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### **COS Board of Trustees Meeting – November 7, 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. Dr. Schoonmaker met with the County Superintendent of Schools, Kermith Walters, to discuss an opportunity to spearhead a county-wide effort on education and community, economic, and workforce development. This will be a valuable partnership opportunity and it is aligned with two other projects currently in the early developmental stage.

College of the Siskiyous was also honored to host a small delegation of six (6) Chinese educators on tour in Northern California. As a result of this introduction and initial relationship building, there is the possibility for partnership, cultural exchange, and educational opportunities between Siskiyou County and the Qingyuan Education Bureau from the city of Qingyuan in the Qingcheng District of the Guangdong Province in China.

Dr. Schoonmaker also reported on the launch of the 2017/2018 President's Listening Tour with two community forums held during the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> – one in Dorris and the other in Happy Camp. Both forums produced good ideas and 'food for thought' about how the College can best serve our students, schools, community leaders, businesses, and industries throughout Siskiyou County, and our Region.

According to Melissa Green – Vice President of Student Services, the College is gearing up for winter and spring recruitment and registration! Activities have been scheduled to reach out to students this month to encourage registration. SOAR sessions have been scheduled for students who will be new to College of the Siskiyous for winter intersession or spring semester. Students who are interested in attending an in-person orientation, which includes a campus tour and an advising session, can sign up by contacting the Counseling Office.

Dr. Todd Scott shared with the Trustees, with the assistance of Christina Van Alfen, Jill teVelde and Mark Klever, the Advanced Manufacturing Program is making progress. On October 6<sup>th</sup> a Consultant visited the campus to assist with the development of the Program and

setting up the facility in Yreka. Dr. Scott also reported the College received a visit from the Follow-Up Report Accreditation team on November 6. The team requested meetings with individuals or departments related to those recommendations as noted by the visiting Accreditation Team in their report.

Vice President Melby reported the District had a very successful visit with the auditors in October. A draft copy of the report is expected to be received in the first week or two of November and the final copy presented to the Board of Trustees at the December 5 Board meeting.

### **Other Significant Board Action**

- Approved the Consent Agenda (Reading of the Minutes; Disbursement Summary; Personnel List; CCFS-311 Annual Financial & Budget Report; Updated Job Description & Salary Placement: Director, Information Technology; and Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings).
- Approved appointment of Nominating Committee for Board Officers
- Approved Revisions to Board Policies as a first reading.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held December 6 at the Weed Campus in the Board Room. Closed session will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the public open session beginning at 6 p.m.