



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: September 15, 2020 Date of This Proposal: September 4, 2020

SUBJECT:

Approve the agreement with Pearson's Smarthinking to provide on-line tutoring services to assist students with writing assignments and homework tutoring critical in this new learning environment while keeping up with individual access and hours connected at a rate of \$22.00 an hour.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the agreement with Pearson's Smarthinking to provide on-line tutoring services to assist students with writing assignments and homework tutoring critical in this new learning environment while keeping up with individual access and hours connected at a rate of \$22.00 an hour with an estimated 2,444 hours.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:


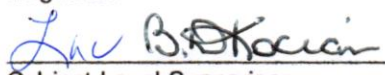
Pearson's Smarthinking was selected to provide on-line tutoring to our students seeking help under the new on-line learning environment. The CARES Act Fund will fund this service for our students through April of 2021. The actual cost amounts are based on usage and estimated below. Highlights of their proposal were that they were \$2.00 an hour cheaper and allowed unused hours to "carry forward" to the next school year.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?):	\$53,768.00
CARES Act Funds	\$48,400.00
Unrestricted Current Operating Budget for 2020 - 2021	\$ 5,368.00

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

- Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
- Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction
- Lindsey McPherson, Dean of Student Success
- Marybelle Perez Albrecht, Director of Grant Writing and Compliance
- Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

	<i>Dir. of Grant Writing & Compliance</i>	<u>9-8-20</u>
Originator	Marybelle P Albrecht	Date
		<u>9-8-20</u> <u>9/9/2020</u>
Cabinet-Level Supervisor		Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

	<u>9-9-20</u>
	Date