Graham County Community College District

Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Student Services Building-Governing Board Room - 244

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Larson, Chair
Brad Montierth, Secretary
Richard W. Mattice, Member
Lois Ann Moody, Member
Tina McMaster, Member

Also Present: Todd Haynie, President; Heston Welker, Vice President of Administration; Susan Wood, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; Laurie Pennington, Director of Enterprise Risk Management; Kris McBride, Director of Marketing and Public Relations; Gary Sorensen, Dean of Students; Craig O’Donnal, Director of Support Services and Learning Technology - Information Resources; Keith Alexander, Special Assistant to the President, Community and Government Relations; Aaron Burk, Faculty Association President; Phil McBride, Dean of Instruction; Kenny Smith, Dean of Student Services; Timilie Carragher, Staff Association President; David Udall, Executive Director of Foundation and Alumni Boards; Sara Lemley, Professor of Nursing; Heather Augenstein, Director of Records; Sharon Montoya, Director of Financial Aid; Teresa Bailey, Associate Director of Institutional Research; Aaron Westerfield, Director of Accreditation and Effectiveness; Jennifer Skinner, Staff Association Vice President; Candace Lines, Counselor; and Jodi Keim, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order: Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Those present at the meeting stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.


Call to the Public: There were no comments from the audience.

Minutes: Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to approve the recorded minutes of the February 14, 2022 Regular, Executive Session, and Special meetings. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth and Larson voting in favor). (Minutes attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Vouchers/Financial Reports: Vice President Welker presented Financial Reports for the period of July 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022. An individual synopsis of all funds was presented. (Financial Reports attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mrs. Moody moved, and Mrs. McMaster seconded, to accept the following vouchers:

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The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Reports

Greenlee County: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Gila County: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Foundation/Alumni: Report attached and made part of the official minutes.

Old Business
Employee Remuneration Proposals for 2022-2023:

Aaron Burk, Faculty Association President, and Timilie Carragher, Staff Association President, presented their 2022-2023 employee remuneration proposal. They expressed their appreciation for the Board and all that they do in behalf of the College. Timilie Carragher thanked President Haynie, Vice President Welker, and Vice President Wood for their support of the new employee recognition program, which she summarized for the Board. Chair Larson reciprocated appreciation for all that the faculty and staff do as well. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget:

Vice President Welker presented an overview of the preliminary 2022-2023 District Budget. No formal action on the 2022-2023 Budget was requested at this time. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

2022-2023 Tuition & Fee Schedule:

Vice President Welker presented the 2022-2023 Tuition and Fee Schedule for adoption. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mr. Mattice seconded, to approve the 2022-2023 Tuition and Fee Schedule and to authorize the Administration to update meal, board, and other non-course related fees. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

New Business

Program Portfolios:

Vice President Wood presented the summary of program portfolios. The summary reports outline key performance indicators, recent improvements, and strategic plans. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes).

Consider Workforce Development Plan:

Vice President Welker presented the Eastern Arizona College 2022-2023 Workforce Development Plan for consideration. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mr. Mattice moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to approve Eastern Arizona College’s 2022-2023 Workforce Development Plan in accordance with the provisions of A.R.S. §15-1472. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Standing Business

Courses/Curricula:

Vice President Wood presented one curriculum modification for consideration. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)

Mr. Mattice moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to approve the curriculum modification as presented. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Contracts:

Vice President Welker presented the proposed 2022-2023 District contracts. (Report attached and made a part of the official minutes.)

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to authorize the President, or personnel designated by the President, to negotiate contracts and sign agreements with external entities as presented in accordance with GCCCD Policy Number 2010.00. The motion carried (Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor). Mrs. McMaster abstained from voting since she is an employee of a Graham County School District (Thatcher), an entity that the GCCCD regularly enters into an Intergovernmental Agreement with for educational services (contracting with High School Districts for delivery of college credit classes). Mrs. McMaster will complete a Conflict of Interest form that will be kept on file in the GCCCD Office.

Policies & Regulations:

There were no policies presented for consideration or regulations for review.

Personnel:

President Haynie provided an update on personnel openings. (Report attached and made part of the official minutes.)
General Information:

Chair Larson announced that the next District Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022, at noon.

As permitted by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), President Haynie presented a brief summary of current events.

President Haynie stated that we continue to see positive enrollment growth year over year. We have an increase of 14% districtwide and over 15% on the Thatcher campus. He added that all offices will be closed next week for Spring Break, March 14-18. Upcoming events after the break include the Fine Arts performance Once Upon a Mattress, March 30 through April 2. On Saturday, April 2, is Dr. Crae Wilson’s Reunion and Memorial event. On April 29 and 30, the EAC Fine Art Division is presenting the annual Spring Sing. This year, there will be three performances, all with different themes.

The EAC Emergency Medical Service Program has established a supporting services agreement with Mount Graham Regional Medical Center. This agreement authorizes the EAC EMS volunteers to respond to medical and trauma emergencies on campus prior to the arrival of local ambulance services. This also allows our EMS program to become a registered member of the National Collegiate EMS Foundation. Other foundation members include Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Brigham Young University, and approximately 250 other colleges and universities nationwide.

President Haynie also noted that Mr. Dave Henson, Professor and Chair of our Science Division, was recently awarded the Gila River Natural History Symposium Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Henson and his students have presented research and participated in the symposium held at Western New Mexico University for many years. This award was given to Dave for his accomplishments in helping to improve watersheds in Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico.

With respect to recent conversations currently being had on campus and in the community, President Haynie offered the following statement, “The First Amendment Right of Free Expression is the foundational right in the Bill of Rights. It is in fact the first amendment. The opportunity and freedom to share our opinions and perspectives, even those that others sincerely disagree with, is what makes our country strong and vibrant. Whether it’s someone driving around in a truck with a flag that some find objectionable, allowing someone on campus whose views you disagree with, or students who choose to sit during the national anthem to prove a statement (that you may or may not understand), it is the same, but from a different perspective. We will not retaliate against anyone for sharing their views on campus, as long as it doesn’t disrupt from the educational process. In fact, we welcome the conversation, and I stand behind their constitutional right to share it. This is a community I grew up in, with patient, tolerant, kind, loving people who care about each other and who stand up for each other. That is what makes it a great place to live and that is what makes Eastern Arizona College a great place to go to school.”

Executive Session

Mrs. Moody moved, and Dr. Montierth seconded, to convene into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. for discussion or consultation with designated representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations regarding salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of employees of the public body; pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5). The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Reconvened to the Public:

The meeting was reopened to the public at 1:18 p.m.

Board Direction to the
Administration:

In the Executive Session, the Board discussed employee remuneration as it relates to the 2022-2023 Budget.

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. McMaster seconded, that the Administration follow its direction as discussed in the Executive Session regarding employee remuneration. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor).

Adjournment

Dr. Montierth moved, and Mrs. Moody seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (McMaster, Moody, Mattice, Montierth, and Larson voting in favor). The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jodi Keim
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Jodi Keim
Recording Secretary

Attest:

/s/ Jeff Larson
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Jeff Larson, Chair

/s/ Brad Montierth
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Brad Montierth, Secretary