COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

RETREAT MINUTES

AUGUST 31, 2020
A Retreat of the Coconino Community College District Governing Board was held through interactive videoconferencing. Board Chair, Ms. Patricia Garcia, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

PRESENT: Patricia Garcia
          Patrick Hurley
          Joseph R. Smith
          Nat White

ABSENT: Marie Peoples

Also Present: Dr. Colleen Smith, CCC President; Dr. Narcisa Polonio, Retreat Facilitator; and Ms. April Sandoval, Board Recorder.

Reports, summaries, background material, and other documents referred to in these minutes can be found in the August 31, 2020 documents file.

Follow Up

- Ms. Patricia Garcia and Dr. Narcisa Polonio will finalize the draft of the Board and President/Administration goals and the President’s Evaluation and will send it to the Board and President for review. The Board and President/Administration goals will be put on a future agenda to be approved.

ACTION ITEM

Public-Private Partnership for Development of Student Housing at the Page Center – Dr. Colleen Smith

Public-Private Partnerships (P3) are utilized throughout the United States to develop facilities on college campuses that would be beneficial for students, the College, the community, and all partners involved. Coconino Community College is currently finalizing a Strategic Plan “Students First: Vision 2025” based on priorities established by the District Governing Board that include (among others) student success, progressive business processes, strategic partnerships, and sustainability through responsible stewardship of economic, public and environmental resources.

This type of P3 model would require the developer to finance and maintain a student housing complex that would also include short-term rental possibilities for the local workforce in Page. The project would also incorporate an update to the facilities master plan for the CCC Center in Page.

Questions and discussion on this topic included:
- Whether or not the Board wanted to consider more than one finalist.
- Concerns about the mixture of students, short-term workforce housing.
- A request for a business plan so that everyone knows the cost to students.
- The need for a well-thought-out matrix/rating system that answers both the Board and Staff concerns.
• How the review process would be conducted.
• What would happen if the final choice was not a local developer.

Mr. Patrick Hurley made a motion to authorize College Administration to move forward with plans to seek proposals from private developers to design, build and operate undergraduate student housing at the Coconino Community College Center in Page, Arizona, as part of a Public-Private Partnership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Joseph Smith.

Discussion on the motion focused on the following topics:
• Should the Board see more than one choice in this process.
• Should the language of the motion be modified to be more specific on the actions the College will take.
• The experience and qualifications of the College staff members who will be part of the RFQ process.

The motion was unanimously approved (Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White voting in favor).

EVALUATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE PRESIDENT’S COMPENSATION AND CONTRACT TERMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION At 6:07 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Joseph Smith and seconded by Mr. Patrick Hurley to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1) for discussion of the President’s evaluation and compensation. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White voting in favor).

RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION At 7:48 pm, Mr. Patrick Hurley motioned to reconvene in open session, and Dr. Nat White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White voting in favor). The meeting resumed in open session.

Mr. Patrick Hurley made a motion to extend the President’s contract for another five-year term. Dr. Nat White seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved (Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White voting in favor).

DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD GOALS, COLLEGE PRIORITIES, AND PRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATION GOALS
Ms. Patricia Garcia and Dr. Narcisa Polonio will finalize the draft of the Board and President/Administration goals and the President’s Evaluation and will send it to the Board and President for review. The Board and President/Administration goals will be put on a future agenda to be approved. The Board also discussed the September Board meeting and the collaboration between the Foundation Board and the District Governing Board and how it relates to some of the Board’s goals.

Mr. Joseph Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Dr. Nat White seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (Ms. Garcia, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Smith, and Mr. White voting in favor).

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Ms. April Sandoval
Board Recorder
Dr. Nat White  
Vice Chair/Secretary of the Board

Ms. Patricia Garcia  
Board Chair