



**Gila County Community College District
Governing Board Work Session Meeting
Gila Pueblo Campus
March 2, 2017
APPROVED**

A Work Session Meeting of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board was held via ITV on March 2, 2017 in Room 522 at the Gila Pueblo Campus and Room 402 at Payson Campus, Gila Community College, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(B), notice having been duly given.

Governing Board Members Present:

Jay Spehar, President
Jan Brocker, Secretary
Kurt Knauss, Member
Samuel I. Moorhead, Member
Jennifer White, Member

Governing Board Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

Senior Dean Steve Cullen, Pat Burke, GPC and SC Campus Dean, Ron Carnahan, Project Coordinator IT Gila County, Jeff Dalton, Gila County Attorney's Office, L.Q. Harris, Software Support Specialist, Leitha Griffin, Marketing/Community Relations Coordinator, and Chastity Van Buskirk, Administrative Assistant.

OTHER GUESTS: Michele Nelson, Payson Roundup, Roy Sandoval, Gila County School Superintendent.

1. Call to Order * Roll Call * Pledge * Acknowledge Guests

President Spehar called the Gila Community College Governing Board Work Session of March 2, 2017, to order at 9:00 a.m. New member Jennifer White led the Pledge.

2. Board Member Selection Process

President Spehar explained the process of filling the vacant Board seat in Payson. The selection committee selected Jennifer White of Payson. Superintendent Sandoval will perform the swearing in of the newly selected Board member.

3. Swearing in of New Governing Board Member, District 1

Superintendent Sandoval stated that it was an honor and pleasure to have Jennifer on board because he knew she was a real "Go-Getter". He performed the swearing in of Jennifer White. He thanked the Board for being patient while he prepared the process to select a new Board member. President Spehar then thanked Superintendent Sandoval for creating the process which allowed the Governing Board to have a part in the selection.

4. Discussion

A. MOU with Arizona Department of Corrections/Information/Discussion

President Spehar stated that the DOC has approved the budget and there is a contract waiting to be signed. Once that signature is obtained a special Board meeting will be called to approve the contract and move forward with the new program with the Department of Corrections.

B. Special Meeting Schedule/Information/Discussion

President Spehar stated that he was reluctant to move forward with the meeting date to discuss the financial model and accreditation until there was a full Board. He proposed that the Roosevelt location be used. He also introduced the Board members to Jennifer. President asked if April 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. could be considered and once the facility is confirmed an email will be sent to members.

5. Reports**A. President's Report/Information/Discussion**

President Spehar informed the Board that a year or so ago, the San Carlos Apache Tribe decided that they would pursue a Tribal College independent of GCC. A date of May 15th has been given to us as a date to vacate the campus at San Carlos. In regard to the ADOT contract discussed at last month's meeting, the existing ADOT contract has been extended so there is no new ADOT contract. The grant that is associated with the contract has also been extended. This will cover the Building Trades program, which will also be taken into the Department of Corrections. Work on an economic impact statement for the current fiscal year which will be an update from the one done two years ago is continuing. This one will also be a major revision so there will be a noticeable increase in economic impacts. Senior Dean Cullen met with County Supervisor Woody Cline of Young and he requested that we put together a special student recruiting campaign for the Payson Campus Forestry Program. It is being created. President Spehar informed that the good news about FTSE (Full Time Student Equivalency) is that we are up 85 FTSE. About 33 and 1/3 from Payson and 54 and 2/3 from GPC. This comparison is from spring to spring. The numbers have not been finalized but an enrollment figure audit is taking place.

B. Sr. Dean's Report/Information/Discussion

Senior Dean Cullen informed that he had a couple of brief items to add to his originally submitted report. (Copy attached and made a part of the official minutes.) He informed the Board that our full-time Payson Biology instructor, Samantha Dorr, will be leaving us.

Beata Tarasiuk, CVIT Program Director, has left her position and will work from home for the remainder of the semester. CVIT is expected to announce the new director sometime today. The CVIT contract has been reworked to address some of the issues and hopefully benefit both the College and CVIT.

The Mining and Industry Advisory Committee will meet on March 22nd at 8:00 a.m. at the Regional Training Center. The Board is invited to attend.

The updated Metrics will be rolled out at the April Board meeting on April 6th and the first review of the budget will also be at the April meeting.

6. Standing Business**A. Update on Verizon/Information/Discussion**

President Spehar reported that Verizon informed him yesterday that there are no more procedural hoops to jump through in order to get our cell tower built. Mr. Sawyer stated that construction should begin very soon.

B. Update on Accreditation Strategy/Information/Discussion

Secretary Brocker commented that there are no updates on accreditation or enrollment management. Everything is on hold until we hold the special meeting. A question regarding tuition was asked and some discussion followed.

C. Update on the Enrollment Management Strategy/Information/Discussion

Secretary Brocker had responded to this under item 6.B.

D. Update on the Legislative Strategy/Information/Discussion

President Spehar informed that in 2018 we were expecting Work Force Development funding and Representative Cook put together a House Bill to include Provisional Colleges when distributing Work Force funding but the larger community colleges lobbied against the funding for 2018. President Spehar stated that he felt we had made positive progress in letting the legislators know our concerns and hopefully funds will be available next year. Member Moorhead stated that Representative Cook had written and sponsored a bill to enable rural schools to get their employees trained at the major universities on a space available basis. Superintendent Sandoval said this was HB2252 which would allow paras who would like to continue their education to do so on tuition waivers. The Education Committee voted it down but changed their vote and it is on the floor this week.

E. Update on the Communications Strategy/Information/Discussion

Leitha Griffin shared about happenings at the Payson Campus. There are four adjunct positions open and word is out to get the positions filled. She and Ron finished the video clips for fire science, cosmetology, and nursing assistants. These videos along with posters should be out to the high school by April 1st. She is working hard to promote the cosmetology program.

For Gila Pueblo Campus she reported that she attended the Allied Health Care Advisory Committee meeting held last Friday. A survey was handed out and emailed to those unable to attend. She stated that she is working on the survey for forestry for Payson. That will be on Survey Monkey on line and hard copy as well. Student Guides should be out by the end of this month.

F. Update on the Partnership Strategy/Information/Discussion

President Spehar reported that Dr. Cullen is working with ADOT and Department of Corrections and the program for promoting forestry at the Payson Campus. Those are the three most significant partnering efforts at this time.

G. Update on Funding Strategy/Information/Discussion

Member Moorhead informed that the Funding Strategy is still contingent upon our special meeting. He did inform the Board that the Globe Unified School District Board has approved the use of the High Desert Auditorium for our graduation in May.

7. Adjournment/Action

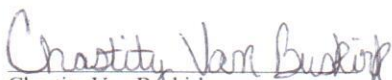
President Spehar called for a motion to adjourn the work session. .

Motion 03022017 #1


Member Knauss moved to adjourn the Work Session. Secretary Brocker seconded the motion. Vote taken; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

President Spehar asked that the Board reconvene at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chastity Van Baskirk
Recording Secretary

Attest:


Jan Brocker
Secretary