



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: April 17, 2018 Date of This Proposal: April 5, 2018

SUBJECT:

Information Item

RECOMMENDATION:

Seek competitive sealed proposals for an on-line tutoring product to assist students with writing assignments and homework tutoring while keeping up with individual access and hours connected.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

For the past 7 years the College has used an on-line tutoring service called Smarthinking by Pearson. The use of this on-line service by students has grown, and continues to grow each year. As the usage continues to grow, so has the cost. This year the College is expected to exceed the \$50,000.00 expense mark that requires competitive bidding. Since the usage of the program continues to grow, and since it has been over 5 years since we last looked in the marketplace for this type of service, we are recommending that the College solicit formal sealed proposals from companies able to provide on-line tutoring services.


Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): Estimated \$55,000.00

Unrestricted Current Operating Budget for 2018 - 2019

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

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction
Natalie Stavinoha, Retention Coordinator
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:



Originator

4-5-18

Date

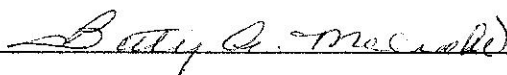


Cabinet-Level Supervisor

4/6/18

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:



4-9-18

Date