

AADGB

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS

Minutes, May 1, 2014

Maricopa Community Colleges District Conference Room

2411 W. 14th St., Tempe, AZ 85281

AADGB MEMBERS PRESENT: Doyle Burke (Chair, Maricopa District), Lloyd Hammonds (Vice Chair, Coconino District), Judy Selberg (Secretary-Treasurer, Mohave District, by phone), Brenda Even (Pima District), Dennis Nelson (Cochise District), Gladys Christensen, Central District), Dale Fitzner, Yavapai, by phone), Maria Chavoya (Arizona Western) Ginny Handorf (Navajo District)

AADGB MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Layton (Graham District) Nat White (Coconino District, Alternate)

GUESTS: Marcelino Varona (Santa Cruz District)

CALL TO ORDER: Doyle Burke called the meeting to order at 10:01 a. m. and verified a quorum.

APPROVE AGENDA, MAY 1, 2014: Lloyd Hammonds moved, Dale Fitzner seconded, a motion to approve the agenda. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVE MINUTES, MARCH 6, 2014: Gladys Christensen moved, Dale Fitzner seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2014. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Doyle Burke reported that only one expense had occurred since the last meeting, a bill for the luncheon at the March 6, 2014, meeting. Currently, the AADGB account has more than \$40,000. He told members that the official report would be sent by e-mail following the meeting (see below).

DISCUSSION: GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE ON STUDENT SUCCESS: Members discussed the possibility of holding a Governance institute on Student Success. The institute would be presented by ACCT at a cost of \$5,000 per district. Dr. Narcisa Polonio said that districts could send fewer than three members, but that ACCT expected twenty or more to participate. The institute could be for one day, with options for a second day and second year. Members discussed options:

- Would an institute in leadership be more appropriate? ACCT does such institutes, but the GISS focuses on policies, not program management, to support student success.
- Could the GISS be modified for AADGB members, who could then go to their boards to share information?

- Could the GISS occur as a Webinar with interactive participation?
- Could the program be taped and be made available on the AADGB website for other trustees to view?
- Would it be appropriate for college presidents to attend?

Several trustees commented that attendance at the institute would be difficult because their members worked full time and because of the cost. After a poll of each college, it appears that only twelve or thirteen might commit to the GISS. Doyle Burke said that he would speak to Dr. Polonio to discuss options and would subsequently report to the members.

DISCUSSION: COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Maria Chavoya met with Dale Fitzner and Dennis Nelson to discuss communication among Arizona trustees. Here are options for increased communications:

- Use the website more effectively, perhaps interactively.
- Identify a person to determine content.
- Send e-mail messages of minutes to all trustees.
- Establish a calendar of events, conferences, etc. on the website.
- Include a link to ACCT on the website.
- Consider using social media (Twitter, Facebook).

DISCUSSION: ACCCC STATUS: Dr. Glenn Mayle and Kristen Boilini sent update reports to AADGB. ACCCC is seeking a full-time director “with strong ties to business and industry, education organizations and institutions, and local and State public policymakers” (Kristen Boilini). In addition, ACCCC is developing a website. Ms. Boilini’s firm will advertise the position, receive applications, and make recommendations to the ACCCC search committee, chaired by Dr. Mayle.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Doyle Burke appointed Gladys Christensen and Ginny Handorf to serve with him on the nominating committee.

The AADGB meeting was recessed for five minutes following the committee appointment to allow the committee to discuss candidates for officers for 2014-15.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The nominating committee presented these names for officers for 2014-14:

- Lloyd Hammonds (Coconino) Chair
- Dale Fitzner (Yavapai) Vice Chair
- Doyle Burke (Maricopa) Secretary-Treasurer

Doyle Burke asked for nominations from the floor. Brenda Evens moved, Judy Selberg seconded, a motion to elect officers recommended by the nominating committee. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Members discussed the next meeting date. September 4, 18, and 25 were mentioned. The decision was to poll members about the best date.

COLLEGIAL SHARING: A discussion ensued regarding participation in AADGB discussions by representatives of provisional colleges and open meeting laws. Doyle Burke said that he would contact the Attorney General's Office to obtain clarification.

- **PIMA:** Brenda Even reported that a new Science Building was dedicated on the Northwest Campus and a new Veteran's Center at the Downtown Center. The Pima District is conducting searches for a new Provost and new presidents.
- **SANTA CRUZ:** Marcelino Varona said that the college hoped for enrollment growth and that they were looking at accreditation. In addition, the college has an agreement with the University of Arizona that allows students to complete a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at the Santa Cruz site.
- **CENTRAL:** Gladys Christensen said that the college has gone to a four-day week year-round. Some had complained, especially about library access; and the college is studying that issue.
- **ARIZONA WESTERN:** Maria Chavoya related that Narcisa Polonio of ACCT had spent time at the college to hold a workshop for board members. The college is completing a habitat for tortoises with a grant from the Arizona Game and Fish agency. A building at the Parker campus was demolished and rebuilt to provide a larger learning center. The college will build a Public Safety building with community support. They are also expanding the theater. The college conducts a family night for the community, and clubs advertise their activities and earn funds at the event. They have had high community attendance. The event promotes the college, and they hope for increased enrollment.
- **COCHISE:** Dennis Nelson announced that Cochise College is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Unfortunately, the anniversary corresponds to aging facilities. The college is considering a new Nursing building because of the program's success. The college will enter into partnership with a local automobile dealer to remodel two facilities owned by the dealer for college use in Automotive Mechanics. The Benson Center has a new access and parking lot. Dorm students have reported dissatisfaction with Internet access. Consequently, the college will put up a microwave tower to serve two campuses. The college will install an A23 Simulator to certify pilots for airlines in Central America and South America.
- **YAVAPAI:** Dale Fitzner indicated that enrollment was up slightly. A new board member has taken office to replace a member who resigned. The college is developing means to communicate information to the public in response to recent criticisms of the college. An exchange of land has allowed more parking spaces at the Sedona Campus. The college is studying a master plan and programs to effect more efficient use of resources. However, the study has produced some anxiety among employees.
- **NORTHLAND PIONEER:** Ginny Handorf announced that the college was celebrating its 40th year. Ginny has been elected Chair of the Board. They have opened a new skills center in Holbrook, including programs in welding and robotics. The facility was

funded by savings, not by bonds. Northland Pioneer has four campuses and four sites in an area the size of West Virginia. The college is offering dual enrollment classes, and has introduced a program that allows students free tuition for the last twelve hours before graduation in the AA degree. They are also experimenting with a 50 percent reduction in tuition for summer school for degree completion. Ginny said that the time limit for this program was uncertain.

- **MOHAVE:** Judy Selberg said that the college hoped to pay off bonds soon. They will also vote to raise taxes by two percent this year. No speakers appeared at the Truth in Taxation hearing. The college is making progress in addressing their default rate for student loans, which now is 29.26 percent. The college had two Arizona All-Academic students speak to the Governing Board. In addition, the Board voted to increase the fee to audit classes.
- **MARICOPA:** Doyle Burke reported that the Maricopa District had voted to raise tuition by \$3.00 per credit hour for 2014-15. The original proposal for a \$5.00 increase had generated controversy. The Maricopa District is subject to a class-action suit regarding the technology breach that occurred in 2013.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a. m.

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(This report was sent to members on May 1, 2014, following the meeting.)

Treasurer's Report

May 1, 2014

Beginning Balance		\$39,380.03
Receipts	\$1,000	40,380.03
Expenditures	\$123.63 (Café Rio)	(123.63)
Balance		\$40,256.40

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Treasurer's Report

September 25, 2014

Beginning Balance		\$40,256.40
Expenditures (5.15.14)	\$123.63 (Café Rio)	(123.63)
Receipts (5.16.14)		1,00000
Balance		\$41,132.77