

MEETING MINUTES
Arizona Western College
District Governing Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
Frances Morris Boardroom
December 9, 2019

Board Members Present: Board President Dennis Booth, Anna Camacho and Richard Lamb.

Board Member Present by Phone: Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya

Board Member Absent: None

Others Present:

Dr. Daniel P. Corr, President
Ashley Herrington, Chief of Staff
Bob Walker, Vice President of Technology
Brad Pease, Division Chair for Fine Arts
Bryan Doak, Vice President for Student Services
Desiree Quiroz-Cunningham, Student of the Month
Dr. Linda Elliott Nelson, Vice President of Learning Services
Fatima Covarrubias, President of Student Government Association
Jana Moore, Associate Dean for Campus Locations and Academic Resources

Karen Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Leigh Loughead, Agriculture Science Manager
Lori Stofft, Vice President of Advancement
Reetika Dhawan, Dean for Career and Technical Education
Richard Hernandez, Conference & Events Technician I
Shahrooz Roohparvar, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services
Sonja Greiner, Faculty Senate District Governing Board Representative

Call to Order: Board President Dennis Booth called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:11 am.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board President Dennis Booth.

Introductions: Lori Stofft welcomed the Board Members, Dr. Corr, and Ashley Herrington then welcomed faculty, professional staff, students and guests.

Approval of Minutes: November 25, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes presented for approval.

Motion by Richard Lamb, second by Maria Chavoya

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the December 9, 2019 meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Olivia Zepeda, seconded by Richard Lamb.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Call to the Audience: No One approached the call to the audience.

Arizona Association of Community College Trustees (AACCT): Board Member Maria Chavoya shared that the Board has not met.

Employee Reports

Faculty Report:

Sonja Greiner presented on behalf of the Faculty Senate Committee.

Ms. Greiner highlighted the various events faculty have participated in through November 2019.

- Dr. Sarah Snyder, Professor of English, directed the Symposium on Second Language Writing (SSLW) in Tempe and presented "Reinventing Peer Review for L2 Writers" along with Kevin Kato. A total of 12 faculty members also attended the SSLW, including Dubia Zaragoza, Nancy Blitz, Aman Ghebremicael, Dr. Eric Lee, Martha Martinez, Bertha Avila, Kevin Kato, Jennifer Thimell, and Daniel Herrera.
- Ed Schubert, Professor of English, Ed organized and hosted the 5th annual English symposium here on campus on November 22nd which included 9 presenters and roughly 40 attendees.
- Shawn Pollard, Professor of Instrumental Music, and Deltrina Grimes, Professor of Choral and Vocal Music, organized and hosted the Annual Christmas Gala on November 21st. AWC choirs and orchestras performed.
- Dr. Joann Chang and Dr. Matthew Smith, Professors of Biology, participated in a foot golf tournament along with other AWC colleagues to raise funds for Yuma's NextGen group, and Joann also participated on a Women in STEAM panel for UofA-Yuma to promote women in choosing a STEAM career.
- Dr. Aryca Marron, Professor of Family Studies and Psychology, attended and presented at the Yuma Women in Education Conference held here on our campus. Her presentation discussed work/life balance.
- Alma Barrandy, Director of the Child Development Learning Lab (CDLL), along with her terrific staff, helped the CDLL earn accreditation from the National Association of Education of Young Children
- Ten instructors participated in this semester's I'm going to college event which took place November 14th. 150 5th graders from Otundo elementary School participated. These instructors included Bobby Alvarado, Aybuke Keehn, Joann Chang, Leigh Loughead, Bertha Avila, Monica Ketchum, Omar, Soto, Kirsten Little, Ed Schubert, and Fred Croxen.
- Rita Brown, Professor of Mathematics, uses a "Flipped Classroom" approach in her Statistics teaching. Students are held responsible to come to class already having read and completed practice problems (for credit) before the actual lecture. Students are then much more intune with what she is teaching, come with questions, and overall understand and retain the information better. Rita also uses OER, with the students only needing to spend \$5.50 on the guide.

Student Government Association (SGA): Fatima Covarrubias, President of Student Government Association. Ms. Fatima Covarrubias welcomed the Board. As the semester comes to an end, SGA is hosting various events in support of the community and students. As part of service to the community, on the early morning of December 6, students volunteered at Campesinos sin Fronteras providing services and food to those working. To support students in preparation of finals, beginning the week of December 9, each day, there is a stress-free event including Origami, popcorn, ornament decorating and fresh cotton candy.

In celebration of the end of the successful semester, Mr. and Mrs. Matador was awarded to Shane Davenport and Adriana Moreno.

Student of the Month: Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson, Vice President of Learning Services

Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson introduced Fine Arts Division Chair, Professor Brad Pease.

Mr. Pease shared why he nominated the Student of the Month recipient, Desiree Quiroz-Cunningham. He noted Ms. Quiroz-Cunningham's talent on stage, poise in front of audience and mentoring of fellow students. Ms. Quiroz-Cunningham was recognized for her talent as a Fine Arts major and for her leadership of the Theater Club.

Action Item #1 – Human Resources Candidates for Exempt Positions and Review of Unfilled Positions – Presented by Karen Johnson

Candidates for Exempt Positions

- Alaric Bryant, Project Impact Coordinator
- Claudia Orozco, Student Counseling Professional
- Dawn E. Clark, Nursing Clinical Facilitator
- Rocio Napoles, Program Coordinator, YES Grant

Motion by Anna Camacho, seconded by Richard Lamb.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

The Board Approved the Candidates for Exempt Positions

Nay: None

Abstain: None

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Action #2 – Consideration to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Harvest Preparatory Academy for Dual Credit Courses – Presented by Shahrooz Roohparvar

Motion by Maria Chavoya, second by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

The Board Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Harvest Preparatory Academy for Dual Credit Courses

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Action #3 – Consideration to Approve the Purchase of Canvas Learning Management System with Instructure – Presented by Shahrooz Roohparvar

Motion by Maria Chavoya, second by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

The Board Approved the Purchase of Canvas Learning Management System with Instructure

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Action #4 – Consideration to Approve Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tuition and Fees – Presented by Shahrooz Roohparvar

Motion by Maria Chavoya, second by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

The Board Approved the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Tuition and Fees as presented

Nay: None

Abstain: None

President's Reports

Career and Technical Education; Dean of Career and Technical Education, Reetika Dhawan

Ms. Dhawan welcomed the Board and focused on the Agriculture program within Career and Technical Education.

She shared that AWC has a strong reputation around the Community College setting, noting it being called "the best Ag program". The Ag program is recognized locally in support of the 3.2 Billion Ag industry from Yuma

County.

Ms. Dhawan introduced Ms. Leigh Loughead, Agriculture Program Director. On December 2, 2019, Ms. Loughead was recognized by Mr. Doug Ducey, Governor of Arizona, as the 2019 Educator of the Year. Ms. Loughead was joined by seven students at the 5th Annual Arizona Agribusiness Roundtable in Tempe, Arizona.

Learning Services, Dr. Linda Elliott-Nelson

Dr. Elliott-Nelson welcomed the Board. She introduced Brad Pease, Division Chair for Fine Arts. Mr. Pease introduced the talented faculty supporting students through multiple mediums. He shared the creative art around the College including Paintings, theater, music and digital and printed art.

Technology; Vice President of Technology, Bob Walker

Bob Walker welcomed the Board. He presented the Technology update through a video sharing a focus of progress towards Audit Remediation, Cyber Security and Technology updates across the District.

Closing Items:

Dr. Corr addressed the Board. He thanked Professor Brad Pease for his commitment to students and for the student artwork shared with the President's Office each semester.

He stated budget planning and preparation is underway and has called on the College community to actively engage the needs of the College with a direct tie to the Strategic Plan. In careful consideration, the one-time dollars received for Fiscal Year 2019 to 2020 have been set aside until there is a predictable stream of revenue for strategic planning of long-term basis.

And finally, the Arizona State Board of Education will be conducting their January Board Meeting at the Yuma Campus on Monday, January 27, 2020. It will be a great opportunity to connect with State leadership and learn about the local ties to education within the K-12 system.

The next Board Meeting will be hosted at the Yuma Campus.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 21st at the Yuma Campus at 8:00 am.

Adjourn: The meeting matters were complete.

Motion by Richard Lamb second by Olivia Zepeda.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya, Anna Camacho, Richard Lamb and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Ashley B. Herrington, Recording Secretary