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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – August 1, 2017

Weed / COS –Trustees welcomed Darlene Melby – Vice President of Administrative Services. Ms. Melby replaces Nancy Funk who retired in July. Ms. Melby publicly thanked Ms. Funk for making herself available for training and questions this past month upon her arrival at the College.

In his staff report to the Board Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker – Superintendent / President provided a brief summary on summer activity. Facilities are being painted, parking lots paved, and several other improvement projects are scheduled to wrap up before the first fall classes are held. The Staff are hard at work on behalf of our students, and the entire campus community is awaiting the excitement and campus “hum of activity” that comes each fall. Many of the Faculty are already back on campus in preparation for the upcoming fall semester. Having completed his first month at the College, Dr. Schoonmaker commented, “it is a tremendous honor for me to be here and to be serving in a leadership role for the College, District, and County. If month two is anything like the first month, it will be an exciting and rewarding time spent with amazing people who genuinely care about our students, our College, and our communities.”

According to Melissa Green – Vice President of Student Services, enrollment numbers appear to steady; approximately 1,007 applications were submitted as of July 25. In 2016, a total of 1,200 applications were received for fall. Ms. Green expects the number of applications for fall 2017 will likely meet or exceed that number traditionally a significant rise in applications and enrollment occurs during the month prior to the start of fall term. The applicants are primarily first-time college bound, California residents followed by first-time college, out-of-state applicants. Ms. Green also reported enrollment is slightly above in FTES for fall compared to the same period in 2016. Other terms, including winter intersession, continue to see enrollment growth as well.

Dr. Todd Scott introduced Mark Klever – Interim Director of Workforce Development to the Board. Mr. Klever provided an update on the activity of the Yreka Campus. Highlights included:

- Yreka Campus beautification by the Maintenance staff. Interior facilities and exterior landscaping looks great due to the hard by the staff;

- Introduction to Agriculture Business class will be offered this fall at the Yreka Campus;
- The Nursing Program saw 28 students successfully complete the summer RN transition program and 22 students completed the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program. Mr. Klever also said the Nursing Program is full with 80 students registered for fall semester classes.
- Offering for the first time at the Yreka Campus, Human Biology (BIO 1500). This class is already full with 45 students enrolled.

Trustees heard an informational report on the grant activity of the College. Board Policy 3280 (Chapter 3: General Institution: Grants) requires the Board be kept informed of all grant applications made and grants received by the District. The current report details activity for fiscal years -2015/2016 and 2016/2017. Since July 2, 2015, the College has submitted 28 grant applications. Of these, 24 proposals were funded. As stated in the Board Policy, all grant-funded projects must further the College's mission and achievement of the Institutional Master Plan.

Annually before July 1, the Five Year Capital Outlay Plan is reviewed, revised, and submitted to the Chancellor's Office. The plan documents the District's Capital Construction Plans for the coming years. It also lists the District's projected Weekly Student Contact Hours (WSCH), Capacity Load Ratios for; lecture and laboratories, and our Load Distribution and Staff Forecast. The submission of a complete and accurate plan is an important tool used by the Chancellor to advocate for Capital Outlay funding in the Legislature. The Theater – Arts Building – Remodel/Addition remains the District's priority. The modernization project was not approved for funding last year. As a result, the District will be revising the project's Final Project Proposal (FPP) for future Board review and submission to the Chancellor. This project, when funded by the State, will require a 10% District match (\$2,153,130). Trustees approved the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2019-2023.

Other Significant Board Action:

- Approved acceptance of the 8th Annual Report presented by the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held September 12 at the Weed Campus in the Board Room. A study session will begin at 4:30 p.m. followed by closed session at 5 p.m. The public open session will begin at 6 p.m.