

MEETING MINUTES
Arizona Western College
District Governing Board Meeting
Regular Meeting 9 am
San Luis Learning Center, Room 103 and Via Zoom
March 21, 2023

Board Members Present: Board President Dennis Booth, Board Secretary Olivia Zepeda and Richard Lamb*, Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, and Maria Chavoya

Board Member present by phone, Zoom: None

Board Member Absent: none.

***Quorum confirmed**

Others Present within Frances Morris Boardroom: (24)

Dr. Daniel Corr, President	Susie Zambrano, Associate Dean of South
Ashley Herrington, Chief of Staff	Yuma County
Bryan Doak, Vice President for Student	Scott Estes, Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Services, Interim Vice President of Learning	Laura Fregoso, Admissions and Recruitment
Services	Specialist
Dr. Joann Chang, Associate Dean – Science,	Laura Sandigo, Executive Director of Student
Math/EGR, WPE	Resource Services
Kimberly Trujillo, Interim Chief Human	Maria Guzman, Advising and Student Services
Resources Officer	Coordinator
Lori Stofft, Vice President of Advancement	Sara Amani, Professor of Multicultural
Michelle Landis, Director of Financial	Omar Heredia, Advising and Student Services
Services and Controller	Coordinator, SYC
Noemi Barraza, Executive Administrative	Jules Floss, Art Faculty
Assistant	Gabriela Roldan, Administrative Assistant III
Kassandra Sicairos, Student of the Month	Socorro Arrizon, Administrative Assistant III
Reetika Dhawan, Vice President of Career and	Alan Lopez, Technology Specialist
Technical Education and Workforce	Victor Mata, Technology Coordinator
Development	Itza Trujillo, San Luis SGA Representative
Ross Poppenberger, Vice President of Finance	
and Administrative Services	

Community Members in Room: (9)

Mayor of San Luis, Nieves Riedel	Somerton High School Principal Lucky Arvizo
San Luis Council Woman Maria Cecilia Cruz	Omar Duron, Gadsden School District
San Luis High School Principal Robert	Interim San Luis Chief of Police Miguel
Jankowski	Alvarez
Somerton High School Counselor Maria	Jen Groh, CampusWorks Executive
Dillard	Deb MacFarland, Spouse of Dr. MacFarland

Others Present by Zoom: (11)

Paola Villarruel, Student Government	Renee Munoz, Executive Administrative Assistant
Association President	Sandra Rodriguez, Human Resources Specialist
Cindy Zavala, Director of Housing and	Angie Gonzalez, Institutional Effectiveness and
Residential Life	Research

Dr. Nikki Hage, Dean of Student Services
Betty Lopez, Institutional Effectiveness and
Research Director

Dr. Cristina Gordon, Associate Dean of Instructional
Development and Student Learning Experience
Shara Skinner, Student Activities Coordinator
Steve Eckert, Director of Facilities Management

Community Member Present by Zoom: (0)

None

Call to Order: Board President Dennis Booth called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:04 am.

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

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for the March 21, 2023 meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Richard Lamb

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Olivia Zepeda, Maria Chavoya and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 23, 2023, Board Regular Meeting Minutes and February 24, 2023, Board Workshop Meeting presented for approval.

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Call to the Audience:

Mayor Riedel welcomed the Board and pledged her commitment of community involvement and thanked the College for the support of the City of San Luis.

Employee Reports

Student Government Association, Presented by Itza Trujillo

Ms. Itza Trujillo, Representative of South Yuma County for SGA, shared details of numerous recent events from SGA. She also shared recent events, including Student Satisfaction Survey for services, programming and improvements, with recent events including, club sign up, Highway Clean Up, Relay for Life, TedXAWC March 17, and SGA meetings.

Action Items

Action Item #1 – Human Resources, Consideration to Approve Candidates for Exempt Positions – Presented by Kimberly Trujillo

Motion by Maria Chavoya seconded by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Positions presented for approval –

- Diana Esquibel-Mendez, Office Manager

The **Board Approved** the position as presented.

Action Item #2 – Consideration to Approve Technology Purchase – Presented by Ross Poppenberger
Motion by Maria Chavoya seconded by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Purchase as Presented.

Summary-

The college is seeking approval to purchase Technology. AWC Technology Infrastructure Hardware with Sentinel Technologies, Inc is needed to continue to support the day-to-day operations of our students and the community. The VxRail servers are the primary server hardware pool for Information Technology resources located at the Yuma campus. The VxRail expansion will provide memory and hard drive storage resources necessary to bring servers from a test environment online, and the ability to nondestructively restore a server from backup for faster data recovery. These servers support multiple technology areas of the college including account login, HVAC control, printing, e-mail, and other systems for Arizona Western College. Strong maintenance and support of these operations are central to business continuity and security of college data. Total cost for the Purchase of the VxRail Server System Hardware is \$73,248.00.

Members of the board had questions about this impacting all AWC campuses technology resource.

This is a standard maintenance resource.

Question about if this is in relation to Audit Remediation, which is not. Mr. Poppenberger shared audit remediation resolution work has been on going during this year, with CampusWorks leadership on site this week to further the remediation activity.

Action Item #3 – Consideration to Approve Payment for Emergency Electrical Work – Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Dr. Kenneth MacFarland seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Payment for Emergency Electrical Work as presented.

Summary-

Arizona Western College was challenged by electrical issues on September 28, 2022. On November 14, 2022, the District Governing Board approved the district to increase the current blanket purchase orders in order to keep the college operating and continue the support of operations and instruction of fiscal year 2023 classes. The college is now seeking approval to pay Pilkington Construction for emergency

electrical repairs and testing of the high voltage electrical distribution system completed on September 28, 2022 and over the winter intersession shutdown from December 26 – December 30, 2022. The total cost for this service is \$193,883.71.

Action Item #4 – Consideration to Amend the Contract for Construction for the New Residence Hall – Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Amendment to the Contract for Construction for the New Residence Hall as presented.

Summary-

The District Governing Board approved the architectural, engineering for design services of the DeAnza Residence Hall replacement on April 14, 2021. On November 16, 2021 the District Governing Board awarded a contract for construction services for the new Residence Hall with CORE Construction, Inc. We are seeking approval to amend the DeAnza Construction contract with CORE Construction, Inc for a buildout of the third-floor shell. The total cost for the buildout of the third-floor shell will not exceed \$3,000,000.00, with the cost of construction be \$2,490,949.00 and furniture and equipment is anticipated at approximately \$500,000.00.

Question of how much time this adds to the construction timeline, and it will add approximately three months with the planned use for Fall 2024.

Board member Zepeda offered the chance to conduct an emergency meeting if further approval is necessary and Dr. Corr noted that while an Emergency Board meeting could be held, it is not our common practice. This project has intentional sequencing and planning, so this action item respects the Board Meeting time, and timeline for this project with the university partner.

Action Item #5 – Consideration to Approve Voucher (February 2023)– Presented by Ross Poppenberger

Motion by Maria Chavoya seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya, Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The **Board Approved** the Voucher as presented.

Ms. Zepeda noted the growth of the Dual Credit which reflects the goal set in August 2022, and is proud of the progress and commitment to access to higher education.

Summary

The result of fiscal operations for the month ended February 28, 2023, indicated that expenses exceeded revenue*. On February 28, 2023, the cash balance was \$23,334,656 compared to \$40,336,743 on the same date last year.

Operational - Fund "O"

The District received 71 % of its anticipated revenues and expended 60% of its budgeted expenditures, compared to 79% and 54%, respectively, last year. Compared to 18,608 credit hours billed to students last year, this year 19,448 credit hours were active high school students. These students are billed \$25 per credit instead of \$92 per credit. The AWC community betterment plan has resulted in \$ 1,303,040 or 2% of anticipated revenues to support the education of youth in the community.

Capital - Fund "6"

The District does not budget Capital revenues. For the current fiscal year, the District has expended 23% of its budgeted expenditures, compared to 5% last year.

*Yuma/La Paz Counties taxes received through January 31, 2023 at February 28, 2023.

Spotlight on South Yuma County, Presented by Susanna Zambrano

Student of the Month, Presented by Susanna Zambrano

Ms. Zambrano welcomed the Board and recognized the community partners in the room.

She led her presentation with a student first focus, with the recognition of the Student of the Month. She recognized Ms. Kassandra Sicairos, for her dedication and grit to education. Kassandra welcomed the Board shared that she chose AWC for the economic affordability. Additionally, she appreciates the guidance and resources to plan her future, which she plans to continue her education with University of Arizona at Yuma for a Bachelors in Microbiology. She credits her advisor with keeping her informed and focused on her degree completion.

Spotlight of South Yuma County; Presented by Susanna Zambrano

Ms. Zambrano welcomed the board and acknowledged the important partners from the community who are in attendance, including leadership from San Luis High School, Somerton High School, San Luis Mayor, Council woman, and Interim San Luis Chief of Police, among others.

Ms. Zambrano featured multiple projects in San Luis, including Innovation Fund Projects, Program Growth, Program Partnership Projects, such as the Gadsden Math project, which maintains open access for college courses for career ready students in elementary and high school. Ms. Zambrano noted the intentional focus of connection to the College activities, clubs and programming as students recognize the feeling of community through these kinds of efforts. Programming in San Luis continues to expand to meet Science, Phlebotomy, Fine Arts, English, Math which are core degree requirements. Ms. Zambrano acknowledged the support from Leadership to continue this growth.

Ms. Chavoya shared her appreciation for the success, growth in San Luis and attention to the delivery of student needs with the highest of standards and care. She also recognized the important impact of the Rotaract Club impact for students, led by Maria Guzman.

Dr. Corr invited Lucky Arviso, Principal of Somerton High School to speak. He shared his excitement and appreciation of the partnership between AWC and within the South County Community. San Luis High School committed to the High School challenge and has scored #1 in the past two years, which reflects the focus to continue to support student completion of High School and access to Higher Education through Arizona Western College. He shared that Somerton High school will have its first class in Fall 2023 with a single Freshman class offering academic programming and Career and Technical Education, with the first CTE Programs in Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy.

Mr. Jankowski welcomed the board and recognized the leadership of the school counselors of their participation and leadership for FAFSA completion. There are over 20+ Dual-Credit courses offered at San Luis to build within their schedule. This great partnership is appreciated and something he looks forward to grow.

Gadsden School District

- 86 students taking math this Spring
- 86 students took math this Fall
- 17 students took ENG 100 this Fall! *First English cohort for Jr High School Students

Somerton School District

- Three-year anniversary (Fall/Spring)
- 24 students in the Fall, 22
- 17 students in the Spring, 22



South Yuma County Clubs

SCAN ME!

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Spring

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Fall



Fine Arts

- **A.A. Arts-Studio Art 2D Track**
All courses in this degree track can be taken at SLIC allowing for completion of A.A. Arts
- **Yuma Art Symposium Partnership Event Background**
Provides 10 students opportunity to attend Yuma Art Symposium and exhibit their artwork at YAC for the duration of the Symposium. SLIC Students Alex Quintero and Jayleen Gonzales. Provides students work study opportunities to attend Yuma Art Symposium and exhibit their artwork at YAC for the duration of the Symposium. SLIC Student David Villanueva
- **Spotlight on Student**
Advanced Drawing Student Erick Granados
Advanced students write a semester research proposal and create a body of work based on a thematic concept, techniques and media to develop their personal style and visual communication skills.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Spring 2023 is the inauguration of the program.

The Biology and Allied Health Department are sharing the space well.

Our professors desire to do whatever is necessary to provide our community an **Amazing Student Experience**.



Thank you, leadership!

The Future is bright!

President's Reports

Advancement; Focus on Data, Presented by Lori Stofft and Bryan Doak

Lori Stofft welcomed the Board. She shared a report reflecting the 2021-22 Capture Rate data from High Schools within the Districts of Yuma County and La Paz County.

Commitment to grow with and partner with High Schools to support Dual-Credit. Data reflects that 30% of students in Yuma County are engaged in Dual-Credit course programming.

High School	Enrolled Subsequent Fall ^{2a}	High School Grad Year				
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cibola High School	AWC	45%	45%	44%	38%	40%
	Other College/University	12%	11%	8%	12%	10%
Cibola High School Total Graduates		545	556	561	506	562
Gila Ridge High School	AWC	37%	39%	36%	34%	31%
	Other College/University	19%	15%	15%	16%	16%
Gila Ridge High School Total Graduates		432	428	514	443	440
Kofa High School	AWC	40%	43%	36%	39%	36%
	Other College/University	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%
Kofa High School Total Graduates		522	503	532	495	515
Parker High School ^{1d}	AWC	24%	12%	0%	18%	20%
	Other College/University	13%	15%	0%	8%	19%
Parker High School Total Graduates		103	114	109	88	91
Salome High School	AWC	20%	10%	4%	0%	7%
	Other College/University	5%	3%	19%	0%	0%
Salome High School Total Graduates		20	30	26	13	28
San Luis High School	AWC	56%	49%	49%	54%	53%
	Other College/University	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%
San Luis High School Total Graduates		584	710	656	576	558
Yuma Catholic High School	AWC	30%	21%	27%	29%	29%
	Other College/University	40%	33%	30%	44%	28%
Yuma Catholic High School Total Graduates		80	95	90	86	114
All High Schools	AWC	40%	40%	35%	39%	38%
	Other College/University	11%	10%	7%	10%	9%
GRAND TOTAL All High School Graduates		2,771	2,969	2,977	2,639	2,867



5-Year Trend of Enrolling at AWC or Other University Fall Term Immediately Following HS Grad

Dr. MacFarland noted the low % of engagement in Salome and Parker High School in comparison to Yuma County based schools. He shared a perception that ‘students are left behind’ with these low numbers. Ms. Stofft noted the perception shows the data notes the engagement with students, differently than through Dual-Credit alone. Dr. Corr noted that there is free dual-credit tuition for La Paz county students whereas Yuma County continues to have a \$25.00 Dual Credit cost. Ms. Dhawan also noted that due to the lack of qualified instructors in La Paz County for Dual Credit, the college is augmenting the offering by bringing instructors to La Paz county to support program offerings.

Closing Items:

Dr. Corr reiterated his offer to the Board that if there is data the Board wishes to see, he is excited to bring it forward.

Dr. Corr recognized the ‘magic’ of partnerships and commitment to learning and the community within South Yuma County. He noted the high graduation rates, college-going rates in the Monday State Board of Education meeting which is a gold standard across the state. He recognized the amazing success of FAFSA completion in the past three years as a direct link to the college-going culture built at San Luis High School.

Ms. Maria Chavoya is being recognized by the Victoria Foundation as an educational leader in Arizona on April 5, 2023.

Dr. Corr recognized two professors here in San Luis, Dr. Sara Amani and Jules Floss, who share the comradery and commitment to students in San Luis. He also recognized the support led by Associate Dean Susie Zambrano.

April meeting will bring the Preliminary Budget for consideration for vote in the June 2023 meeting.

An All-Trustee Meeting is planned for April 19 & 20 in Phoenix for all Trustees across Arizona on behalf of the Community College System.

Arizona Western College is one of 5 finalists of the International Finalist, Entrepreneurial Engagement in Excellence (EEE) Award, in partnership with YRMC. AWC is the first Community College to be recognized.

He is proud to announce the selection of Vice President of Learning Services (VPLS), Dr. Kathleen Iudicello will begin in July 2023. She brings over 25 years in Community College with service as faculty, dean, and executive leadership to the college.

Legislative Activity continues with a planned April 21 Yuma campus hosted visit with Elected Officials.

All-Arizona Academic Team four, with a first team awardee and three second-team awardees. An ASU Local student has been admitted to the Barrett Honors College.

There was an amazing TEDxAWC event hosted the past Friday, organized by Dr. Sara Amani & hosted by Lori Stofft, with the college positioned as a thought-leader in the community and region.

Next Meeting: The next Regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 11 am Budget Workshop, followed by Regular Meeting at 12pm, conducted both in-person and via Zoom and at the Yuma Campus.

Motion by Maria Chavoya, seconded by Olivia Zepeda

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Kenneth MacFarland, Richard Lamb, Maria Chavoya Olivia Zepeda and Dennis Booth

Nay: None

Abstain: None

The Board **Approved** the next meeting date and final matters of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

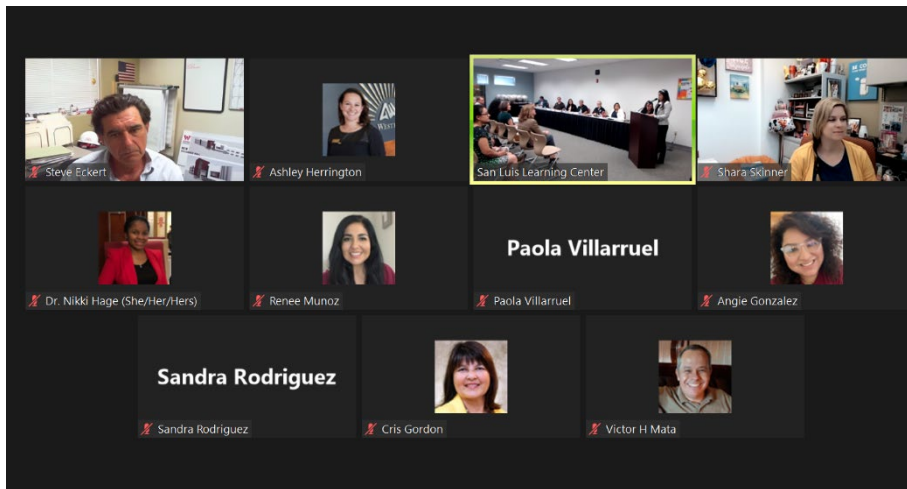
Adjourn: The meeting matters were complete.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley B. Herrington".

Ashley B Herrington, Recording Secretary

Attendance recorded at 9:08 am.



Attendance at 9:40 am

