

College Council Minutes

Organizational Meeting July 17, 2024, 3:00 PM

Present:

Past Chair: Lisa Chamberlin

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| David Johnson | Lori Peterson |
| Carol Fitzgerald | Diana Herrmann |
| Erika Bockmann | Sara Egbert |
| Sam Robinson | Tessa Kimball |
| Angela Evensen | Patrick Sisneros |
| Joshua Slepín | |

- I. Welcome by Lisa Chamberlin. Lisa asked if everyone had reviewed the draft minutes from the College Council meeting of June 5, 2024, and if there were any changes needed. With no changes requested, a Motion was made by Diana Herrmann, Seconded by Carol Fitzgerald and approved by quorum to accept the minutes as written, Erika Bockmann abstained from voting.
- II. Pat Sisneros spoke with College Council about a potential land acquisition. There are 2 parcels of land which are adjacent to the College: The South parcel is 43.3 acres and \$1.55 MM and the North Parcel is 29.6 acres and \$1.25 mm.

Why is the College considering this land purchase?

- The purchase of this land would provide tremendous opportunity to expand on our Farm-to-Fork initiative's, our AG program and the land is in close proximity to our institution.
- This is not only a short-term investment in terms of what we could do over the next several years but this will pay for generations to come in terms of the value of this land and what it can do to enhance the education of students from around this community and all-around the Pacific Northwest.
- The adjacency to campus is really advantageous. There are some things that we aren't even thinking about in terms of how we can use this property.
- The College's reserves are really intended around emergencies which the college had 4 or 5 years ago. But, more importantly, it's for strategic investments like this, the one-time dollars that could be used to buy a property that will then pay huge dividends for the next 60-years of this institution

This property is owned by the Klickers and WWCC has been thinking about purchasing this property and negotiating with the owners for the last 9-months. The purchase has taken a bit longer than anticipated as the WWCC had to do some due diligence on the property water rights and ensure there is enough water for irrigation, etc.

There was an environmental study which found some buried railroad ties that have creosote on them on both land parcels so further investigation had to be done. The South Parcel does not require clean-up however, the North Parcel will require clean-up which involves removal of dirt that will be hauled away.

Tomorrow afternoon, 7/18/24 a proposal will be going to the Board of Trustees requesting the College purchase the South Parcel and then once the North Parcel is cleaned up (which should probably take 90 days or more) the college would have an option to purchase that land as well. If approved by the Board it would then go to the State Board in September for the final approval.

Pat asked if there were any questions and discussion followed. This presentation was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

- III. The next topic was the innovation fund and where we left off in the discussion at the last meeting was the formation of a small work group/task force needed to be formed to go through the different models that exist and put together an outline of how this could work for our College and then present to College Council for discussion.

A suggestion was made that someone from College Council act as a liaison within the work group/task force and then have the remainder of this group be represented by individuals from all classifications. Diana Herrmann volunteered to be the liaison for College Council and Joshua Slepkin will also serve on this work group/task force.

Discussion followed about potential individuals who might be interested in the work group/task force and Council members will check with them and get back to Lisa or Chad. In the meantime, Diana and Joshua will move forward with establishing timelines and working through some of the details.

- IV. Handbook update by Lisa. In our Teams, general area, there is a structured definitions version, draft or draft version 3. These updates are following our discussion from June 5th, that includes feedback provided by College Council. Just a general committee, and then broke the 2 committees out to standing and general.

Task force, didn't change much. Lisa added in advisory group because we were trying to figure out what to do with this type of group. There is a screenshot of the example of how that structure would work (in Teams).

Lisa wanted to touch upon some of the handbook updates and give you some time to review it and put your comments in the teams chat or just put it as a comment, either way is fine as long as we can get a working definition - One that we all can live with for a little while, and then, if something doesn't fit, we can revisit and move on/off of this plan.

V. Reports out – Nothing to discuss

VI. Good of the Council - Lisa shared an item.

There is now a SEM Plan, with reporting structure, and sub-councils. We are trying to move forward into a discussion phase about how the college decides what needs to go through strategic Enrollment Council versus what does not. We give much kudos to the Budget Council for leading that way of clearly defining what has to go through as well as ELT for fully embracing that, we are trying to do that same concept for strategic enrollment. We are working to try to develop a process for strategic enrollment and what items would go through there, and what items belong to other departments or divisions.

Once we have that firmly established this process, we'll bring the plan to College Council for discussion as well.

Next meeting is August 7 ,2024 at 3:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 3:41 PM