

THE BOARD OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 515

Board Workshop January 16, 2019

MINUTES

Mr. Marc Wiley, Vice Chair, convened the Board Workshop of the Board of Illinois Community College District No. 515 at 5:22 p.m., Wednesday, January 16, 2019, in the Board Room of the College.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Mr. Marc Wiley, Vice Chair
Dr. Ronald White, Secretary
Mr. Christopher Baikauskas
Ms. Joelle Mulhearn

Board Members Absent

Ms. Jacqueline Agee, Chair
Mr. John Stanfa
Ms. Camiella Williams
Mr. Benedict Shogunle, Student Trustee

Table Participants Present

Dr. Terri L. Winfree, President
Ms. Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder
Dr. Marie Hansel, Vice President, Academic Affairs
Dr. Thomas Saban, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Mr. Craig Schmidt, Vice President, Community and Economic Development
Dr. Scott Kalicki, Vice President, Student Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness

Administrators Present

Mr. David Cronan; Ms. Marina Krtinic

Staff Members Present

Mr. Jay Barriga; Ms. Andrea Small; Ms. Cheri Taylor-Lawton

ORAL/WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There was none.

INTRODUCTIONS/RECOGNITIONS

There was none.

FINANCE DISCUSSION

Dr. Thomas Saban, vice president of finance and administration introduced Ms. Marina Krtinic, controller and director of business services and Ms. Cheri Taylor-Lawton, budget analyst.

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They gave an overview of the cash position, revenue and budget projections. With regard to the College's reserves, Dr. Winfree pointed out that every college is different. For example, one local college has a policy where the reserves is 35% of the budget. Prairie State currently does not have policy on reserves.

Dr. Winfree explained the proposal presented was for a \$4.00 per credit hour increase for each of the next three years. This allows both the College and the students to plan and budget. In addition, the College would offer a tuition freeze for students who plan to attend full-time. When this was presented to the students, they liked that idea.

Dr. White asked how the College can make other programs like the fire science program which is highly ranked. He also asked about expanding nursing. Mr. Wiley asked about the northwest Indiana students. Mr. Baikauskas asked about the per student cost. Dr. Winfree responded that health care will be different than a business degree-seeking student so it is difficult to figure out. He also asked about the programs that have declining enrollment. Industrial technology, music, and art are struggling. Dr. Hansel is putting together an action plan for the ten programs that are struggling.

The Board asked for copies of the PowerPoint presentation. It will be emailed to them.

Dr. White asked what the College can do to expand marketing in the community to help generate revenue. Dr. Winfree has a list of the marketing initiatives and will send it to the Board. Various employees of the College are out in the community attending events and talking about the College's offerings on a regular basis.

Ms. Mulhearn believes the personal touch is important and asked if the College works with the counselors at the high schools. Dr. Winfree said the College does work with the counselors and the College's recruiters are at the high schools on a regular basis. In addition, students are acting as high school recruiters. The College has a strong Early College program. Dr. Hansel shared that the College is signing an agreement with Midwestern University and Chicago State University for their pharmacy programs. As long as Prairie State students meet the requirements, they will be guaranteed admission. The College's CNA program is booming at the high schools.

Mr. Baikauskas asked how the College's tuition compares to other community colleges. The College's tuition is one of the highest. He asked what they do differently than Prairie State. Dr. Winfree explained it is formula based. There is also a difference with the tax base for each college. Mr. Wiley asked if the College gets money or grants from the county. Dr. Winfree explained the College receives state, federal, and other grants.

Mr. Baikauskas asked if the College just does not have enough money or is it spending too much. Dr. Winfree said the College is careful with their money and is not frivolous.

Mr. Wiley thanked everyone for putting this together. This is something that should be done more often. The Board needs to know what is going on.

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ADJOURNMENT

Dr. White moved and Ms. Mulhearn seconded that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye, and the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Jacqueline J. Agee, Chair

Dr. Ronald White, Secretary

Patricia Gallagher Trost, Board Recorder
