

# Higher Education Coordinating Commission

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**August 13, 2020**  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## VIDEOCONFERENCE

### MEETING MINUTES:

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

#### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

1.1 Chair Rives called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Commission Administrator called roll.

1.2 Approve June 11 Meeting Minutes

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the June 11, 2020, meeting minutes as presented in agenda item 1.2. Commissioner Roper moved adoption and Commissioner Wyse seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 2.0 Executive Director Report

2.1 Ben Cannon spoke to COVID and university and community college decisions regarding reopening and resumption of athletics. Determinations are college-by-college, consistent with standards and guidance set by the Oregon Health Authority and the HECC under Governor Brown's executive orders. Enrollment is likely to be down and there will likely be financial and equity implications. The Legislature remains committed to approval funding levels. There may be possible and undetermined additional federal funds forthcoming.

#### 3.0 Governor's Office Report

Ben Cannon spoke on behalf of Governor Kate Brown's Budget Director and Higher Education Policy Advisor Debbie Koreski, briefing the Commission on Oregon's financial situation and the Racial Justice Council formation. Higher education is protected this year in the budget. Governor Brown is planning meetings with public universities and community college presidents. Currently, a 15% reduction starting place 20-21 is being considered but there are many unknowns and variables.

#### 4.0 Public Comment

4.2 John Wykoff, Oregon Community College Association  
Emily Wanous, Oregon Student Association  
Dana Richardson, Oregon Council of Presidents  
Jaime Rodriguez, American Federation of Teachers, Oregon  
Mark Dunbar, SEIU  
Jim Salt, Oregon Education Association

4.3 Paul Nicholson, Southern Oregon University

#### 5.0 Community College Program Approvals

5.1 **CONSENT ITEM:** Blue Mountain Community College, Medical Assisting, Certificate of Completion

5.2 **CONSENT ITEM:** Blue Mountain Community College, Industrial Systems Technology, Associate of Applied Science

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5.3 **CONSENT ITEM:** Chemeketa Community College, Computer Information Systems, Certificate of Completion

5.4 **CONSENT ITEM:** Klamath Community College, Lab Technician, 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 5.4. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Becker seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6.0 University Program Approval**

6.1 **CONSENT ITEM:** Western Oregon University, Bachelor of Science in Economics and Mathematics

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

7.1 Legislative Update

Kyle Thomas provided an update on 2021 Legislative Concept Development and the 2020 Second Special Session, noting that the Legislature preserved previously adopted levels of funding for the Public University and Community College Support Funds, and a federal update.

8.0 Rudyane Rivera-Lindstrom summarized the HECC's internal and external equity and racial justice work including (internal): new staff and office expectations, operationalizing the HECC's Equity Lens, technical support for all HECC offices, and progress on the agency's new equity action plan that has been aligned to the HECC's Strategic Roadmap Interim Guiding Principles, and (external): participation in the Governor's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Enterprise Equity group, alignment to the new Governor's Equity Framework for COVID-19 Response and Recovery and racial justice expectations, policy work and collaboration with our institutions, Talent, Innovation, and Equity (TIE) partnership grant work, and engagement with stakeholders, other state agencies, and DEI partners.

**9.0 Strategic Activity One: Reporting**

9.1 Amy Cox presented the HECC's third annual 2020 Institutional Snapshots, providing uniform reporting on enrollment, affordability, and completion for the State overall and for each public institution.

**10.0 Strategic Activity Two: Funding**

10.1 Duncan Wyse and Jim Pinkard briefed the Commission on the Funding & Achievement Subcommittee (F&A) update related to the student success and completion model (SSCM) workgroup discussions. They also noted that a panel discussion related to the SSCM review work was held. Chair Rives noted that an F&A meeting has been added for September 9<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all Commissioners to attend. Staff recommendations will be presented at the November F&A subcommittee meeting.

10.2 Jim Pinkard, upon recommendation from the F&A Subcommittee, presented the HB 5024 Budget Note Report that directs the Commission and the universities to coordinate on the collection of financial data and measures that will be consistently provided to the HECC to improve transparency and accountability.

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**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the HB 5024 Budget Note Report as presented in agenda item 10.2. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Roper seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 10.3 Ramona Rodamaker presented the HECC 2021-23 Agency Request Budget (ARB) final version of new agency requests (Policy Option Packages) and other relevant documents.

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the HECC 2021-23 Agency Request Budget (ARB) as presented in agenda item 10.3. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Roper seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11.1 Erin Weeks-Earp and presented the Educator Equity Plan for Eastern Oregon University. The plan describes how the teacher preparation program will plan to increase the diversity of the teacher candidate pool through recruitment, retention, and graduation efforts per HB 3375 (2015).

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve Eastern Oregon University’s Educator Equity Plan as presented in agenda item 11.1. Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Roper seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11.2 Erin Weeks-Earp presented the report on graduate courses for dual credit teachers required per HB 2263 (2019) recommending a “range of content areas of graduate courses” to better target resources dedicated to enhancing qualifications of high school teachers for dual credit courses

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Chair Rives called for a motion to approve the report on graduate courses for dual credit teachers HB 2263 (2019) as presented in agenda item 11.2. Commissioner Roper moved adoption and Commissioner Ramirez seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

**12.0 Other Business**

**12.1 ACTION ITEM**

Motion: Commissioner Cross called for a motion to include directing HECC staff to work on addressing financial assistance alternatives to fiscal emergencies at universities and reflect what constitutes an emergency. Chair Rives called for a motion to approve; Commissioner Ramirez moved adoption and Commissioner Roper seconded. Chair Rives called for a voice vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Chair Rives adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.**

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Materials

0.0 [Agenda](#) - Updated

1.2 [ACTION ITEM: Approve June 11 Meeting Minutes](#)

4.0a Public Comment - [Southern Oregon University](#)

4.0b Public Comment - [STEM Investment Council](#)

4.0c Public Comment - [Oregon Volunteers](#)

4.0d Public Comment - [Oregon Youth Council](#)

4.0e Public Comment - [Workforce and Talent Development Board](#)

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7.1 [Legislative Update](#)

8.0 [HECC's Equity and Racial Justice Work](#)

9.1 [2020 Institutional Snapshots](#)

10.1 [Funding & Achievement Subcommittee Update: SSCM review](#)

10.2 [ACTION ITEM: HB 5024 Budget Note Report \(upon recommendation from F&A Subcommittee\)](#)

10.3 [ACTION ITEM: HECC 2021-23 Agency Request Budget \(ARB\)](#)

11.1 [ACTION ITEM: Educator Equity Plan \(Eastern Oregon University\)](#)

11.2 [ACTION ITEM: Report on graduate courses for dual credit teachers \(HB 2263, 2019\)](#)