

**College of Eastern Idaho  
Board of Trustees**

**May 24, 2022**

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

A Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the College of Eastern Idaho was held on May 24, 2022 at the College of Eastern Idaho campus in Idaho Falls, Idaho and via Zoom. Chairman Park Price presided.

**Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Rick Aman, CEI President  
Lori Barber, CEI Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs  
Tiffany Cleverly, CEI Budget Director  
Sean Coletti, CEI Counsel  
Amanda Logan, CEI Executive Liaison & Board Executive Secretary  
Heidi Moore, CEI Procurement Services Director  
Dustin Nielson, CEI Budget Director  
Ann Marie Peters, CEI  
Jeff Sneddon, CEI Workforce Training & Continuing Education (WTCE) Executive Director  
Mary Taylor, CEI Human Resources Executive Director  
Mike Walker, CEI Dean of Student Affairs

**CALL TO ORDER**

The work session was called to order at 5:22 PM by Chairman Price.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**FY 2023 CEI BUDGET**

President Aman, Vice President Miles, and Dustin Nielson, CEI Budget Director, presented the draft CEI FY 2023 budget (excluding WTCE) totaling approximately \$22 million.

Factoring into the budget is the College's current projection of a nine percent increase in credits year-over-year. Personnel costs have increased, including Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) increases, which the State largely pays for as they cover all General Fund and CTE employees. Additionally, CEI is looking to add six full-time positions to help with the continued growth of the College.

The budget presented showed a deficit and included three options for revenue: a \$25 per credit increase in the general fee; a \$11 per credit increase in the general fee; and no change in the general fee. It was noted that the College has submitted for our allowed three percent increase in Bonneville County property tax. It was further noted that the College has made cuts in operating expenses but the 40-year high inflation rates can still be felt.

Nielson walked the Trustees through the implications of potential fee increases and their impact on the projected shortfall, noting the assumptions made concerning credits and students living inside and outside of the district. There was a discussion about the potential impact of a fee increase on CEI students, with CEI Financial Aid Director Tiffany Cleverly walking the group through statistics affirming that students would be able to handle the increase, whether through Pell Grants (which are increasing in award amount), CEI Foundation scholarships, or their own finances. There was also a discussion about how course fees are depicted in the budget and whether the students who pay those course fees then get the direct benefit of using those labs, for example.

College administration explained that the College is continuing to project a nine percent increase in enrollment (assuming we can handle that without the additional revenue). They acknowledged that it is an aggressive goal but we are being aggressive in marketing, our use of geofencing, Early College, recruiting events and activities, Foundation, community events like the parade, and the continued laptop incentive program. There was additional discussion about what percentage increase in credits and headcount would be most likely attainable versus what would be considered overly aggressive and whether the nine percent should be lowered accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Price adjourned the Work Session at 6:03 PM.

  
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Park Price, Chairman

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