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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – September 12, 2017

Weed / COS – In his staff report to the Board Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker – Superintendent / President provided a brief summary regarding highlights of what has been happening on campus and interactions in the community. Earlier this month, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced the end of DACA, with a six-month delay for current recipients, and a call to Congress to fix this issue through immigration law during the six-month window. This unilateral action impacts an estimated 800,000 undocumented youth residing in the United States (222,795 in California); many of whom are attending community colleges like College of the Siskiyous. Others are gainfully employed creating productivity in our economy, or serving in the military protecting the country that just disowned them. The Siskiyou Joint Community College District is committed to the inclusion of all, regardless of race, ethnicity, heritage, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, medical condition, or disability and our students and employees must be fully supported. As a community college, College of the Siskiyous' mission is to transform lives through affordable and accessible education and intends to remain committed to that mission.

According to Melissa Green – Vice President of Student Services, much of August was spent in preparation for the new fall semester. This included finalizing plans for Week of Welcome, International Student Orientation, and the Siskiyou Promise Reception; in addition to advising and registering students.

Dr. Todd Scott introduced Dr. Zachary Zweigle –Dean of Instruction to the Board. Dr. Zweigle has a Bachelor's of Arts and a Master's of Arts degree in History from California State University, Fresno. He received his Doctor of Education in Instructional Leadership – Higher Education Administration from Lindenwood University. Dr. Zweigle most recently was the Department Chair for Social Sciences at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield Missouri. Other roles he has held at Ozarks Technical Community College have been Associate Department Chair for Social Sciences and Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Advancement. He

was an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University teaching graduate courses in higher education and has experience in the classroom teaching History at Ozarks Technical Community College and Drury University.

Technology Services is continuing to work on projects for the Academic Success Center including provisioning 60 laptops for instructional use, integrating the new wireless technology with our existing network, and automating data transfer to TutorTrac, our student attendance and equipment tracking software reported Darlene Melby – Vice President of Administrative Services. Upgrading the Active Directory infrastructure, server backups and disaster recovery preparedness also continues as does progress on moving to E-Lumen curriculum and assessment software from Curriqnet.

In January 2016, Trustees approved the Sabbatical Leave Request for James Gilmore for the 2017 spring semester academic year. In his leave request Gilmore outlined his plan to: 1) become a registered Adobe Certified Expert with Adobe Systems, In.; 2) update the COS Graphic Design certification program offerings; and, 3) further develop online teaching skills via pedagogical course offerings with the @ONE Project.

During the spring 2017 semester sabbatical, Professor Gilmore completed certificates in Photoshop and Illustrator, becoming an Adobe Certified Associate in both; successfully completed three @ONE courses including, "*Designing Effective Online Assessments*," "*Creating Accessible Online Classes*," and, "*Building Online Communities with Social Media*," updated the Graphic Design coursework and SLO's to reflect the demands of the industry and the current 2017 Adobe Creative Cloud software; and ensured that both Yreka and Weed Campuses have 2017 Adobe software installed for online students to utilize. Professor Gilmore was also selected to participate in a photographic workshop with Guggenheim Fellow Robert Dawson at the Mojave Desert Research Institute in Zzyzx, CA; strengthened ties with four-year transfer colleges, including Chico State University, Humboldt State University, and San Jose State University, and the San Francisco Art Institute; and attended lectures and exhibitions at various regional art museums, including SFMOMA, Nevada Museum of Art, San Francisco Art Institute, Schneider Museum of Art at SOU, and the Portland Art Museum.

On July 8, 2016, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) issued an action letter notifying the college that based upon the college's Institutional Self-Evaluation Report and the report prepared by the evaluation team that the college be issued a warning with the requirements the college submit a Follow-Up Report by October 1, 2017.

Since the issuance of the July 8, 2016 letter several committees and individuals have been working to address the recommendations and resolve deficiencies. The Follow-Up Report documents the work by the parties and provides evidence of their work. Through these many

efforts, all of the necessary recommendations have been resolved to meet accreditation standards. A team visit has been scheduled for November 5 and 6 to evaluate work to determine if the college has resolved these deficiencies. Trustees approved the Accreditation Follow-Up Report and recommended submission to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Other Significant Board Action:

- Approved Substantive Change Proposal for educational programs at Farmworker Institute for Education and Leadership Development (FIELD) sites and the San Francisco Police Department Police Academy (SFPA).
- Approved participation in the 2017 Chancellor's Office Tax Offset (COTOP) program for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.
- Approved the Final Budget for 2017/2018 for submission to the State and for the District's use for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. The Final Budget is a representation of expenditure requests as compared to the projected revenues of the 2017/2018 fiscal year.
- Approved the new Planning by Design document. The document is an integrated planning model that explains the College's planning processes.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held October 3 at the Yreka Campus in the Rural Health Sciences Institute (RHSI) room 123. A study session will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by closed session at 5 p.m. The public open session will begin at 6 p.m.