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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – January 8, 2019

Weed / COS – Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker, COS President, administered the Oath of Office to Debby Derby (Area 2) who ran for election in the November 2018 election. Derby's term of office is for the next four years beginning December 2018. In December 2018, new member Kevin Dalton (Area 1), and incumbents Carol Cupp (Area 3) and Alan Dyar (Area 7) who were also elected during the November 2018 election, were administered the Oath of Office.



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. He also announced one new faculty member, Anne Klein, was recently hired to teach Biology and she will begin her teaching duties at COS with the spring semester. Also announced was the hiring of Dr. Carol Bogue, who is the new Interim Vice President of Instruction.

Theresa Richmond, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, reported one COS employees received a semi-annual Professional Growth Award (PGA) in December. The goals of the PGA program are intended to improve job-related skills, provide an atmosphere of growth and vitality, and encourage ongoing participation in formal education and training. The employee who received a Professional Growth Award was Regina Weston (Student Services – Equity/Promise). Employees may receive only one award during a twelve month period.

At the end of every academic year, EOPS Program and student participant information is compiled and reported to the Student Services Division of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The EOPS/CARE staff utilizes this information for implementing programmatic changes and setting objectives for the following year. Valerie Roberts, Associate Dean of Student

Success, reported 259 COS students were served throughout the 2017/2018 academic school year. Services provided to students include:

- orientation specific to the EOPS program, requirements, and services
- semester starter kits consisting of school supplies
- book vouchers each semester
- transportation assistance in the form of bus passes and gas vouchers
- end of semester grant for students meeting the eligibility requirements outlined at orientation

Every student in the EOPS and CARE programs received one or more of these services each semester of participation. The total EOPS allocation for 2017/2018 was \$412,864, and 90% of those funds were spent on direct support to the students in the program. The total CARE allocation for 2017/2018 was \$53,699 and 45% of those funds were spent on direct support to the students in the program.

Trustees received information regarding an allocation of funds from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to support the Nursing Program at COS. Beginning in 2018, in recognition of a statewide shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants, the State of California 2018/2019 State Budget Act provides one-time funds for Certified Nurse Assistant training and Home Health Aide programs from Proposition 98 funds, totaling \$2,000,000 statewide. These funds are intended to increase the number of certified nurse assistant programs or increase the number of certified nurse assistants completing the certified nurse assistant program. A letter of intent was submitted to the Chancellor's Office by the COS Nursing Department in September 2018 and the allocation award letter was received in December.

COS will receive \$30,000 for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Funds will support outreach to potential students and those in under-represented populations through provision of program information and enrollment assistance and coverage of out-of-pocket costs to enrolled students for such items as uniforms, required supplies, and travel. Travel costs for faculty, faculty development, and travel to the state-wide conference will also be covered. Trustees approved acceptance of the Chancellor's Office allocation and authorized expenditures.

Other Significant Board Action:

- Approved the Consent Agenda (Reading of the Minutes; Disbursement Summary; Presentation of January 2019 Personnel List; 2019 Spring Sports Schedules; and, Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings).
- Approved Revisions to Board Policies from Chapter 5 – Student Services (5220, 5300, 5400, 5410, and 5420) as a second and final reading.
- Appointed Board representatives as primary contacts for various state and local organizations.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held February 5, 2019 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.