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February 13, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Public Service Building, 3rd Floor
Conference Room H301
255 Capitol St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

MEETING MINUTES:

Members Present: David Rives, Chair; Sandy Rowe, Vice-Chair; Lee Ayers-Preboski; Vanessa Becker; Terry Cross; Enrique Farrera; Frank Goulard; Shelby Pick; Ramon Ramirez; Larry Roper; Carmen Rubio (phone); Rossy Valdovinos Torres; Duncan Wyse

Excused: Tayo Akins

1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

1.1 Chair Rives called the meeting to order at 9:01. The Commission Administrator called roll. Chair Rives welcomed new community college student Commissioner Rossy Valdovinos Torres, noted that University Lobby Day is at Oregon State Capitol today, and led the discussion brief regarding the dinner meeting February 12 with university trustees and HECC Commissioners and staff to discuss higher education in Oregon.

1.2 Approve December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes ACTION ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the December 12, 2019, meeting minutes as presented in item 1.2. Commissioner Roper moved adoption and Vice-Chair Rowe seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

2.0 Executive Director Report

2.1 HECC's 2019-2021 budget as of December 31, 2019, was provided.

2.2 Ben Cannon welcomed Commissioner Valdovinos Torres; noted recent lobby days for community colleges and public universities; discussed the closure of Concordia University and the minimal but important role of HECC in supporting students, faculty, and staff. Cannon also briefed the Commission on the U.S. Department of Education-led "Reconnecting the Triad" meeting he attended in Washington DC; the submission of the Oregon Opportunity Grant report to the Legislature; the newly formed HECC Equity Leadership Council meeting held February 11. Cannon introduced Rudyane Rivera-Lindstrom, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and noted that she is convening the HECC Equity Advisory Committee, along with other responsibilities, and introduced Terry Robbins, Director of Internal Audit, and noted he will convene the agency's Internal Audit Committee. Cannon also announced Ramona Rodamaker's permanent role as Deputy Director. Finally, Cannon noted the Secretary of State's annual audit findings letter that was distributed to Commissioners on January 24, 2020.

3.0 Governor's Office Report

Debbie Koreski, Office of Governor Kate Brown, acknowledged the Commission's work around equity and annual reports and provided an update on the budget development process.

4.0 Public Comment

4.2 Invited Testimony

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Cam Preus, Oregon Community College Association (joined by Greg Hamann, Linn-Benton Community College)

Cindy Robert, Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities

Dana Richardson, Oregon Council of Presidents

Traci Hodgson, Oregon Education Association

Jamie Rodriguez, Oregon Federation of Teachers

4.3 Other Public Comment

Patrick Phillips, University of Oregon

5.0 Community College Program Approvals

5.1 Approve Tillamook Bay Community College, Medical Assistant, Certificate of Completion

5.2 Approve Tillamook Bay Community College, Basic Healthcare Certificate, Certificate of Completion

5.3 Approve Clackamas Community College, CTE Instruction, Certificate of Completion

5.4 Approve Clackamas Community College, Electronics Engineering Technology, Associate of Applied Science

5.5 Approve Clackamas Community College, Microelectronics Systems Technology, Associate of Applied Science

5.6 Approve Clackamas Community College, Juvenile Corrections, Certificate of Completion

5.7 Approve Linn-Benton Community College, Medical Assisting, Certificate of Completion

5.8 Approve Rogue Community College, Dental Hygiene, Associate of Applied Science

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the community college program consent items as presented in agenda items 5.1 through 5.8. Commissioner Wyse moved adoption and Commissioner Becker seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.0 University Program Approvals

6.1 Approve University of Oregon, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Data Science

6.2 Approve University of Oregon, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience

6.3 Approve Western Oregon University, Bachelor of Science, Aquarium Science

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the university program consent items as presented in agenda items 6.1 through 6.3. Commissioner Becker moved adoption and Vice-Chair Rowe seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.0 Legislative Update

Kyle Thomas provided an updated summary on HECC policy items in the current legislative session including HB4055, HB4056, HB4057, HB 4099, HB4128, HB 4160, SB1521, and SB1544. Thomas also briefed the Commission on 2021 policy development and was joined by Patrick Crane.

7.1 Kyle Thomas presented the HECC staff recommended authorization for staff to submit certain regularly scheduled reports to Legislature.

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the regularly scheduled reports be submitted to the legislature as presented in agenda item 7.1. Commissioner Wyse moved adoption and Vice-Chair Rowe seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.0 HECC Strategic Plan

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8.1 Michelle Janke, Coraggio Group, presented the Stakeholder Outreach Insight Report emphasizing affordability, equity, alignment with workforce needs, and a discussion of next steps.

9.0 Strategic Activity One: Reporting

9.1 Veronica Dujon and Jim Pinkard presented the HECC public university evaluations for Western Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Eastern Oregon University, and Oregon Institute of Technology, as required by ORS 352.002.

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the public university evaluations as presented in agenda item 9.1. Commissioner Cross moved adoption and Commissioner Wyse seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.2 Issue Brief: Racial/Ethnic Equity in Postsecondary Education and Training
Amy Cox presented the first in a series of briefs illustrating the level of disparities across students to help organizations, policymakers, and practitioners identify paths to improvement. The briefing today focused on racial/ethnic equity and presents data for Asian American, Black/African America, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and white students.

10.0 Strategic Activity Two: Funding

10.1 First Generation Student Success Grant program
Patrick Crane updated the Commission on the HECC Request for Application for projects and programs that will increase the enrollment and completion of students in Oregon community colleges that are from underrepresented races/ethnicities, are low-income, and/or are first generation, and the competitive awarded grant funds that will be awarded for a three-year period (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023).

11.0 Strategic Activity Four: Outreach

11.1 Miranda Mosier, Gita Mehrotra, Roberta Hunte, Portland State University, and Eva Skuratowicz, Southern Oregon University, presented on the state-wide focus group results on connecting with adult students as part of the HECC's efforts to support adult Oregonians in completing college and understanding barriers to enrollment and completion.

12.0 Oregon Administrative Rules

12.1 Sean Pollack presented the staff request to approve permanent rule Chapter 715: Temporary Closure, Private Career School.

ACTION ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve permanent rule Chapter 715: Temporary Closure, Private Career School as presented in agenda item 12.1. Commissioner Becker moved adoption and Commissioner Wyse seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

13.0 Executive Session

13.1 Chair Rives announced the commission was moving to Executive Session convened under Oregon Laws ORS 192.660(2)(i) "to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing."

NOTICE TO MEDIA: In accordance with ORS 192.660(4) matters discussed in Executive Session must remain undisclosed.

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors192.html

At the end of the executive session, Chair Rives announced the Commission was returning to open session and welcomed the audience back into the room.

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Chair Rives adjourned the meeting at 3:05.

Commissioners joined members of public university Boards of Trustees for dinner and small group discussions of strategic directions for postsecondary education from 5:30-7:30 on February 12 at the Eola Viticulture Center. The Commission took no action at this portion of the meeting.

List of materials

0.0 Agenda

1.2 ACTION ITEM Approve December 12 Meeting Minutes

2.1 HECC Monthly Budget Update

5.1 CONSENT ITEM Tillamook Bay Community College, Medical Assistant, Certificate of Completion

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7.1 Legislative Update

7.1a ACTION ITEM Authorization for staff to submit certain regularly-scheduled reports to Legislature

8.1 Strategic Plan-Roadmap Staff Summary

8.1a Presentation of consultants' Insights Report and discussion of next steps

9.1 ACTION ITEM Public University Evaluations (WOU, SOU, EOU, Oregon Tech) Staff Summary

9.1a Western Oregon University Evaluation

9.1b Southern Oregon University Evaluation

9.1c Eastern Oregon University Evaluation

9.1d Oregon Institute of Technology Evaluation

9.2 Issue Brief-Racial/Ethnic Equity in Postsecondary Education and Training Staff Summary

9.2a Issue Brief Racial-Ethnic Equity in Postsecondary Education and Training Presentation

10.1 First Generation Student Success Grant Program Staff Summary

11.1 Focus Group Results on Connecting with Adult Students Staff Summary

11.1a Focus Group Results on Connecting with Adult Students Presentation

12.1 ACTION ITEM Approve Permanent Rule Chapter 715 Temporary Closure, Private Career School Staff Summary and Rules