

Board of Trustees Minutes  
July 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Board Chair Cynthia Sherwood welcomed all guests in person and via zoom. Those in attendance were David Dams, Jared Nelson, Ben Seel, Jonathan Sadhoo, Lori Boots, Cynthia Sherwood, Norman Chambers, Val DeFever, Ashley Osburn, John Eubanks, Kevin Brannum, Dan Barwick, Dee Molnar, and Cherie Stockton

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Seel.

The Mission Statement was read by Ashley Osburn

The Vision Statement was read by John Eubanks

Vincent Bowhay discussed creating a Powerlifting Head Coach Position. He informed the Board of the purpose of Powerlifting on campus, stating that he felt it would be a good way to retain athletes who are cut from different athletic teams and feels it will be a good tool to assist with retention at ICC. Salary would be approximately \$40,000 while the cost of the budget would be approximately \$10,000. ICC does not currently have a weightlifting class. Ashley Osburn made a motion to approve this position, seconded by John Eubanks. Motion carried 6 - 0.

Vincent Bowhay discussed the "In-District" Scholarship Expansion, proposing that ICC extend the In-District scholarship to all students who live in the ICC area. Laura Allison will set up a task force to help grow this scholarship for the upcoming fall recruitment cycle. Also mentioned that the other community college in our county has done this for several years and feels this would be a way to advance student growth at ICC. Kevin Brannum motioned to approve; Val DeFever seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Vincent Bowhay discussed the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget. Mentioned that he feels we have a budget that is appropriate for 21-22 and suggested that we begin sooner than later working on the 22-23 budget to get ahead of the curve. Mentioned that the only additional information added to the budget was the power lifting program. Other areas of growth to help grow the budget is ICC NOW with the hope of growing the enrollment in that area and promoting retention for students returning to ICC. To reallocate items to the appropriate budget line, it was mentioned that the expense for bus rental fees has been moved to the Athletic Department budget. Library hours and bookstore hours have been extended to provide more computer access needed for students. Dr. Sadhoo mentioned that the money allocated for the Powerlifting program was from extra funds taken from other areas of the budget.

Kevin Brannum asked if there had been any other changes to the budget. Dr. Sadhoo responded that no other major changes have been made other than campus insurance – this information will be on the July 19 board agenda. Dr. Sadhoo explained that a broker had taken bids from other companies and mentioned that he gives yearly notice to Insurance Companies with the hope of getting better and/or additional options on incoming bids. Vincent Bowhay mentioned that specific information can be shared with the board regarding each policy if the board is interested and keep the board updated with changes as they occur.

Chair Cynthia Sherwood mentioned the Fab Lab's increase for the Administrative Assistant. It was explained by Vincent Bowhay that this employee had moved from Academic Affairs back to the Fab Lab. Vincent Bowhay also mentioned the Registrar budget had increased due to additional staff needed to operate this area.

Vincent Bowhay discussed HEERF Funding stating that these funds could be used to help draw students, forgive past due balances, and retain students. There is no extension to the deadline so the funds must be spent as it is not able to be retained and used later. These funds have been helpful for students who have been able to return

to ICC. Norman Chambers inquired about the reserve funds, asking if these funds could be used in other ways for college use; because these funds do relieve other areas, they make it more possible to allocate more towards reserve funds for ICC. Chair Cynthia Sherwood also mentioned that some of these funds were going to cover purchases for classrooms and other areas on campus. Vincent Bowhay will report to the board on the HEERF monies and how they were allocated at ICC.

Vincent Bowhay suggested 3 on 3 or 1 on 1 meetings with the Board Members for further question. Kevin Brannum suggested an email with available dates and times.

Revenue Neutral Rate Discussion – Vincent Bowhay discussed Senate Bill 13 and how it effects our state and county. Dr. Sadhoo suggested additional hearings recommending the neutral rate was needed to help offset the final valuation. Currently ICC is \$1.3Million in debt. Kevin suggested that we take advantage of interest rates that are low.

A motion to approve the hearing to allow Revenue Neutral Rate was made by John Eubanks and seconded by Ashley Osburn. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Chair Cynthia Sherwood mentioned that we are extending public Notice of this budget to August 23<sup>rd</sup> where the Revenue Neutral Rate and the Notice of Published Budget will be discussed.

Kevin Brannum moved that we declare a Notice of Public Budget today, seconded by John Eubanks. Motion carried 6 – 0.

John Eubanks moved to adjourn; Ashley Osburn seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.