

**College of Eastern Idaho
Board of Trustees**

June 3, 2022

College of Eastern Idaho Campus, Christofferson/Building 3, Room 306, Idaho Falls, Idaho
and remotely via Zoom

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College of Eastern Idaho was held on June 3, 2022 at the College of Eastern Idaho campus in Idaho Falls, Idaho and via Zoom. Chairman Park Price presided.

Present:

Park Price, Chair
Stephanie Mickelsen, Vice Chair
Cal Ozaki, Treasurer
Craig Miller
Carrie Scheid

Guests:

Rick Aman, CEI President
Lori Barber, CEI Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs (via Zoom)
Sean Coletti, CEI Counsel
Amanda Logan, CEI Executive Liaison & Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Byron Miles, CEI Vice President of Finance & Administration
Dustin Nielson, CEI Budget Director
Jeff Sneddon, CEI Workforce & Continuing Education (WTCE) Executive Director
Mary Taylor, CEI Human Resources Executive Director
Mike Walker, CEI Dean of Student Affairs
Todd Wightman, CEI Director of Communications & Marketing

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Park Price called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

ACTION ITEM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S Mickelsen/Ozaki to approve the agenda for the June 3, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ACTION ITEM**APPROVAL OF FALL 2022 GENERAL FEE INCREASE**

President Aman explained to the Trustees that after careful consideration, the President's Advisory Council (PAC) had come to the Trustees with recommended that the College increase the General Fee effective for Fall 2022. He explained that the requested \$11 per credit hour increase in fees was down from the previously discussed \$25 per credit hour increase and that this difference would make up a roughly \$500,000 projected budget deficit. He further explained that the College could cover this difference with money from the reserve and delaying in hiring for vacant and / or new positions.

A conversation ensued regarding CEI's tuition and fees relative to the other Idaho community colleges as well as the composition of their funding structures and costs per student. The College's current projected enrollments were noted, with summer up 11 percent and fall flat but likely to start increasing soon based on historical trends. Dean Mike Walker explained that a fee increase had been discussed with the Student Senate and they were comfortable with it. Additionally, the demographics of CEI's students were discussed, especially their utilization of Pell Grants (which are increasing in award amount) and CEI Foundation scholarships, with CEI Financial Aid Director Tiffany Cleverly noting that she felt confident this fee increase could be absorbed by these monies available to students and / or students' own finances.

The timing of consideration of any increases to student fees as well as the final approval of the College's budget was also discussed. There is a complicating factor of not knowing the allocation from the State until roughly March, however the College can estimate. It was affirmed that the Board will review / approve tuition and fees for the following academic year at the November Board meeting while looking at a budget projection. The group also stated that they would try to accelerate the whole budget process as best as we can, ideally moving up the approval date by a month or so.

There was additional conversation around how the State allocates various funds to the College and what they can be used for, such as CEC monies. The conversation wrapped up looking ahead as the Governor's Office just provided guidance that budget requests for next year could not exceed three percent and that amount also needs to cover CEC and health care increases.

M/S Scheid/Miller regarding the increase of General Fees by \$11 per credit hour for the College of Eastern Idaho, to dispense with the rule requiring two separate readings, and that the two readings be waived. Motion passes unanimously by roll call.

M/S Scheid/Miller, on its second and final reading, to approve the increase of General Fees by \$11 per credit hour for the College of Eastern Idaho, being effective starting in the Fall 2022 semester. Motion passes unanimously by roll call.

RESOLUTION 2022-01

In recognition of Vice Chair Mickelsen's final meeting as a CEI Trustee, Chairman Price made remarks on behalf of the Trustees and College thanking her for her steadfast commitment to and support of CEI over the past five years. Executive Director Taylor gave Mickelsen flowers on behalf of the College, Scheid gave her a framed photograph of the Trustees on behalf of the Trustees, and Chairman Price read and presented her with a framed copy of Resolution 2022-01, Resolution Honoring Stephanie Mickelsen for Distinguished Service as A College of Eastern Idaho Trustee from 2017 to 2022.

Mickelsen thanked the College and her fellow Trustees for the gifts and noted that she had relished her time as a Trustee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

M/S Mickelsen/Ozaki to go into executive session, pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 74- 206(1)(b) (public officer evaluation). Motion passes unanimously by roll call.

The Trustees entered Executive Session at 2:35 PM and exited at 3:33 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Price announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 PM.



Park Price, Chairman

06/28/2022

Date