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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – February 6, 2018

Weed / COS – According to the By-Laws of the COS Foundation, the Board of Trustees of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District shall have the authority to appoint or reject nominees and officers to the Foundation Board. At the COS Foundation’s Board of Director’s meeting held January 16, 2018, the Directors elected Greg Messer - President, Bruce Deutsch - Vice President, Darlene Melby – Treasurer, and Dawnie Slabaugh – Secretary for the 2018 year. In order to accomplish the purposes of the Foundation it is necessary to build and maintain a full Foundation Board. The By-Laws of the Foundation allow for a Board membership of up to 30. At the January 9, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting, President Carol Cupp announced she will continue as the appointed Trustee who is principal contact to the District Board of Trustees for 2018 and Trustee Kathy Koon would serve as alternate. Trustees approved the appointment of the new members and 2018 Officers to the COS Foundation Board of Directors. The new members are: Wesley Dutt, Weed; Linda Romaine, Fort Jones; and David Clarno, Dunsmuir.

In November 2017, COS was notified by the North Far North Prop 39 Director at Mendocino College, he was accepting applications for projects under approved TOP codes that further the objectives of the Prop 39 Clean Energy Workforce Program. COS submitted two applications for funding and received notification of funding in January 2018.

The first application was on building and energy systems. This project will focus on creating curriculum and a program that prepares students for the workforce to meet state objectives relating to zero net energy systems and construction. Students will build a “tiny house” which will allow for hands-on experience in learning how energy works in a building. The project will also tie in with manufacturing and the opportunity for students to create energy efficient models (i.e. solar, energy saving building devices), that can be utilized and tested in the tiny house model. COS has been awarded \$95,805 to support this project. Kim Freeze, Interim Director of Noncredit and Community/Contract Ed will serve as the Grant Project Director. The second application was focused on creating a mobile skills manufacturing lab. By utilizing existing multipurpose space, the College has a wonderful opportunity to teach hands-on skills.

Through the purchase of mobile workbenches, toolboxes and tools, along with operational components, participants will have all the necessary items to help them “learn by doing.” It is expected this project will grow enrollment and prepare a new generation to fill employment gaps by providing skills and knowledge to succeed in the manufacturing industry. COS has been awarded \$39,712 to support this project. Mark Klever, Interim Director of Workforce Development and the Yreka Campus will serve as the Grant Project Director. Trustees approved acceptance of the two Prop 39 Mini Grants and authorized expenditures.

Other Significant Board Action

- Approved the Consent Agenda (Reading of the Minutes; Disbursement Summary; Presentation of February 2018 Personnel List; and, Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings).
- Approved change in the contract bid threshold as provided from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.
- Approved proposed international travel to Qingyuan, China in March 2018 for the purpose of pursuing an educational training partnership.
- Approved proposed international travel to Morelia, Mexico for the purpose of establishing professional relationships with a “sister” institution; development of additional courses that could increase enrollments and strengthen participation in the College’s new Winter Intersession; and, raise the College’s profile with international students.
- Approved Board Policy: Chapter 4: Academic Affairs (4010) as a second and final reading.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held March 6, 2018 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.