



**Gila County Community College District
Governing Board Work Session
Gila Pueblo Campus
January 14, 2015
APPROVED**

A Work Session of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held via ITV on January 14, 2015 in Room 522 at the Gila Pueblo Campus and Room 209 at Payson Campus, Gila Community College, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

Governing Board Members Present:

Samuel I. Moorhead, President
Dr. Jan Brocker, Member
Jerry McCreary, Member
Jay Spehar, Member
John Zilisch, Member,

Governing Board Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

B. Stephen Cullen, Senior Dean, Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator – IT Gila County, Bryan Chambers, Gila County Attorney's Office, L.Q.Harris, Software Support Specialist, and Lisa Nye, Administrative Assistant.

OTHER GUESTS: Michele Nelson of Payson Roundup.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge and Acknowledge Guests

President Moorhead called the session to order at 9:05 am. He acknowledged that there was a full quorum and led the pledge. He acknowledged the guests in attendance and advised that there could be no action taken on any of the agenda items during the work session.

2. Discussion

A. Nomination and election of officers for 2015/Information/Discussion

President Moorhead stated that the nomination and election of officers would take place during the regular meeting. Jay Spehar was introduced as the new Globe Board member and he gave brief background information. Jan Brocker the new Payson Board member was introduced and provided brief background information.

B. GCC Tuition /Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen presented a proposal to the Board for a slight tuition increase to go into effect in July, 2015. This would keep pace with EAC's tuition increase. Member Zilisch asked when this item would require action. Senior Dean Cullen stated that action should be taken in February.

C. Appointment of liaison to work with lobbyists/Information/Discussion

President Moorhead discussed the importance of a Board member working with the lobbyists. Member Jay Spehar stated that he has been a registered lobbyist and would be happy to take on the role of liaison.

D. Budget Development Process/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen reviewed a PowerPoint presentation along with a step-by-step process for the Board. He stated he would present a draft of the budget in March. He informed that there is also a staffing plan. Member Zilisch had questions regarding the process and some discussion followed.

E. Budget Adoption Timelines for 2015/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen provided tentative timelines for the Budget Adoption.

F. Resolutions (listed below)/Information/Discussion

1. Gila County Supervisors
2. City of Globe
3. Town of Payson
4. Town of Miami
5. Town of Star Valley
6. Town of Hayden
7. Gila County Superintendent of Schools

Senior Dean Cullen stated that these resolutions are for consideration of the Governing Board to support a resolution for the lobbying effort relative to Work Force Development funding. He also recommends that the listed organizations use a similar draft as a resolution to support our effort. Member Spehar and Member Zilisch provided information on handling the resolutions. Discussion followed.

G. Strategic Planning Session/Information/Discussion

Member Spehar proposed that in addition to the regularly scheduled Board meetings that the Board meet to discuss the vision of GCC and where the Board wishes to take GCC over the next few years. He provided additional information regarding goals. Counsel provided information for the Board to follow to stay in compliance with Open Meeting Law. Dr. Brocker stated that she has a background in strategic planning and would like to work together with Member Spehar. Member Spehar was very receptive to the idea.

H. Meeting Schedule for 2015/Information/Discussion

President Moorhead asked for any conflicts regarding meeting dates. Members stated that the first Thursday seemed to be the best day for all.

I. Update on Solar Project

Senior Dean Cullen stated that much work has been done and it will be complete in February.

J. Economic Impact Study/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen and Member Spehar worked together to put this document together and suggested this might be presented along with the resolutions to help tell GCC's story. Lobbyists, staff and Board Members should be able to use this to promote GCC and the bargain the taxpayers are receiving from GCC. Member Zilisch thanked Senior Dean and Member Spehar for their work on the study.

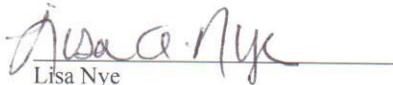
K. Submission of information to the Higher Learning Commission/Information/Discussion

Member McCreary provided information about obtaining accreditation. He acknowledged all the work that Dr. Stephenson did on the project. He stated that Dr. Sweeney called to inform him that there was a lot of work to be done and to not submit the \$5,000 at this time. She stated she would work with the Board and will be sending 19 steps that need to be completed and the process could take three to five years.


3. Adjournment/Action

President Moorhead adjourned the meeting at 10:11 am; Board to reconvene in 10 minutes at 10:20 am for the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa Nye
Recording Secretary

Attest:


John Zilisch
Secretary