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COS Board of Trustees Meeting – July 10, 2018

Weed / COS –In his staff report, President Stephen Schoonmaker, shared with the Board the first half of the summer is now over. “Several training opportunities have been held along with summer camps, classes, and activities keeping many at both the Weed and Yreka Campuses busy. The second half of summer looks full of promise as we turn more attention to the successful start of our next Academic Year to begin in August.” He also reported, on June 27th, Governor Brown signed the 2018/2019 State Budget which reflects an ongoing investment in higher education allowing for increases in base funding to enhance the quality of education and access. This budget will also bring forward a 100% online college and new funding model for the Community College System. The formula will be implemented over the next three years.

Trustees heard an informational report on the distribution of COS Foundation scholarships for 2018/2019. This spring, the Foundation received 48 applications from students attending Golden Eagle Charter, Tulelake, Etna, Mt. Shasta, Yreka, Dunsmuir, and Weed High Schools; and continuing COS students. No applications were received from Happy Camp, Mattole Valley Charter, Butte Valley or Modoc High Schools. After all applications were reviewed, the Foundation awarded scholarships to 28 students (35 scholarships awarded) which total \$29,650. Nine scholarships were not filled as there were no applicants that met the scholarship criteria; or, the applicant was unable to satisfy qualifications as required by the endowed scholarships. The balance of the total funding available is used to support the Foundation Work Study Program of which there are currently three COS continuing students participating.

Each year, semi-annual Professional Growth Awards (PGA) are presented to COS employees who are continuing their education to further advance their educational goals. The goals of the PGA program are intended to improve job-related skills, provide an atmosphere of growth and vitality, and encourage ongoing participation in formal education and training. Three employees received a Professional Growth Award in June. The employees who received a Professional Growth Awards were Monique Gonzalez (Athletics), Jonathan Junpradub (Student Life); and Tina Schoffstoll (Human Resources).

Other Significant Board Action

- Approved the Consent Agenda (Reading of the Minutes; Disbursement Summary; Presentation of July 2018 Personnel List; Excused Absence of a Governing Board Member; Index of Board Reports for the 2017/2018 Academic Year; and, Dates of Upcoming Board Meetings).
- Approved the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan.
- Approved revisions to Board Policies 1100, 2010, 2340, 2345, 2735, 4060, 4070, 4100, 4300, and 7400 as a second and final reading
- Approved revisions to Board Policies 2710, 2712, 3530, 5140, 5500, and 7310 as a first reading.

The next regular COS Board of Trustees meeting will be held August 7, 2018 at the Yreka Campus in the Rural Health Sciences Institute (RHSI). Closed session will begin at 5 p.m. followed by the public open session beginning at 6 p.m.