

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF REGENTS**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Section 551.041, notice is hereby given that a Committee of the Whole Workshop of the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents will be held on **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**, at 4:00 PM in Room M-202, Galveston College, 4015 Avenue Q, Galveston, Texas 77550.

The Board of Regents will gather in Room M-202 for refreshments prior to and/or after the Committee of the Whole Meeting. Although a quorum may be present, no action will be taken by the Board at that time.

- AGENDA -

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. Certification of Posting Notice of the Committee of the Whole Workshop
- III. Consider Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2022 Workshop 2
- IV. Citizens Desiring to Appear Before the Board on Agenda and Non-agenda Items
(Please complete a request card prior to the start of the meeting. The Board Chairperson may limit the time of appearance before the Board to three minutes).
- V. Update from the Office of Development
- VI. Discussion of Tax Appraisals, Exemptions and Tax Freeze
- VII. Adjournment

The notice for this meeting was posted on , in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

W. Myles Shelton, Ed.D., President

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP
GALVESTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
4015 Avenue Q
Galveston, Texas 77550
Room M-202 – Moody Hall
March 9, 2022
4:30 p.m.**

At the Galveston Community College District Board of Regents Committee of the Whole Workshop, duly held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in Room M-202 of Moody Hall, commencing at 4:30 p.m., the following Regents were present: Ms. Karen F. Flowers, Chairperson, Mr. Armin Cantini, Mr. Michael B. Hughes, Mr. Fred D. Raschke, and Ms. Rebecca Trout Unbehagen. Mr. Raymond Lewis, Jr. attended the meeting virtually.

Staff present included Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President, Ms. Breanne Lorefice, Dr. Cissy Matthews, and Dr. Van Patterson.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Flowers opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Room M-202 of Moody Hall and determined a quorum was present.

- II. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP:** Dr. Shelton confirmed that the notice of the Committee of the Whole Workshop had been properly posted on March 4, 2022.

- III. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 20, 2019 AND FEBRUARY 16, 2022 WORKSHOP:** Mr. Raschke moved to approve the minutes of February 20, 2019 and February 16, 2022. Ms. Longoria seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis joined the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

- IV. **REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSED GALVESTON COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-FISCAL YEAR 2027:** Dr. Cissy Matthews presented on the draft Galveston College Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2023- Fiscal Year 2027. She informed the Board that this evening they will be presented with the proposed mission, values, and goals, and they are asking the Board for feedback. A draft plan will be presented to the Board this summer and a final plan will be presented to the board in August 2022. Dr. Matthews continued by presenting on the feedback pertaining to the plan. No changes were recommended to the Mission and Vision Statements. There are seven values, four of those values have little to no changes. Changes suggested include:
 - Removing the words “of all ages,” and “profit” from the Access value statement, and adding the word benefit to replace profit.
 - Renaming the Academic Excellence value statement to Student Success, and removing the language “...and academic excellence while improving student learning outcomes.”
 - Changing the Diversity and Inclusion value statement to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

- Changing the Innovation value statement to Culture of Excellence, and changing it to read: Promote a culture that pursues excellence and supports new ideas and creative endeavors that advance the mission and purposes of the College.
- Changing the Stewardship value statement to read: Ensure responsible and ethical accountability for the resources entrusted to the College, so as to provide the necessary support to foster teaching and learning for today and tomorrow.

Dr. Matthews continued by presenting on the updated goals. Discussion was had on goal number one and the wording of “student-ready” college. Clarification was made that a student-ready college is different than a student being ready for college. Additional discussion was had on the strategies and if they matched the goal. Dr. Shelton mentioned that the goals and strategies are just starting to take shape and will be better defined over the next few months. Mr. Hughes asked what additional Bachelor’s degrees were being considered. Dr. Shelton mentioned that nothing is currently under consideration. The research is in progress to identify what they might be. The College currently offers two Bachelor’s degrees and is authorized to offer five. Dr. Shelton added that you need to look at what is needed in the market place, and what students are interested in so that there is sufficient demand. Dr. Matthews continued presenting on the goals. There was no further questions or discussion.

V. DISCUSSION ON STUDENT HOUSING AND BOARD FEES, TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES, AND COURSE FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23: Dr. Shelton presented on this item. This item is on the Regular Meeting agenda for this evening. He added that Mr. C’s has requested a budget increase due to price increases and inflation. It was decided that a 10 percent increase would be appropriate. The \$18.87 per day charge, per student would be increased to \$20.76. Discussion was had on the number of meals that are provided. It is 3 meals a day Monday-Thursday, and breakfast and lunch on Friday. Further discussion was had on how the students pay for meals. Dr. Shelton stated that they have the regular meal plan that gives them the three meals a day plus breakfast and lunch on Friday, and then the students have dinning dollars, which is a declining balance card, for sodas and snacks outside of dinning hours. Dr. Shelton stated that the current meal plan per semester is \$1,812. The new price will be \$2,068, and this will include three additional serving days. Meals will now be served during the week of registration. There were no changes suggested to the housing fees. Mr. Hughes asked for clarification on what the \$2,068 included. Dr. Shelton stated that the \$2,068 is for food. With housing costs, it will cost the student \$3,500 a semester and that is consistent with what other institutions are charging.

Dr. Shelton presented on the tuition and fee changes being proposed for academic year 2022-2023. He stated that the last time that tuition and fees were changed was the fall of 2019, to be effective April 1, 2022. The tuition and fees have remained the same for the last two years, and inflation has increased 10 percent. It is proposed that tuition and fees increase by 10 percent. Dr. Shelton added that the course fee increases have been driven by actual costs. That means that a full time student, with 15 credit hours, will now pay \$1,273 a semester. On a per hour basis, versus other colleges, we are still one of the lowest. He added that the Pell Grant is currently at \$6,495 per year and the Department of Education is proposing to increase it to \$8,370.

Mr. Raschke asked about Universal Access and if it would cover the increase in tuition. Dr. Shelton stated that there are more than enough funds. If this item is approved this evening, Dr. Shelton will be going to the April Foundation Board Meeting to request an increase to the lifetime limit so that it would be covered.

Mr. Raschke asked if faculty salaries are accounted for in the course fee and tuition increases. Dr. Shelton stated that it's not that precise, because it is a balance between what the state puts in, what students pay in, and what tax payers put in, and then from that, the budget is developed to cover salaries.

Ms. Unbehagen asked if lower enrollment was driving the increase in fees, or if greater expenses were. Dr. Shelton stated that they are expecting better enrollment this fall. 40,000 credit hours are generated currently over the course of a year. In fall of 2019, the College generated 45,000-46,000 credit hours over the course of the year. The variance of 5,000 credit hours is a factor in how the budget gets built. They know that they can build a budget on the proposed increases even if enrollment stays the same. If the enrollment grows beyond the 45,000 credit hours, then that is money that can be used for more things like salaries and other issues that need to be addressed.

Ms. Unbehagen asked how what the state is looking at for funding of community colleges could impact this. Dr. Shelton stated that it would not impact the College this next year, because the state funding for 2022-2023 was determined during the last legislative session. Any changes to state funding would occur as a result of what happens in the Spring 2023 session for the following year. State funding is fixed for now. The only variables that affect costs are student tuition and fees, and taxes.

Ms. Unbehagen asked for clarification on the proposed minimum hours differences listed under "effective April 1, 2022." Dr. Shelton stated that under the current tuition and fee rate, students are charged at a minimum of four semester hours. Based on many one credit hour classes no longer being offered, it made sense to look at this based on a minimum of six semester hours. This is consistent with what many colleges are doing now.

Discussion was had on if the College is looking toward a more robust enrollment with recruiting those students that have been out of school for the last two years. Dr. Shelton stated there is the conservative budget that is based on current numbers and the more robust budget that is possible if enrollment grows.

Mr. Cantini asked if Pell eligibility is affected if you are out of school for two years. Dr. Shelton stated that Pell eligibility does not have a time limit, is only limited if you have earned a Bachelorette Degree.

Mr. Raschke asked about Universal Access and Dr. Shelton stated that they will be asking the Foundation at the April Board meeting to change their deadlines to allow students that have been out of school since COVID to be able to access funds. This would also include students that started school, but didn't finish because of COVID. Dr. Shelton added that there are state grant funds available for those students as well.

Dr. Matthews presented on the changes to the course fees. Fee changes included:

- Fees were added for computer and network administration.
- Cosmetology is moving fees around, not adding any.
- Diagnostic and medical stenography is adding a fee for an outside commercial review that helps students pass their end of the course license exams.
- Electrical Electronics added a \$50 fee for a soldering kit and a \$65 fee for a robotics kit.
- Instrumentation is adding a fee to cover the NCCER testing that will be done in the classroom.
- Nursing fees are increasing based on the cost of materials from the publisher.
- Nursing BSN courses are added and malpractice insurance was added.
- Vocational nursing classes were revamped and new fees added.
- Welding fee increased by \$4.00, and the class fee was reduced for High School students only taking one course.

V. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Breanne Lorefice, Clerk

APPROVED AS CORRECT:

Karen F. Flowers, Chairperson