



Rogue Community College
Budget Advisory Team Meeting



April 2, 2021, 11:30 a.m., via Zoom

Attendance: Lisa Stanton (Chair), Natalie Herklotz, Juliet Long, Rose Passione, Shannon Van Lehn, Sarah Wofford, Jodi Simons, Rosalyn Mendoza (recording secretary)

Agenda Item(s):

1. Updated Budget Projects

There are no new updates to the projections until the Budget and Finance office closes the month of March.

2. General Budget Discussions

Lisa Stanton discussed the disbursement plan for the student portion of the [Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act](#), 2021 (CRRSAA) funds. These funds will be referred to as the COVID Relief Grant II. RCC has created an application form for students to use to apply for the funds and an email will be sent out to students shortly letting them know where to apply. The requirements include having experienced a hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency, US citizenship or eligible non-citizen status, enrollment in RCC for at least 1 credit or a RCC noncredit course for 10 contact hours, and enrollment at RCC as of the 3rd week of the term. All the awards are \$500. Students have the option to apply this grant to their balance at RCC, but they are not required to.

Some of the institutional portion of the CRRSAA grant will be used for grants to students who do not qualify for the COVID Relief Grant II. The purpose of these funds is to help an institution sustain through the pandemic. To do this, we need to get students re-enrolled. RCC normally has a receivable balance of about \$2 million. This year alone it increased around \$1.5 million dollars. Students will have a hardship to come back to school due to this discrepancy. In looking at student balances, most owe under \$2,000 dollars. RCC will offer a \$2,000 institutional award to pay off the balance so students can return to school. The requirement will be that a student has to be enrolled in the coming term by 3rd week. The process for this grant application is still in the early stages.

Question: Will a student qualify if they've received financial aid?

Response: Pell students will not be eligible for this \$2,000 grant. More discussions will occur as to whether this means students have not received Pell funds or are just Pell eligible. There will not be a GPA requirement in order to use these funds to pay off the balance.

Question: Will all awards for this grant be \$2,000 or will they be up to \$2,000?

Response: If a student qualifies they will receive the amount to take care of their balance up to \$2,000. This also can apply to students who were here in 2018 with an outstanding balance since they still owed as of March 14, 2020. They are now eligible to have their debt paid off. RCC has not sent anyone to collections in the last year and hasn't stopped anyone from registering due to an overdue balance.

A frequently asked questions (FAQ) sheet for the COVID Relief Grant II has been created and will be posted online. The goal is to get the applications up by next week so students can start applying.

3. Other New Business

None

4. Adjournment

Lisa thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.