

SJC BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 6, 2020

The Work Session was called to order at 5:02 p.m. with the following members present:

Joseph Rasor, Chairman
Hoskie Benally, Jr., Vice Chairman
R. Shane Chance, Secretary
Byron Manning, Member
John Thompson, Member
Valerie Uselman, Member

Staff Members Attending via Zoom:

Dr. Toni Pendergrass, Edward DesPlas, Boomer Appleman, Adrienne Forgette, Don Beauregard, Jill Bishop, Josh Bishop, Deborah Chalmers, Alicia Corbell, Sherri Cummins, Gayle Dean, Katherine Elliott, Kristie Ellis, Sandy Gilpin, Chris Harrelson, Kenny Hibner, Ron Jernigan, Kris Kraly, Karen Krob, Kerri Langoni, Roy Lytle, Steve Miller, Michael Ottinger, Jeff Parkes, Sherry Paxson, Janet Peterson, Elizabeth Phelps, Shelley Pickett, Eddy Rawlinson, Lorenzo Reyes, Eileen Richey, Chris Rosen, Rhonda Schaefer, Linda Schwinghammer, Vanessa Tafoya, Carrie Tsosie-Jim, and Donna Ellis, Board Recorder

Topics Discussed Included:

1. Questions on Board Agenda Items

None.

2. Student Housing Update

Eric Harrigan, SJC's Financial Advisor from RBC Capital, offered the Board his insights on the recent System Revenue Bond sales to finance SJC's student housing development. A summary of the transaction was presented to the College community at the last President's All-College Update.

The Trustees were advised that through a "Request for Statement of Qualifications" process and a criteria-based grid evaluation of responses to the RFSQ, three firms were shortlisted for further consideration (through a Request for Proposals process) to be our Construction Manager at Risk to build the housing. The three firms are FCI Constructors, Pavilion Construction and Jaynes Corporation. "Construction Manager at Risk" is a collaborative project delivery method in which a general contractor assumes two roles. First, they act as consultants, offering advice to the owner and collaborating with the architect to create a design that aligns with the owner's budget and schedule. Second, they act as legal contractors, assuming the risk of assembling a team of subcontractors to complete the project within a guaranteed maximum price.

3. Public Art/Statue to Honor SJC Founding President James Henderson

Dr. Pendergrass discussed with the Trustees the possibility of erecting a larger-than-life statue of Dr. Henderson. The project will be funded approximately 50% by Four Corners Innovation and 50% through fundraising.

4. Review of August 31, 2020 Operating Budget Report

The budget position as of August 31, 2020 was discussed with the Trustees. At this time, it appears that the College will need to adjust its general fund budget downward by \$871,000. Following on the heels of a \$2.88M budget reduction in July, this disappointing situation is caused by pandemic-induced enrollment declines in the summer and fall semesters. At the next All-College Update, concepts will be discussed that will bring the College within \$169,000 of the \$871,000 budget reduction.

5. Targeted Enrollment Strategy – First Draft of Debt Deferral Program

Trustees were presented with a planned program to bring back SJC former students who have earned at least 30 credit hours, have a 2.0 GPA, have been away from SJC for at least two years and have not been able to return due to an unpaid financial obligation to the College.

6. LFC Quarterly Report

Dr. Pendergrass discussed various pieces of information from a quarterly report from the Legislative Finance Committee.

7. Strategic Directions – Annual Goals/Objectives FY 2021

Discussion on this item was pushed to the November Board Work Session.

8. Pathways Report – VFA Data

This presentation was also pushed to the November Board Work Session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.