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1. Attendance

Board members present by telephone: Phil Carrasco, Mike Eyster, Susie Johnston, Matt Keating, Tony McCown, Melanie Muenzer, and Rosie Pryor. Also present were: President Margaret Hamilton and Vice President Brian Kelly.

A. Chair Pryor called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

B. Support for Senate Bill 1563

The board conducted a telephonic meeting to discuss their support for Senate Bill 1563 relating to state benefits for undocumented individuals. The bill removes the requirement that students who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents apply for official federal identification document to be eligible for exemption from paying nonresident tuition at public universities. The proposed bill is currently supported by the Oregon Community College Association.

Carrasco read the proposed Resolution No 620 To Support Senate Bill 1563 into the record:

"WHEREAS, Lane Community College values transforming lives through learning; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure access to higher education for Lane County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lane Community College Board of Education upholds equity and supports legislation that mirrors this value; and

WHEREAS, the Lane Community College Board of Education adopted Board Resolution No. 612 to uphold the protection and safety of all students in the classroom and future educational plans; and

WHEREAS, the Lane Community College Board of Education intends to uphold this commitment to all Lane students--past, present, and future--as well as the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1563 promotes access to Oregon universities for Lane students by removing the requirement that students who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents must apply for an official federal identification document to be eligible for exemption from paying nonresident tuition; and

WHEREAS, without passage of Senate Bill 1563, impacted Oregon students will face financial barriers that may prevent them from accessing Oregon universities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lane Community College Board of Education affirms its support of Senate Bill 1563,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED"

Carrasco noted that the board could specify further action.

Pryor suggested revising "Oregon universities" to "Oregon colleges and universities."

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Keating suggested changing "Lane County" residents to "Oregon" residents. Muenzer suggested "all people living within Oregon."

Keating suggested adding language about the bill having the support of the Oregon Community College Association.

Carrasco moved to amend the resolution to add the actions taken by the board, including a letter to the Oregon legislature; a press release of the board's action; and adding language about the resolution on Lane's social media sites.

Board members felt that the amendment was unnecessary as it directed specific actions by the college staff. Carrasco withdrew his amendment.

Carrasco moved to adopt the revised version of Resolution No. 620. McCown seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

The board meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

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