



Work Session Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
3:30 p.m.  
SCC Board Room

## **1.0 Introduction**

### **1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Board Chair Prellwitz called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call indicated Trustees Janet Fife-LaFrenz, Lanny Hillyard, Jeff Heland, Moudy Nabulsi, and Chris Prellwitz were present. Also present were President Dr. Michael Ash, Treasurer Kevin Carr, and Secretary Sherry Zeller. Dr. Carole Richardson, Joan Williams, Becky Rump, Iowa Works Region 16 District Operations Manager Carolyn Farley, IACCT Executive Direct M.J. Dolan, and Lobbyist Tom Cope were also present.

### **1.2 Adoption of the Formal Agenda**

Trustee Fife-LaFrenz moved that the tentative agenda be adopted. Trustee Nabulsi seconded. Motion carried with all trustees recorded as voting aye.

## **2.0 Informational Items**

### **2.1 Discussion about 2018 Legislative Session**

Trustee Nabulsi distributed and reviewed a list of legislative priorities/talking points prepared by IACCT that was discussed at a recent IACCT meeting. President Ash reviewed a handout entitled “Community Colleges of Iowa – Iowa Skilled Workers and Job Creation Fund Programs.” Discussion was held regarding the following issues:

- Restoration of lost State General Aid funding over the past years
- Possible redirecting of one or all three of the following programs as a result of the state’s initiative to fund Future Ready Iowa:
  - PACE (\$5 million)
  - GAP Tuition Assistance Program (\$2 million)
  - Kibbie Tuition Grant (\$5 million)

President Ash noted that SCC’s revenue for each of these programs is 3.1% of the total per the community colleges’ funding formula which is based on a three-year average of each college’s enrollment.

Discussion was held regarding the Governor’s Future Ready Iowa program. Lobbyist Tom Cope reported that the message from the community college lobbyists to the legislators is that community colleges want to be supportive of the Future Ready Iowa program but not if it cuts into the funding for PACE, GAP, Kibbie Tuition Grant, or any other community college funding. The expectation is that policy for Future Ready Iowa will begin in 2019 and that the program will become operational in 2020 with funding.

Lobbyist Cope reported that a de-appropriation is anticipated in January 2018 based on the state's October revenue estimate. He noted that state revenue needs to increase approximately \$300 million to \$400 million per year in order for the community colleges to expect an increase in funding.

President Ash reported that state funding is needed to get students into the education pipeline so that more individuals can take advantage of programs like PACE and GAP. He indicated that SCC's PACE program's completion rate is 86.2% and the completion rate for SCC's GAP program is 80%. The importance of funding these programs should be communicated to our legislators.

President Ash reported that one initiative SCC has successfully undertaken to encourage more students to enter the education pipeline after high school is the Steps to Success program with Burlington High School for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Iowa Works Region 16 District Operations Manager Carolyn Farley reported on the realignment of Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) as proposed by the Department of Labor which would reduce the number of Workforce regions from 15 to 5 or less. Although the number of IWD offices would not be reduced, there would be a reduction in supervision. President Ash noted that SCC would most likely lose control of our area under the realignment proposal which equates to approximately \$160,000 annually in indirect funds as IWD's fiscal agent. The proposal requires Regional Workforce Development Boards to be administered by IWD employees rather than appointed business and education representatives. Ms. Farley distributed copies of a list of Realignment Committee members and a letter from the Department of Labor to IWD Director Beth Townsend.

### **3.0 Adjournment**

Trustee Hillyard moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Fife-LaFrenz seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees and this is certified to be a true copy.



Sherry Zeller  
Board Secretary