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 Student Success  Teaching & Learning  Access  Community & Economic Development  Organizational Effectiveness

April 13, 2016
9:00 – 10:36 am
Location: via telephone

Board President Davis called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Roll was called:

Glenn Davis
Charles Cunniffe
Ken Brenner
Pat Chlouber
Patty Theobald
Mary Ellen Denomy
Kathy Goudy joined the meeting at 9:17 am.

Action Items

Bookstore Contract

Kathy Kiser Miller, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs explained that this bookstore vendor and pilot is a little different than most. It is not open market, but part of the Rafter 360 program. The pilot would take place at the Steamboat Springs Campus and was recommended by a taskforce of faculty, staff, and students. Students pay a flat rate per credit hour to rent books. The pilot will last a year as it will take the full year to get a real sense of how well it works and then it will be offered to other campuses.

ACTION: Trustee Brenner Moved to Approve the charging a book fee to students at the Steamboat Springs for Fiscal year 2016-17; Trustee Cunniffe Seconded the Motion. Trustee Goudy amended the Motion adding that it allows for students to opt out of the program and that it is for credit students only. Trustee Brenner agreed with the amendment and Trustee Cunniffe reaffirmed his second. A roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Chlouber - Aye
Trustee Cunniffe - Aye
Trustee Theobald Nay
Trustee Brenner - Aye
Trustee Goudy - Nay – contract should provide that students have option to opt in instead
Trustee Denomy - Aye
Trustee Davis - Aye

The motion carried 5-2.

Trustee Brenner Moved to Authorize the College President to enter into an agreement with Rafter for the provision of instructional materials to students enrolled at the Steamboat Springs campus. This agreement is estimated to be valued at \$340,000 for the year; Trustee Chlouber Seconded the Motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Trustee Chlouber - Aye
Trustee Cunniffe - Aye
Trustee Theobald - Aye
Trustee Brenner - Aye
Trustee Goudy - Nay – for reasons stated in previous motion
Trustee Denomy - Aye
Trustee Davis - Aye

The Motion Carried 6-1.

Modifications to Implementation of Technology Fee

Matt Gianneschi, Chief Operating Officer, reported that, following the tech fee approval by the Board at its prior meeting, the College reached out for feedback from affected communities, including staff and student town hall groups. The College received feedback that the fee should not be assessed for students taking fewer than 3 credits. After consideration, College administration presented the following modifications:

1. The fee would not be assessed for any student taking fewer than 3 credit hours. This modification will result in a reduction of \$36,000 in the operational budget.
2. Eliminating technology fees for concurrent enrollment will have an operational budget impact of \$8,000.

The Board requested an accounting of additional IT expenses incurred to show that the College is recovering some of the extra costs involved in providing services.

ACTION: Trustee Chlouber Moved to Approve the recommended modifications to the tech fee; Trustee Cunniffe Seconded the Motion and a roll call vote was taken:

- Trustee Chlouber - Aye
- Trustee Cunniffe - Aye
- Trustee Theobald - Aye
- Trustee Brenner - Aye
- Trustee Goudy - Nay
- Trustee Denomy - Aye
- Trustee Davis - Aye

The Motion carried 6-1.

Modifications to Implementation of new ESL/GED Rates

After extensive meetings with ESL and GED faculty and administrators, and following the recommendation of College Council, administration recommended postponement of the previously approved ESL and GED tuition increases until the fall semester and setting aside \$25,000 into a fund to award assistance to students needing some financial aid. This will impact the budget with a \$35,000 reduction in operating revenues but will give faculty and staff time to communicate with communities and work with the students. There is more work being done with ESL faculty with different ideas on how to resolve the high cost challenges facing the program.

ACTION: Trustee Brenner Moved to table the proposal until the May meeting; Trustee Goudy Seconded the Motion. A roll call vote was taken.

- Trustee Chlouber – Nay
- Trustee Cunniffe – Aye
- Trustee Theobald – Nay
- Trustee Brenner - Aye
- Trustee Goudy - Aye
- Trustee Denomy - Nay
- Trustee Davis - Nay

The Motion to Table Failed 4-3

The Board would like to look at financials to review program costs and would like to see rates for GED and ESL separated in future actions taken by the board.

ACTION: Trustee Theobald Moved to Approve Postponing the implementation of the revised tuition rate (up to \$20 per credit equivalent) until the Fall 2016 academic term and release \$25,000 from the College’s Strategic Planning Reserve account in order to provide financial assistance to needy students affected by the proposed increase in fees for ESL and GED programs. Trustee Chlouber Seconded the Motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Trustee Chlouber - Aye
Trustee Cunniffe - Aye
Trustee Theobald - Aye
Trustee Brenner – Nay – not comfortable supporting a plan is not yet complete
Trustee Goudy – Nay – does not feel the Board is empowered to give a range for tuition
Trustee Denomy - Nay
Trustee Davis - Aye

The Motion carried 4-3

President Hauser stated that management will continue to keep the Board informed and updated on the internal taskforce's efforts at the May meeting. The Board would like to see all input and feedback received.

Residence Hall Room Remodels
Board Chair Davis and Trustee Denomy were not in attendance from this point forward in the meeting. Board Secretary Chlouber chaired the meeting.

ACTION: Trustee Cunniffe Moved to Approve the Residence Hall Remodel Contract; Trustee Theobald Seconded the Motion, a roll call vote was taken and the Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Brenner - Aye
Trustee Cunniffe - Aye
Trustee Goudy - Aye
Trustee Theobald - Aye
Trustee Chlouber - Aye

Executive Session (rescheduled)

The Board will hold the Executive Session after AGB conference. Richard Gonzales, General Counsel will send a summary to the Board so they have a framework before the executive session.

Debbie Novak, Professional Staff to the Board will poll the Board to see if they are available on April 25, 2016 at 1:15 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Chlouber
Board of Trustees Secretary



Debbie Novak
Recording Secretary