basker, Navarro Chandler, Rene McKenzie, Carmen Sumner, Greg McKown, Kim Freeze, Laurie Roe, Sarah Wofford, Sean Taggart, August Farnsworth, and Rachelle Brown; Isabelle Pierre, Riverside (RVC)/Table Rock (TRC) Associated Student Government (ASG) President, and RCC Students Rebecca Williams and Ashley Abbott; and Natalie Skowlund, reporter at the Grants Pass Daily Courier.
5. **Public Comment-** None.
6. **College Reports**
  - A. **Finance and Audit Committee-** Kevin Talbert stated that the committee spent a lot of time discussing the proposed tuition and fee increases and how those increases would impact student financial aid. He said the committee felt reassured that most of the proposed increases will be covered by financial aid, for those students who are eligible. Dr. Talbert noted that for those students who do not qualify for financial aid, there are other options such as the Oregon Opportunity Grant.
  - B. **Written Report(s)-**
    - a. **Student Government-** Shawn Hogan noted that in the Student Huddle minutes (see file) it seemed that there were a couple of registration hurdles for some students, and he asked Isabelle Pierre if those have been resolved. Ms. Pierre stated that she feels that those hurdles have been addressed and that students have received a lot of help from staff.

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- i. Student Profiles- RCC student Rebecca Williams submitted a written profile to the Board in advance of the meeting (see file). Shawn Hogan felt that Ms. Williams’ personal story was very compelling and asked her to elaborate on any challenges she has faced at RCC. Ms. Williams noted that she feels like one of the biggest challenges facing students is not being able to afford college. She added that some of her fellow students are concerned about the proposed increases in tuition and fees. Ms. Williams stated that another challenge she sees at RCC has to do with communication to students. She feels that there could be better communication between the students and the policy makers. President Kemper-Pelle responded that she would be happy to meet with Ms. Williams to discuss communication strategies. Claudia Sullivan said that she would be interested in hearing ideas for newer forms of communication. Mr. Hogan thanked Ms. Williams for her written profile and for bringing her concerns forward to the Board.
- b. Classified Association- No comments.
- c. Faculty Association (no written report)- No comments.
- d. Faculty Senate (no written report)- No comments.

**7. President’s Report**

- A. Monthly Calendar and Narrative- President Kemper-Pelle highlighted items from her written report (see file). She noted that meetings have been under way for our strategic planning process and that there was representation from every sector strategy group at recent focus groups. President Kemper-Pelle said that it has been a busy month for meetings with state and federal legislators. She noted that there has been a lot of interest from congressional leaders in supporting RCC, and community colleges as a whole, in recovery from the pandemic. President Kemper-Pelle continues to meet with Faculty, Classified, and Management staff on a monthly basis via Zoom. She also had the opportunity to meet with ASG student leaders and address their questions. She felt that conversation went well and she learned much. She added that the conversation mostly centered around what summer and fall terms will look like at RCC, to which she noted that we are still waiting on more details from the state to help plan for the eventual return to campus. President Kemper-Pelle noted that great work is happening between Southern Oregon University (SOU) and RCC Student Services and Instructional Services to help align programs, course numbering, and course outcomes. A joint letter from RCC and SOU addressing the impact of recent wildfires was sent to

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Senator Golden and Representative Clem (see file). The letter proposes a way to help SOU and RCC with revenue loss due to the wildfires.

- B. Bond Oversight Committee (BOC)**- Greg McKown stated that the committee reviewed a guaranteed maximum price for the new Science Center building on the Redwood Campus (RWC), and that resolution is on tonight's agenda for Board approval (see file). He added that the Water Project is moving along swiftly and should be completed on schedule.

**8. Board Action and/or Information Items**

**A. Review RCC Hazard Mitigation Plan (First Reading)**

- a. Roger Stokes noted that there are some minor typos that need to be addressed before the plan is brought back for a second reading. President Kemper-Pelle responded that those will be corrected before the next reading. Sean Taggart noted that this is a living document, and this plan helps the college look at the problems it's most prone to experience and addresses those issues.

**B. Adopt Board Policy: BP-4300: Field Trips and Excursions (Second Reading)**

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Maria Ramos Underwood, that the Board adopt item 8.B, as presented.

**The motion unanimously carried.**

**C. Adopt 2021/22 Tuition Rates (Second Reading)**

Pat Fahey moved, seconded by Pat Ashley, that the Board adopt item 8.C, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Claudia Sullivan- Approve  
Roger Stokes- Approve  
Maria Ramos Underwood- Approve  
Pat Ashley- Approve  
Pat Fahey- Approve  
Kevin Talbert- Approve  
Shawn Hogan- Approve

**The motion unanimously carried.**

**D. Adopt 2021/22 Fees (Second Reading)**

- a. Pat Ashley asked if there was any discussion from the Finance and Audit Committee meeting that should be brought forward at this time. Pat Fahey

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responded that discussion focused around the Federal Pell Grant and that those students who are eligible for Pell should still be eligible under the new fees. Roger Stokes noted that students need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be eligible to apply for grants or financial aid.

Pat Ashley moved, seconded by Roger Stokes, that the Board adopt item 8.D, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Claudia Sullivan- Approve  
Roger Stokes- Approve  
Maria Ramos Underwood- Approve  
Pat Ashley- Approve  
Pat Fahey- Approve  
Kevin Talbert- Approve  
Shawn Hogan- Approve

**The motion unanimously carried.**

**E.** Approve GMP Amendment 3 with Adroit Construction for CMGC Services- RWC Science Center

Kevin Talbert moved, seconded by Roger Stokes, that the Board adopt item 8.E, as presented.

**The motion unanimously carried.**

**9. Foundation and Senior Management Team Reports**

- A. Foundation- No comments.
- B. Senior Leadership Team- Kori Ebenhack noted that our new financial aid system, PowerFAIDS, should be up and running by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Institutional Research Effectiveness & Planning (IREP)- Discussion was had on the English Language Learners metrics portion of the written report (see file). The Board asked Laurie Roe to make the two graphs more comparable and easier to understand by making sure the graphs each show the same range of years.

**10. New Business**

- A. Bonding RCC's PERs Unfunded Actuarial Liability- Carol Samuels, Managing Director of Public Finance at Piper Sandler & Co., presented during the Board Work Session that took place prior to the start of this meeting (see file). The Board expressed interest in proceeding and would like a resolution from Piper

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Sandler & Co. to be brought forward at the May Board meeting. No formal decision will be made until the resolution is brought forward.

- B. Spring Term Board Meeting Location- To stay in accordance with state and federal COVID-19 regulations, the Board agreed to keep their monthly meetings on Zoom through Spring term.
- C. RCC Staff Travel Ban – President Kemper-Pelle noted that the travel ban will remain in effect until at least the end of this current fiscal year. If employees need to travel for mandatory training for federal grants, those employees may petition for an exception.

### **11. Old Business**

- A. May 18, 2021 Special Election- At this time, no candidate has filed for Zone 3. The deadline to file for candidacy is March 18, 2021. Board members will reach out to qualified candidates within that zone.
- B. Board Equity Workshop- A Board Equity Workshop has been scheduled for Monday, April 12 via Zoom. Two Achieving the Dream coaches, Linda Watkins and Nancy Finazzo, along with RCC EDI Coordinator, Amy Peterson, will lead the Board in a discussion on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as it relates to RCC.

### **12. Approve Consent Agenda**

- A. Meeting Minutes
  - a. February 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting
  - b. February 23, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Grant Acceptance (none)
- C. Human Resources (none)
- D. Financial Reports
  - a. Monthly Financial Data Report- February 2021

Pat Fahey moved, seconded by Pat Ashley, that the Board approve the consent agenda.

**The motion unanimously carried.**

### **13. Board Reports**

- A. Executive Committee- No comments.
- B. Facilities Committee- No comments.
- C. OCCA/OSBA- Pat Fahey noted that OCCA legislative calls are being held every Tuesday. President Kemper-Pelle encouraged everyone to visit the OCCA website and click on the “Take Action” button on the home page. She noted that if you fill in your name and address, the form will send a letter to your representatives expressing your support of community colleges.

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- D. Board Outreach Committee- Pat Fahey noted that some organizations are starting to discuss opening back up, and he has hopes that this summer he will be able to meet with more groups and organizations once some COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- E. RCC Foundation- Claudia Sullivan stated that the next Foundation Board meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- F. President’s Performance Review Committee- Shawn Hogan stated that the committee is on schedule, and evaluation surveys will be sent out later this month.

Shawn Hogan closed the public meeting at 6:34 p.m.

- 14. Executive Session-** Shawn Hogan called the meeting into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Labor Negotiations, (2)(e) Real Property Transactions, and (2)(f) Exempt Public Records and closed the Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

Shawn Hogan reconvened the public meeting at 6:44 p.m.

**15. Roundtable-**

Kevin Talbert expressed his appreciation of President Kemper-Pelle and the leadership team at RCC for their excellent guidance through all of the challenges that RCC has faced during this last year.

President Kemper-Pelle commented that it was a year ago today that we were discussing how to move everything online in just two weeks. She added that we are still making progress on our Achieving the Dream goals, despite all of the challenges over the last year.

Shawn Hogan thanked everyone for their time and participation at tonight’s meeting.

- 16. Adjournment-** Shawn Hogan adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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