

CCC BOARD OF EDUCATION – TOPIC SUMMARY	
Topic:	Minutes of the Work and Regular Sessions from February 19, 2025
Date:	March 19, 2025
Division/Department:	President’s Office
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Approval of the Minutes for February 19, 2025



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 19, 2025**

**Clackamas Community College  
Roger Rook Hall – room RR 111 A & B  
19600 Molalla Ave,  
Oregon City, OR 97045**

**WORK SESSION**

*Chair Jane Reid called the Work Session of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to order at 6:07 p.m. on February 19, 2025, in Roger Rook RR 111 A & B.*

**I. HORTICULTURE’S ORGANIC FARMING PROGRAM PRESENTATION WITH STUDENT**

*Aundrea Snitker, Associate Dean of Arts & Science, introduced Associate Faculty member Dawn Rostad. Dawn teaches in the college’s horticulture department.*

*Dawn also introduced a CCC student Kylie Steele to present with her. Dawn discussed how the horticulture department’s organic farming program addresses the critical need for new farmers by offering comprehensive, hands-on training. The program emphasizes practical skills for operating small-scale farms and community food systems, preparing graduates for diverse roles in sustainable agriculture. The curriculum spans all four seasons, focusing on business planning, soil health, crop propagation, and farm management. Key tenets include adaptation, innovation, and community engagement, ensuring students are equipped to navigate the challenges of modern farming. The curriculum’s adaptability, incorporating student feedback and emerging industry trends, makes CCC’s program unique. Furthermore, partnerships with organizations like Oregon State University (OSU) Extension, Friends of Family Farmers, Rogue Farm Corp, Headwaters Incubator Farm, and Adelante Mujeres enhance student opportunities and contribute to the program’s overall success.*

*CCC’s program stands out as a vital resource for aspiring farmers, offering an in-person, hands-on learning experience in a field increasingly moving online. By emphasizing practical skills, community*

*building, and innovative approaches, the program is effectively cultivating the next generation of resilient and adaptable farmers.*

*Kylie Steele, a program graduate, shared her success in founding Resilient Seed Healing Farm, a non-profit farm focused on accessible farming for individuals with brain injuries. Kylie had experienced a brain injury, and the business creates a place for others with brain injuries to come together and work with farming. Kylie highlighted the program's practical skills, community support, and adaptable curriculum that helped throughout the journey.*

*Chair Reid adjourned the Work Session at 6:31 p.m.*

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Jane Reid called the regular meeting of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m. on February 19, 2025.*

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** 7 – Board Members Jane Reid, Josephine “Jo” Crenshaw, Kathy Hyzy, Wade Hathhorn, Irene Konev, Rob Wheeler, and Aaron Woods

### **COLLEGE**

**REPRESENTATIVES:** 8 – President Tim Cook, Vice President David Plotkin, Vice President Jeff Shaffer, Full-time Faculty Representative Nora Brodnicki (via Zoom), Association of Classified Employees President Jennifer Pope, Associated Faculty President Christopher Zimmerly-Beck, Associated Student Government President Bethany Day, Recorder Kattie Riggs, and other CCC staff

### **III. LABOR AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*Chair Reid called upon Rob Wheeler to read the Land and Labor Acknowledgements.*

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Chair Reid called upon those wishing to speak before the Board.*

*Rashida Quinn, Portland Resident, shared her experience at the college as a temporary employee over the last five months and advocacy regarding anti-racism.*

### **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. The Board considered the approval of the following:
  - a. Minutes (Work and Regular Sessions) 01.15.2025
  - b. New Child Care Specialist Apprenticeship Certificate
2. The Board acknowledged the acceptance of the following:
  - a. Monthly Financial Reports
  - b. Personnel Report

*Chair Reid asked Vice President David Plotkin to provide a brief overview of the New Child Care Specialist Apprenticeship Certificate program on the consent agenda.*

*David Plotkin, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, mentioned that this is one of many non-traditional apprenticeship programs the college is pursuing and will be bringing a few more before the Board in the future. For this one, Dawn Hendricks and the Early Childhood Education staff have been working with Mid Valley Community Action Group for some time to offer this. In the fall it was a pre-apprenticeship and after receiving formal approval from BOLI, it is now being requested to be an approved apprenticeship certificate program with a four-course package, adding up to about 15 credits.*

**R24/25-18 Motion made by Rob Wheeler, seconded by Jo Crenshaw, to approve and accept Consent Agenda items 1a through 2b. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye: 7 – Board Members Jane Reid, Jo Crenshaw, Wade Hathhorn, Kathy Hyzy, Irene Konev, Rob Wheeler, and Aaron Woods**

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READ**

### **1. 2025/2026 Tuition and Fees**

*Christy Owen, Dean of Business Services, detailed the policies and process for setting tuition and fees at the college. The process involves Board guidance, analysis of comparable data, and feedback from the associated student government, culminating in board adoption by late spring to ensure students have cost information for registration. The goal is to balance affordability with the need for incremental adjustments to avoid large, disruptive increases. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, a 3% increase in in-state tuition (approximately \$4 per credit hour) and a comparable increase for out-of-state tuition (\$9 per credit hour) are proposed, while general fees remain unchanged. CCC aims to remain one of the most affordable community colleges in the region.*

*The proposed tuition increases are based on a forecast that accounts for potential funding challenges, and the college strives to maintain affordability while ensuring financial stability. The modest increase reflects a commitment to minimizing the financial burden on students, even as the college prepares for potential future funding uncertainties. The board acknowledged and commended the effort to present an affordable forecast, recognizing the importance of balancing financial needs with student accessibility. This is a first read and will come back before the Board for a vote at the March meeting.*

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION**

## **VIII. STUDENT/FACULTY PRESENTATIONS**

### **1. CCC Student Legislative Visit in Washington, D.C.**

*Tim Cook, College President, provided some background information regarding a legislative trip to Washington, D.C. that CCC delegates attended. As one of the delegates, Tim introduced CCC student Hannah Legasse to provide the Board with a presentation about the trip.*

*Hannah Legasse, CCC student on the Associated Student Government (ASG), shared that she was one of two students that were able to attend the legislative trip to Washington, D.C. Jazlyn Ricalde was the other student, but couldn't attend the Board meeting. Hannah shared that they engaged with several senators and congresswomen, focusing on increasing Pell Grant eligibility and funding,*

addressing student food insecurity through SNAP expansion, and advocating for basic needs funding. Student testimonials, particularly Hannah's personal experience with food insecurity, resonated strongly with legislators. The delegation also addressed issues such as undocumented student support, childcare services, campus safety, and housing challenges, emphasizing the direct impact of federal policies on CCC students. The trip highlighted the importance of student voices in advocacy, with legislators showing a strong interest in their firsthand experiences.

## **IX. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

### **1. Associated Student Government (ASG)**

*Bethany Day, ASG President, shared that the ASG's next grants deadline would be February 28, 2025. They have been hosting information sessions to try to increase the number of applicants. Five ASG/Student Life and Leadership students attended the Portland State University (PSU) leadership conference a few weeks ago, brought back new leadership skills and are excited to start working on some new projects. There is a committee working on the ASG constitution and bylaws. The ASG election will be in a few weeks. Had such a great turn-out at the blood drive last week, they had to turn some people away.*

### **2. Associate Faculty (Previously Part-Time Faculty) Association (CCCAFA)**

### **3. Classified Association (ACE)**

### **4. Full-Time Faculty Association (FTF)**

*Nora Brodnicki, FTF Representative, shared information regarding the art exhibition by a past student, Holly Osborne, currently displayed. The Artist, Holly, will be giving a presentation about her work on February 25, 2025, at 12:30 PM. The annual study abroad trip will be to Ireland this year, December 6 – 18, 2025. Nora shared information about the technology funds that were shared with various faculty members to purchase new technology to support the students and classes they teach.*

## **X. COLLEGE REPORTS**

### **1. President's Report**

*Tim Cook, President, shared that CCC's enrollment continues to increase each quarter. Senator Merkley will be holding a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Randall gymnasium. Tim also shared information about the new President Executive Orders and the weekly meetings that Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) is hosting.*

## **XI. BOARD OPERATIONS**

### **1. Board Chair Business Report**

### **2. Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Report**

*Chair Reid shared information about the OCCA Annual Retreat and upcoming trainings including the new virtual legislative advocacy training, lunch and learns, and Legislative Days.*

### **3. CCC Education Foundation Report**

*Jo shared the Foundation report.*

4. Board of Education Community Reports

*Each Board member provided updates about things they had participated in over the last month or two.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Reid adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.*

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Kattie Riggs, Recorder

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Jane Reid, Board Chair

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Tim Cook, College President

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