

MINUTES

WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMISSION MEETING

August 28, 2017

Teleconference

The August 28, 2017 regular Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Sandra Meyer via teleconference at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners present: Commissioners Larry Atwell, Kay Dooley, Craig Frederick, Jackie Freeze, Sandra Meyer and Julia Newman. Commissioner Bruce Brown was not present.

Commission staff present: Executive Director Jim Rose, Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer Matt Petry, Programs Team Leader Joe McCann and Administrative Services Manager Claire Smith.

A roll call was taken. A quorum was present. Due notice had been published.

Motion: Commissioner Freeze moved and Commissioner Atwell seconded a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF 2019/2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

Matt Petry explained the documents in the commission packet stating these are the numbers that will go into our 2019/2020 budget request. The only significant change since the June meeting involved the increased retirement contribution request. Contribution requirements have increased over the years and the colleges are covering a large portion of those costs. While reimbursement levels are the same in total as they have been in the past, the state portion of the contribution is decreasing. We are required to provide calculations to the Budget Division on how much the colleges need for this reimbursement. Last biennium we had a disagreement on the amount and it was never fully resolved. This year the Budget Division wanted to reduce the appropriation by roughly three times the decrease we calculated. Mr. Petry and Mr. Buchholtz provided historical information on how this should be calculated and the Budget Division agreed with our approach. The increased retirement need should be fully funded for 2019/2020.

Exception Requests and Priorities spreadsheet: The first amount on this page is the state aid standard appropriation. HB80 contains the starting point for this appropriation. The Budget Division then reduced the amount for the cuts in effect this biennium. The amount is then reduced for the retirement contribution as it is not segregated in the budget. The enrollment adjustment called for in HB80 should be a reduction of \$4,615,787 due to decreased enrollment. There was a slight change in this amount since the June meeting as a result of finalized information on 4-mill revenue.

Health insurance has not changed since June. The budget amount is less than the colleges need by approximately \$6.8M. Our disagreement with the Budget Division's interpretation on determining this amount will be included in our budget narrative.

Exception Request spreadsheet: Priorities #1 and #3 changed slightly due to rounding. Priority #2 changed by approximately \$11,000 because the standard appropriation was not as high as expected. Priority #6 changed because of cuts in effect this year for the WY Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program. We are required to fully fund the faculty side of this program so all cuts must be absorbed by the student funding side. When the Budget Division calculated the standard budget amount, they followed the Legislature's instructions and took a portion of cuts from each side of the program. We moved all cuts to the student side and the exception request reflects the amount needed to make the student side whole.

Commissioner Dooley asked for clarification on the issue of the enrollment adjustment in light of past conversations on whether or not to create a negative exception request for the decline in enrollment. Dr. Rose, Mr. Petry and the college presidents have discussed this issue with various people involved in the budget process, including the governor and his staff. Rosie Berger, the architect of HB80, has agreed to provide us with support for our position of not presenting a negative exception request. If we were to present an exception request, as opposed to assuming it should be an adjustment to the standard budget, the entire purpose of HB80 would be negated. By not having a negative exception request for the decrease in enrollment, we are sustaining our position that enrollment adjustments should be made to the standard budget, as intended with HB80. Dr. Freeze clarified the list of exception requests presented in the meeting packet are for true exception items and does not involve enrollment.

Motion: Commissioner Atwell moved and Commissioner Freeze seconded a motion to approve the exception requests and priorities as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Petry discussed the standard budget appropriation document. This document shows the adjustment made to the WyIN program as discussed earlier. The amount of the appropriation for the Veterans Tuition Waiver Program came in at the same amount as the current biennium. The remaining documents are informational and show a rough projection of how the funding allocation will look.

Motion: Commissioner Atwell moved and Commissioner Dooley seconded a motion to approve the 2019/2020 biennial budget request. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Atwell moved and Commissioner Frederick seconded a motion to adjourn the regular commission meeting at 9:30am. **Motion passed unanimously.**


Sandra Meyer
Commission Chair

10/13/17
Date


Jim Rose
Commission Executive Director

130 Oct '17
Date