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Lane Community College
Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting Minutes
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1. Attendance

Board members present: Susie Johnston, Matt Keating, Tony McCown, Melanie Muenzer, and Rosie Pryor. Gary LeClair and Phil Carrasco participated by telephone. Also present were President Mary Spilde, Vice President Brian Kelly, Vice President Dawn DeWolf, Lane Community College Employees Association President Jim Salt, Lane Community College Employees Federation President Alen Bahret, and Associated Students of Lane Community College President Robert Kirkpatrick.

A. Board Chair Rosie Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

B. Board Agenda Review/Changes

Keating requested to amend the agenda to hear all eight people who signed up to speak during statements from the audience. All board members agreed.

C. Statement from the Audience

Jeffrey Borrowdale, Philosophy Instructor, urged the board not to cut Philosophy and Religion courses.

Wilgen Brown, incoming ASLCC President, stated that budget information is not accessible to students and asked students to pay attention to what is impacting them.

Drew Viles, English instructor, stated that the budget process was difficult to follow and hoped for the reinstatement of the Native American Student Advisor.

Jim Salt, LCCEA President and Sociology instructor, urged the board to consider the budget subcommittee budget proposal.

Jay Frasier, Communication instructor, urged the board not to make program cuts.

Adrienne Mitchell, LCCEA Officer and Academic Learning Skills instructor, urged the board to consider the budget subcommittee budget proposal.

LeClair joined by phone at 7:52 pm.

Dan Kinkler, student, urged the board not to cut the GIS program.

Kathleen Lloyd, ECE instructor, stood in solidarity with the programs and professionals that have been eliminated.

2. Discussion/Action Items

A. Budget

1. Program and Service Reductions

McCown moved to accept the recommended program and service reductions as presented by the administration. Johnston seconded.

McCown stated that the board has considered all of the testimony and proposals at length. It has not been an easy process. Muenzer agreed that the time has come to make a decision but that she would be interested in looking into some of the things in the majority proposal more in the future.

Keating stated that the multicultural cuts are potentially disruptive for some of our most vulnerable students, he had looked forward to taking a philosophy course, he has asthma and knows the importance of the respiratory therapy program, he knew students that could have benefitted from the counseling program, he empathized with the ECE program, and he reminded everyone that when he was elected he promised to fight for all vital programs. He stated that he will vote against the program cuts.

Carrasco joined the meeting by telephone at 8:00 p.m.

McCown reminded Keating that no one wanted program and service reductions but as leaders of the school, it is the board's responsibility to arrive at a balanced budget.

Carrasco agreed that that nobody wanted to see these reductions and wished Keating had provided other solutions for a balanced budget. He reminded Keating that the board is elected to lead the college and needs to make a decision.

Johnston stated that the cuts have affected her not only as a board member, but also as a past student and as a mother of past students.

Keating stated that he meant no disrespect to his colleagues and their service to the college.

Motion passed 6 – 1. Keating dissented.

2. Tuition

Johnston moved to approve the following tuition rates:

- Resident Students: \$109.50 per credit hour.
- Non-Resident Students: \$260.00 per credit hour.
- International students: \$236.00 per credit hour for fall, winter and spring terms and \$158.00 per credit hour for summer term, based on market comparators. (No change.)
- Non-credit Students: \$4.50 per contact hour, maintaining current rate. (No change.)

McCown seconded.

McCown asked about the possibility of lowering tuition if the state allocates a higher level of funding to community colleges. Spilde stated that the Lane needs to advertise the higher number but that the tuition rate will be decreased if more funding is received.

Muenzer amended the motion to approve the tuition rate as presented. Should more resources be made available from the state, the board will direct the administration to come back with a new tuition proposal. Keating seconded.

Amended motion passed unanimously.

Original motion passed unanimously.

3. Fees

McCown moved that the board approve the following student fee increases:

\$45/term Health Clinic fee

\$25 online course fee (per online credit course)

\$9/credit technology fee

Johnston seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

LeClair left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

3. Closing Comments

Carrasco thanked his colleagues for participating in the budget process and hoped the conversation can start earlier next year.

Muenzer appreciated everyone who participated and hoped to get more clarity at the beginning of the next budget process.

Keating thanked everyone who stepped forward and shared their story.

Pryor stated that she would have liked to have voted against a tuition increase but understood the responsibility the board holds to adopt a balanced budget. She asked that people hold the board accountable and not attack and blame the administration.

4. The board meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Mary Spilde, President/District Clerk

Rosie Pryor, Board Chair

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