

PINAL COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE
MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD RETREAT
Central Arizona College – Signal Peak Campus
8470 N. Overfield Rd. – I400
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
July 19, 2021

Board Members present: Evelyn Casuga, Gladys Christensen, Dan Miller, Dr. David Odiorne, Dan Miller

Staff present: Dr. Jackie, Elliott, President/CEO
Dr. Jenni Cardenas, Vice President Student Services
Brandi Clark, Vice President Talent Development
Chris Wodka, Vice President Business Affairs/CFO
Mary Lou Hernandez, Executive Assistant

Guest: David Borofsky, Director of AACCT

1. Introductions and Purpose of AACCT

Mr. David Borofsky, Director of AACCT provided Board members a description of the Mission, Vision and Purpose of AACCT. Mr. Jerry Walker currently is the representative for the College for AACCT. The purpose of AACCT is to help the board be better and work with the Arizona Community College Presidents on legislative issues regarding education in K-12 and Community Colleges.

Lunch

During lunch, Mr. Chris Wodka informed the Board of how CARES dollars will be used to help support students and expenditure limitation relief for this year by giving students free tuition for the academic year. The decision was made possible by Federal American Rescue Plan Act funding the college received earlier this year.

2. Open Meeting Law/Board Effectiveness/Policy Governance

Mr. Borofsky gave a presentation on Arizona's Open Meeting Law. Board members discussed adding Executive Session as a standing agenda item at Regular Board meetings.

Board members were given a copy of Board policies for review. A question arose regarding a Board member's ability to spend time on campuses to observe policy effectiveness. Discussion ensued surrounding the scope and role of a Board member and how that action may impact accreditation. This is generally not a best practice to act outside of policy governance.

The Higher Learning Commission looks at the policies and procedures and the effectiveness of the policies in site visits as part of the College's accreditation. The reports are available to Board members if they would like a copy.

The Colleges rotates have Board meetings at each campus location. A suggestion was made to provide tours for the Board members on days we visit other campuses.

Mr. Miller expressed concern regarding the process of a couple of building projects and that the process was quicker than he was comfortable with. President Elliott responded that a study session would have been helpful and will be considered for the future.

Mr. Borofsky provided an example of a policy that may be useful to the College for consideration.

3. President's Goals

President Elliott shared her goals for the year with the Board.

1. Transition to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and project based operational plans.
2. Complete the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan with at least 65% of targets/goals being met.
3. Reach 65% of targets/goals met on Board Outcomes.
4. Establish at least one new academic program.
5. Enhance Fundraising knowledge and skills through intentional professional development activities.

4. Drive 48 Open House

Board members attended a tour of the Drive 48 training facility.

No formal District Governing Board decisions were made.