

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT #512
COUNTIES OF COOK, KANE, LAKE, AND McHENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Wednesday, June 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 512 was called to order by Chair Pat Stack on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 5:02 p.m. in the Wojcik Conference Center Amphitheater, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Greg Dowell, Diane Hill, Herb Johnson, Bill Kelley, Walt Mundt, Nancy Robb, and Pat Stack.

Absent: none

Also present: Laura Brown, Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer; Mike Barzacchini, Director, Marketing Services; Orlando Cabrera, Tech Support Specialist; Meg Coney, Administrative Coordinator; Dr. Maria Coons, Vice President and Board Liaison; Sue Egan, Executive Assistant; Julie Ellefson, Professor of Chemistry; Rob Galick, EVP Finance and Administrative Services; Bob Grapenthien, Controller; Dr. Tamara Johnson, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Jeff Julian, Chief of Staff; Dr. Claudia Mercado, Associate Provost-Student Affairs; Steve Petersen, Campus Architect; Bob Parzy, Associate Provost-Enrollment Services; Kim Pohl, Director, Communications; Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Darlene Schlenbecker, Vice President of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness; Deann Surdo, Director of Outcomes Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness; Riaz Yusuff, Chief Information Officer; Heather Zoldak, Associate Executive Director-Foundation and Major Gifts.

Guests: Phil Gerner, Robbins Schwartz

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION POINTS

Deann Surdo and Julie Ellefson presented the history of, and the process involved in revising the College's Institutional Effectiveness Measures (IEMs) for the next four years. An IEM Work Group examined trend data, Strategic Plan and campus survey results to develop recommendation for 16 IEM targets: three Stretch targets, nine Improvement targets, and four Expected targets, all aligning with the SOAR framework for student success. The Board thanked them for a great presentation and appreciated the close alignment with the Strategic Plan.

Rob Galick presented the preliminary budget for FY 2023. He reviewed the budget timeline, the preliminary budget, and the Capital

Projects Summary. Next week the Board will vote on the approval of the preliminary budget for public review and establishing the budget hearing date. Galick identified the following budget risks: State revenue, enrollment uncertainty due to COVID-19, pension cost shift, and inflation (CPI-U). Board members expressed concerns about the College's ongoing ability to produce a balanced budget with the enrollment declines that have been occurring. They advised further that hiring decisions need to be closely scrutinized.

Darlene Schlenbecker presented an update on the FY2022 Operational Plan. Of the 21 goals, nine are completed (43%), five are in progress-on target/schedule (24%), seven are in progress-behind target/schedule (33%). Some of the goal projects will carry over into fall. The next update will be in August as part of the Accountability Report.

Jeff Julian presented a Legislative Affairs update including a review of major accomplishments in FY2022. A new lobbying team for Harper was onboarded. Harper continues to strengthen relationships with state and federal elected officials, also benefiting from ongoing partnerships with Cook County, which resulted in 45 medical assistant apprentices this fall. FY2023 work will include advocacy for short-term Pell grants and higher education positions in President Biden's federal budget, working to identify potential legislative solutions for the Motorcycle Safety Program, preparing for the Fall Veto Session and relationship-building with elected officials post-November election.

Chair Stack and Dr. Proctor reviewed the accomplishments to date on the eight Board Goals and President's Priorities. Key highlights included: 22 proposals have been received and approved from strategic plan goal teams; a 12% increase has been realized in the graduation rate to 37.8%; a 6% increase has occurred in credentials conferred estimated at 4,585. Harper has accomplished four of the eight-step process to becoming an equity-centered college. Member Hill appreciated the innovative approach on the goal update and said working on fewer goals next year makes sense.

Dr. Maria Coons reviewed the June 15, 2022, Board packet.

Chair Stack mentioned the Board self-evaluation survey will be sent out on Tuesday, June 14. Responses are due back by June 26.

FORMAL ACTIONS

Member Dowell motioned; Member Hill seconded to enter closed session to discuss personnel at 7:07 p.m. In a roll call voted, the motion passed unanimously.

Member Dowell motioned, Member Robb seconded to adjourn the closed session and re-enter the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. In a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Mundt moved, Member Dowell seconded, adjournment at 8:01 p.m.

In a voice vote, motion carried.

Chair

Secretary