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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – March 6, 2018

Weed / COS – In his staff report, Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker – Superintendent/President, shared with the Board of Trustees two very important initiatives currently under discussion at the Chancellor’s Office: the 115th Online College and the new Funding Formula. Neither of these initiatives is ready for launch as there is much to be determined on how to move forward and the best way to fund each new model. However, it is important for the Board and the College to be aware of these initiatives and the possible impact they will have on the District.

Melissa Green – Vice President of Student Services announced students may now petition to graduate in May 2018. All students planning to graduate in May 2018 need to submit a completed *Petition to Graduate* to the Admissions and Records Office. Forms are available in the Counseling Services Office or online. The priority deadline to petition (guarantee student name will be in the program, if they choose) is April 2.

According to Dr. Todd Scott – Vice President of Instruction, the Academic Success Center (ASC) has launched a series of FREE Critical Skills Workshops in an effort to assist students in developing academic success. Currently workshops are held on the Weed Campus, with the intention to begin offering them on the Yreka campus in the near future. Some instructors offer extra credit for workshop attendance. The workshop schedule can be found at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/asc/success>. Students can reserve a seat at upcoming workshops at the Academic Success Center or via the web link.

In December 2017, College of the Siskiyous submitted the Guided Pathways Self-Assessment Report to the statewide Chancellor’s Office. The next step in the process requires the college to complete and submit an Action Plan, Implementation Timeline, and Allocation Summary. To help inform the process, the Guided Pathways team conducted a series of meetings. First the campus-wide community met as a whole and took part in planning activities. The team then met with key stakeholders from around the college. The information was synthesized and used to produce the implementation plan, timeline, and summary. Once the information has been submitted, the college is eligible to receive \$500,000 over the next five

years with the first disbursement to be received in April 2018. The funding is specified for design and implementation of the Guided Pathways program once the Chancellor's Office has approved the College's plans for implementation. The Trustees approved the Guided Action Plan, Implementation Timeline, and Allocation Summary for submittal to the Chancellor's Office.

Each year in the early spring, the District's budget development is based on its shared governance model. Through a sequence of development steps, each college employee has opportunities for input, comment, question, and recommendation through the District's integrated planning and budget process. The first step in the process is the development of basic budgeting assumptions for the 2018/2019 fiscal year (FY2019) based on the District goals and current state budget information. Additionally, budgeting timelines have been developed and shared broadly with the College of the Siskiyous community to ensure completion of the process in compliance with state statute. The basic concept of balancing anticipated revenues to requested expenditures with guide the budget development process. Estimated revenue assumptions begin with the Governor's proposed budget distributed in January and subsequently enhanced and informed from the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Legislature. Assumptions regarding local and federal revenues are based on projections made by the District, Auditor's Office, and expected federal contract adjustments. The Trustees approved the 2018/2019 Budget Development Assumptions.

Other Significant Board Action

- Approved the Consent Agenda (Reading of the Minutes; Disbursement Summary; Presentation of March 2018 Personnel List; CCFS – 311Q Quarterly Financial Status Report; and, Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings).
- Committee to Recommend Process for Board Self-Evaluation.
- Approved revisions to Board Policies 3900 (General Institution: Speech – Time, Place, and Manner) and 7400 (Human Resources: Employee Travel) as a first reading.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held April 3, 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.