



Longview, WA 98632

MEETING of October 25, 2017

LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Bob Gregory called the special meeting of the District 13 Board of Trustees to order at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, in the Heritage Room of the Administration Building at Lower Columbia College. When the meeting was called to order, the following individuals were present; there was a quorum.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

	Bob Gregory
	Heather Mansy
	George Raiter
	Steve Vincent
President	Chris Bailey

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – Wendy Hall, Nolan Wheeler, Brendan Glaser, Sue Orchard, and Linda Clark.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chair Bob Gregory explained that the need for the special meeting is to take action on a proposed grant application. The Trustees received the application information prior to the meeting.

MOTION: By Steve Vincent, seconded by Heather Mansy,

That the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

4. BOARD BUSINESS

4A. Board Commitment to Grant Application for College Spark Guided Pathways Funding

Brendan Glaser explained that this is a 5-year grant--\$100,000/per year—and is designed to help colleges improve student retention and completion through a guided pathways approach. LCC data has shown significant success as a result of previous work done through Achieving the Dream in the areas of student retention, completion and success. It is now time to look toward the next step, which has been identified as moving toward a guided pathways approach.

Brendan said, if awarded, the grant is fairly prescriptive. The College will need to adopt certain policies whereby students must choose a meta-major when enrolling. The pathways reform will require more curriculum structure for students and, as a result, less choice. It doesn't mean that there will be no choices, but the pathways would be more streamlined. The goal is to shorten a student's educational commitment and help them get through required courses quicker.

Brendan explained that this will be a very competitive grant process, but regardless of outcome, the process helps the college focus on the issues involved in a guided pathways reform.

The Trustees said they understand the guided pathways concept and are in support of moving in that direction. Chair Gregory called for a motion.

MOTION: By Heather Mansy, seconded by George Raiter,

To approve the letter to College Spark/SBCTC indicating the Board's commitment in moving forward with the Guided Pathways grant application.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT – With no further business, George Raiter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Vincent. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

On November 15, 2017, the Board of Trustees of Community College District 13 approved minutes of the October 25, 2017 Special Meeting.

Christopher C. Bailey, Secretary