



Agenda for the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 * 8:00 a.m.

Meeting via Conference Call

Anchor Location: Centennial Room, Noyes Building

Call in Number: 435.283-7500

- I. Welcome (3 minutes)Eddie Cox
- II. Action Item: 2011-2012 Proposed Tuition Increase (10 minutes)Scott Wyatt
- III. Other



Minutes for the Board of Trustees

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*Trustees: Theresa Alder, Tim Barney, Doug Barton, Eddie Cox, Mary Greathouse,
Jessie Pace, Holly Penrod, John Willmore
College Personnel: Marvin Dodge, Spencer Hill, Scott Wyatt
Secretary to the Board: Marci Larsen*

Welcome

Chair Cox greeted Trustees as they joined the conference call. Roll was called, and time was given to President Wyatt to discuss tuition.

2011-2012 Proposed Tuition Increase

President Wyatt reminded the group of the tight timeline for this aspect of the budget and thanked Trustees for making time to meet. The last day of the Legislative session was March 10, and President Wyatt said the Board of Regents planned to vote on tuition increases during their March 25 meeting. And, so, President Wyatt said, he, his vice presidents, and Budget Director Spencer Hill had been busily looking at numbers to best determine what Snow should propose as a tuition increase.

President Wyatt said he expected the Board of Regents to increase the tuition of all institutions by 5 percent and noted schools have the prerogative to add a second-tier increase for institutional needs. He said – after reviewing data, reports, and spreadsheets – he wanted to request a 2 percent increase, for a total of 7 percent. He explained this would give Snow the lowest tuition increase of any college or university except for Salt Lake Community College. Snow's tuition, however he said, will still be less than SLCC. President Wyatt said Snow's student fees are the lowest of any school and said the College would not be asking for any increase in student fees.

President Wyatt and VP Dodge explained the purpose of the tuition increase is to meet growth needs and manage the budget cut from the Legislature, which totals \$516,000. They projected with this 7 percent tuition increase and an assumed enrollment increase of 5 percent, revenue would be approximately \$850,000.

Trustee Jorgensen asked if the proposed 7 percent increase would be enough to meet the College's needs, and President Wyatt said it would – realizing change will be required. He reported the College-wide budget process began yesterday by him having a meeting with the executive committee of the Trustees and then a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee. He added it will be a long process and shared his desire to have open, engaging discussions with employees. He said College leadership will be working on the total budget to present to the Board and invited the Trustees to participate in the process as much as they'd like.

To conclude the tuition discussion, President Wyatt informed the Trustees of his conversations with the student body officers and reported a record-breaking number in attendance at the truth-in-tuition hearing. He noted the students were supportive of the 7 percent increase. In fact, President Wyatt said some students volunteered to pay a higher increase if it would help preserve their program.

With that, Vice Chair Alder made a motion to approve the 7percent tuition increase. Trustee Barton seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Vice Chair Alder also thanked President Wyatt, VP Dodge, and Spencer Hill for their work and willingness to present the budget information in an understandable format. President Wyatt commended Marv and Spence as well and, again, reiterated his invitation to the Board to participate in the budget process as much as they'd like.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.