

PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
January 11, 2013
5:00 PM – Home of President Dr. Doreen M. Larson

MINUTES

The Pierpont Community & Technical College Board of Governors held an informational meeting on January 11, 2013, beginning at 5:00 PM at the home of President Dr. Doreen M. Larson. Present at the meeting were Board of Governors members: Chairman Earl McConnell, James Griffin, Kyle Hamilton, Beverly Jones, Sharon Shaffer, Tom Stose, and Jeff Tucker. Absent were Board of Governors members: Linda Aman, Barbara Hendrey, and Gene Weaver.

President's Cabinet members present were: President Dr. Doreen Larson and Cyndee Sensibaugh.

Guests included: Len Larson.

President's Welcome

Dr. Larson gave a brief welcome and began the meeting. Dr. Larson stated that Pierpont and Fairmont State have been working together to ease the process of moving Pierpont student services off of the Locust Avenue campus.

Proposal to Effectively Multiply the Impact of the Existing Advanced Technology Center (ATC) Funds

Dr. Larson provided a Proposal to leverage the existing Northern ATC facility funds supporting Advanced Technology and Allied Health Technology to include space for Pierpont Enrollment and Academic Services. The Proposal preserves and strengthens the intent of the Northern ATC to close current workforce training gaps, along with providing space and resources to entice new business and families into the region.

A meeting will be held with the architects to discuss design changes and additional costs. The board member's discussion focused on operational funds, programs that will occupy the facility, and keeping the initial intent of the building design.

Jim Griffin stated that Dr. Larson has done an excellent job for Pierpont and has developed a good relationship with the state legislators. Mr. Griffin asked for the full support of Dr. Larson from each Board member.

Proposal to Remove the 12-Hour Credit Tuition Cap

Dr. Larson reviewed a Proposal to remove the 12-hour credit tuition cap that will be presented on the agenda next CTCS Council meeting on January 31, 2013.. The Board was invited to attend this Council meeting. David Beighley, President of the Pierpont Faculty Advisory Committee, will attend.

This Proposal would modify the current language in the West Virginia Code to Chapter 18: A§18B-10-1. - Enrollment, tuition, and other fees at educational institutions; refund of fees. The proposed language to be added to the Code is as follows: “(3) Community college students taking more than twelve credit hours in a regular term may be assessed an additional fee for each additional credit hour based upon the twelfth calculation set out above.”

The revenue impact of this Proposal would remove funding barriers in offering viable accelerated courses, block scheduling, and rolling registration. The current cap results in a significant loss each term in tuition and fees to higher education institutions in West Virginia. The proposed modification would increase revenues without a tuition increase and would open the door for overall tuition decreases.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

There being no further business, the retreat adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next scheduled Board of Governors meeting will be held on February 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Falcon Center Board Room.