

**San Jacinto College District Board Workshop
March 4, 2019
District Administration Building, Suite 201**

MINUTES

	Board Workshop Attendees:	Board Members: Erica Davis Rouse, Marie Flickinger, Dan Mims, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson Chancellor: Brenda Hellyer Other: Micki Morris via conference call (Rogers, Morris, and Grover), Sandra Ramirez, Mandi Reiland, Teri Zamora
	Agenda Item:	Discussion/Information
I.	Call the Meeting to Order	Board Chair, Marie Flickinger, called the workshop to order at 5:17 p.m.
II.	Roll Call of Board Members	Marie Flickinger, Erica Davis Rouse, Dan Mims, John Moon, Jr., Keith Sinor, Dr. Ruede Wheeler, Larry Wilson
III.	Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, and 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes: Legal Matters and Personnel Matters	Adjourned to closed session at 5:18 p.m. Sandra Ramirez, Mandi Reiland, and Teri Zamora were present for the closed session. a. Legal Matters - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board’s attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law. Micki Morris with Rogers, Morris, and Grover (attorney) was contacted via a conference call for legal consultation. b. Personnel Matters - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee.
IV.	Reconvene in Open Meeting	Reconvened in open meeting at 5:56 p.m.
V.	Review of Simplified Tuition Model	Brenda Hellyer provided an overview of the background of the simplified tuition model. This was reviewed with the Board at its strategic retreat on February 15, 2019. This

		<p>was also reviewed with the Staff Organization and the Faculty Senate officers. There has been a lot of support for this change.</p> <p>Some Members requested a bolder advertisement for no additional fees. Brenda asked if members had any questions.</p> <p>Teri Zamora provided answers to questions that Board members had at the strategic planning retreat.</p> <p>Brenda asked the Board to review the press release that will go out after Board approval. Marketing has FAQ's, webpages, and statements ready as well.</p> <p>Dan Mims asked if other colleges in our region are doing this. Brenda heard that Lone Star and Houston Community College are considering similar changes, but this is not confirmed.</p> <p>Erica asked if we are mentioning that this is more equitable across the entire student body. Brenda said we have kept the communication simple at this point. Keith Sinor recommended being careful on this. He asked if transfer students pay more with this model. A student would be subsidizing those that are taking classes that have labs. These fees are now rolled into all students. Brenda explained that the marketing has been showing that students will easily be able to calculate the amount owed.</p> <p>Larry and Keith expressed concerns that in a few years we will come back and think we need fees. Brenda said Teri Zamora will keep track of the fees in a different manner that way programs are receiving portions that will subsidize the program needs. We will continue to monitor costs. In the end, we will continue to evaluate and decide if this model is working and what revisions need to be made.</p> <p>Erica asked if there are any non-credit with high costs that will be impacted by the model. Brenda explained that noncredit courses are not included in this model. The College can charge appropriately for noncredit programs.</p>
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VI.	Discuss Election Cancellation and Next Steps	<p>Teri provided an update on the remaining activities for the 2019 election. She stated that there is an action item at tonight’s Board meeting for approval.</p> <p>She explained that the following steps still need to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 4 - Cancellation of election ordered and accept certificate of unopposed Candidates • March 5-8 - Official notification to election partners, regarding current and future elections • May 4 - Copy of Cancellation Order posted in every Election Day Polling Location (by County) • June 3 - Certificate of Election Presented, Oath of Office Administered to Re-elected Trustees, and, Election of Officers for Board of Trustees <p>There were no questions on this item.</p>
VII.	Update on 86th Legislative Session	<p>Brenda provided an overview of the 86th legislative session. Overall, there has been a mood of cooperation at the Capitol. The only straining we have seen is around teacher pay raises. The Senate already passed a bill that would provide a statewide raise for teachers which limits some of the other reform items discussed for public education.</p> <p>This week will be the first time the House will hear bills. Community colleges have been asked to provide feedback on four of the bills, and we will submit feedback. Senate Higher Ed Committee will hold its first hearing on Wednesday this week. Senator Creighton is the new chair and has been taking time to listen and hire staff. He is very supportive of community colleges.</p>

		<p>On the budget, the Senate divided Article III to have Larry Taylor chair Public Education and Paul Bettencourt chair Higher Education. Article III Higher Education has not had a hearing scheduled yet. However, community colleges did offer testimony before Public Ed and Higher Ed were split.</p> <p>The House Appropriations Article III committee adopted their recommendations this past week. Community colleges started with roughly a \$20 million increase due to an increase in contact hours. Last week the committee recommended an additional \$51 million. Of that, \$47 million will fund success points at \$215 per point, and the remaining \$4 million will be added to core operations. Rep. Matt Shaffer would like to add additional funding for a “small school supplement,” and he contacted TACC to help define a “small school.” Brenda stated that she provided feedback and concerns on his request. An interim study may come out of this to research sustainability of small colleges.</p> <p>Brenda explained that she met with Senator Creighton regarding an exemption for community colleges in reference to the property tax bills. He said he does not anticipate that there would be an exemption. The Senate has passed the bill out of committee with a few changes. For the small taxing districts, there is an exemption, but they gave taxpayers the ability to require a vote to opt out of the exemption. She explained that she met with Senator Bettencourt to see if there was a way to make community colleges “whole.” He asked us to define “whole” and provide a number. TACC has put together a chart based on his request, and we are hoping to meet with him in the coming weeks.</p> <p>She explained that all bills will be filed by the end of the week and then all the analysis and testimony will start.</p> <p>There were no questions on this item.</p>
VIII.	Review Budget Development Timeline	<p>Teri Zamora provided an update on the budget approach for Fiscal Year 2020. Employees are being asked to determine if budget items are statutory (required by law), sustainment (maintain current levels), or enhancement (strategic growth/increase in quality or service). The methods used for this process are evaluation, planning, and</p>

		<p>preparation. Budget developers will be asked to identify which strategic goal budget items tie to. Teri reviewed the budget timeline. She explained that she will begin developing revenue scenarios in April. The planned approval of the budget by the Board is on June 3, 2019.</p> <p>Marie Flickinger suggested adding a column of actual impact to be filled out at the end of the year to use in preparation for the next budget year.</p> <p>Keith Sinor asked how many levels of approval the budget development goes through. Teri explained that it depends on the department. Some areas only have two levels and others have four.</p> <p>Dr. Wheeler asked how Teri is able to determine the approximate budget amount if she hasn't received the tax rolls. Teri explained that they look at patterns of the last five years and make an estimation from that. Brenda added that Teri is constantly monitoring the property tax collections as well. Teri explained that there has been an increase in the number of taxpayers that sue. Those can affect our anticipated budget.</p> <p>Members were comfortable with the timeframe.</p>
IX.	Review of Calendar	Brenda reviewed the calendar with the Board.
X.	General Discussion of Meeting Items	Brenda asked if there were any items from the meeting agenda that the members would like to review. There were no additional discussion items or questions from the Board members.
XI.	Adjournment	Workshop adjourned at 6:39 p.m.