

# Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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**October 8, 2020**  
9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

## VIDEOCONFERENCE

### MEETING MINUTES:

**Members Present via teleconference:** Chair David Rives; Vice-Chair Sandy Rowe; Commissioners Lee Ayers-Preboski; Terry Cross; Enrique Farrera; Frank Goulard; Carmen Rubio; Larry Roper; Ramon Ramirez; Rossy Valdovinos Torres; and Duncan Wyse

**Excused:** Commissioners Vanessa Becker and Shelby Pick

#### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

1.1 Chair Rives called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The Commission Administrator called roll. Chair Rives welcomed new Commissioner Helen Edwards.

1.2 Approve August 13 Meeting Minutes

#### ACTION ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the August 13, 2020, meeting minutes as presented in agenda item 1.2. Commissioner Ramirez 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 Ben Cannon spoke about Fall term, noting that most public institutions have determined classes will be held online, per state standards, due to the impacts of COVID and wildfires. Cannon acknowledge the work HECC staff, and OWI in particular, regarding response and support to Oregonians during and after the wildfires. Cannon also discussed 2021 budget development (the 2021-23 bi-annual budget will be released Dec 1), the establishment and work of the Governor's Racial Justice Council, his participation on the California Higher Education Recovery with Equity Taskforce and the Oregon Solutions Project Team working to address healthcare workforce needs in Southern Oregon.

#### 3.0 Governor's Office Report

Debbie Koreski described Governor Brown's initiatives and efforts regarding the COVID impact on higher education and state wildfire response and recovery, and updated Commissioners on the status of Oregon's economy and the newly-formed Racial Justice Committee.

#### 4.0 Public Comment

4.2 John Wykoff, Oregon Community College Association  
Emily Wanous, Oregon Student Association  
Cindy Robert, Oregon Alliance for Independent Colleges and Universities  
Pete Hernberg, Oregon Education Association  
Jaime Rodriguez, American Federation of Teachers, Oregon

4.3 Patrick Phillips, University of Oregon  
Roy Haggerty, Oregon State University

#### 5.0 Community College Program Approval

5.1 **CONSENT ITEM:** Portland Community College, Deaf Cultural Studies, Certificate of Completion

#### CONSENT ITEM

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the community college program consent item as presented in agenda item 5.1. Commissioner Roper

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moved adoption and Commissioner Wyse seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

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### 6.0 University Program Approvals/Change

6.1 **CONSENT ITEM:** University Program Approval: Oregon State University, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science, Marine Stud

6.2 **CONSENT ITEM:** University Program Approval: Western Oregon University, Bachelor of Science, Cybercrime Investigation and Enforcement

6.3 **CONSENT ITEM:** University Program Change: Oregon State University/University of Oregon Joint Degree, Master of Science and PhD in Bioengineering

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 Roper moved adoption and Vice Chair Rowe seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 7.1 Legislative Update

Kyle Thomas provided a federal budget update and possible impacts to higher education, followed by state updates including legislative concept development and timeline. Two programs were emphasized: Financial Aid Redesign and the Oregon Youth Employment Program. Thomas also discussed the latest state revenue forecast (September 23) and possible impacts on upcoming budgets.

### 8.1 HECC Strategic Plan Update

Ben Cannon provided a brief background of the Strategic Plan development of a "Strategic Roadmap" and its suspension (until at least Fall 2020) due to the pandemic. Cannon noted that the HECC has sole statutory responsibility for this work, and an obligation to move it forward, and shared a staff proposal to launch a significantly modified process of stakeholder outreach and engagement with the goal for the HECC to adopt by February 2021. The revised process will build on prior planning work but reflect changed context and awareness that has resulted from the pandemic, distance and disrupted learning, economic dislocation, and racial injustice.

### 9.0 Strategic Activity One: Reporting

#### 9.1 Statewide Key Performance Measures Annual Report

Amy Cox presented to the Commission a summary of the 2020 key measures of performance (KPMs) report to the Legislature and Department of Administrative Services as annually required. These KPMs are approved by the Legislature and include measures specific to the mission of the agency, as well as measures required of all agencies. Approved in 2017, the HECC KPMs indicate progress toward 40-40-20, toward the underlying factors that contribute to educational attainment, and toward equity.

#### 9.2 Tuition Equity Report (HB 2787, 2013)

Amy Cox presented highlights from a Tuition Equity Report. The report is required per HB 2787 (2013) and includes data related to access to in-state resident tuition and fee rates for certain non-citizens and veterans.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the Tuition Equity Report (HB 2787, 2013) as presented in agenda item 9.2 for submission to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Vice Chair seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 9.3 Staffing Report (SB 1520, 2018)

Amy Cox

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Amy Cox presented highlights from a Staffing Report. The report is required by SB 1520 (2018), and contains the results of a survey of each public university and community college in Oregon regarding their staffing during the 2018-19 academic year.

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the Staffing Report (SB 1520, 2018) as presented in agenda item 9.3 for submission to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Roper seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.0 **Strategic Activity Two: Funding**

10.1 Commissioner Duncan Wyse and Jim Pinkard provided a Funding and Achievement Subcommittee Update to the Commission regarding current status and future subcommittee meetings including planned agenda items related to the financial monitoring process.

11.0 HECC Audit Committee Charter

Terry Robbins presented the HECC Audit Committee Charter for approval. The primary purpose of the audit committee is to enhance the quality and independence of the internal audit function, thereby helping to ensure the integrity of the internal audit process.

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the HECC Audit Committee Charter as presented in agenda item 11.0. Vice Chair Rowe moved adoption and seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Chair Rives adjourned the meeting at 12:28 PM.**

Materials

0.0 [Agenda](#) - updated

1.2 [ACTION ITEM: Approve August 13 Meeting Minutes](#)

2.1 [HECC Monthly Budget Update](#)

4.2 Public Comment: [OCOP Fall Term 2020 for HECC Commission Final](#)

4.2a Public Comment: Pete Hernberg: [POP 246 - CS - Education Staffing Conversion, 200928 Release John Larson DOC POP, Statistics on DOC for Chair Rives](#)

5.1 [CONSENT ITEM: University Program Approval: Portland Community College, Deaf Cultural Studies, Certificate of Completion](#)

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7.0 [Legislative Update](#)

8.1 [Strategic Planning Update and Next Steps Staff Summary, Framework, and Insights Report](#)

9.1 [Statewide Key Performance Measures Annual Report Staff Summary and Report](#)

9.2 [ACTION ITEM: Tuition Equity Report \(HB 2787, 2013\) Staff Summary and Report](#)

9.3 [ACTION ITEM: Staffing Report \(SB 1520, 2018\) Staff Summary and Report](#)

10.1 [Funding and Achievement Subcommittee Update](#)

11.0 [ACTION ITEM: HECC Audit Committee Charter Staff Summary and Charter](#)