



Integrated Budget Planning Council

Meeting Notes

January 28, 2025, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (virtual)

Reference [Meeting Agenda](#)

Council Member Attendance

Voting Members present:

Kurt Simonds (co-chair), Dina Farrell (co-chair), Daniel Anderson, Ben Cushing, Peter Goss, Frank Goulard, Jeff Grider, Julie Hasslock, Josh Hutchinson, Alyson Kraus, Marin LaFleur, Tony O'Bradovich, Lauren Smith, Caitlin Recor, Karen Sanders

Voting Members absent:

Ryan Allan

Ex Officio (Non-voting) Members present:

Sarah Rose Evans, Brandon Gatke, Christina Kline, Laura Massey, Mike Mathews, Josh Peters-McBride, Rebecca Ocken, Brad Ortman, Kelly Schwartz, Dieterich Steinmetz

Ex Officio Members absent:

Berto Cerillo, Khyllie Gardner

Support: Genevieve Hammond, Marilyn Darrell

Opening/Announcements

- Welcome, and the meeting was called to order by Kurt Simonds.
- Roll call for attendance (see above Council member attendance section; 11 voting members were present and 10 non-voting members were present during the time of roll call with an additional 4 voting members joining the meeting during or after the roll call for a resulting total of 15 voting members and 10 non-voting members present)
- A quorum was established (9 voting members).
- A reminder that there is a [form](#) for adding suggested agenda items for upcoming meetings.

Agenda and Discussion Items

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Review and approval of the minutes from the [December 10 meeting](#). A motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded. Roll call vote.

10 in favor /1 abstention. Motion carries.

College Strategic Planning Themes and Goals

- Kurt Simonds shared the January 2025 PCC Board of Directors' approval of the [four goals and objectives](#) for the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan. Each goal has a Cabinet-level or Executive-level sponsor who will be working with their team to develop more specific objectives, timelines, and outcomes. Our Strategic Planning Manager, Sarah Rose Evans, will provide training and support on project management.

Government Relations Update

- Alyson Kraus shared that the legislative session started last Tuesday. Revenue forecasts are forthcoming in March and May. May will have the final budget numbers. Our ask is for \$920 million and the Governor's budget is about \$50 million below that. We are looking for a 15.7% increase from the last session and at this point legislators are supportive but there is not a lot of extra money available to legislators.
- We are asking for a \$150 million increase to the Oregon Opportunity Grant. We have a Student Basic Needs Package which is divided into two bills. They fund Basic Needs Infrastructure, Open Education Resource Grants, Student Housing Task Force, and Student Housing. We'll also be advocating to restore the funding for the Basic Needs Navigator position which was cut from the Governor's budget.
- Additionally, we are working on co-requisite work, adult re-enrollment, and a minor change to the amount of matching bonding funding we get from the legislature. We've been at \$8 million for 20 years, so we're asking to change that to \$14 million.
- Mark your calendar for PCC Lobby Day on April 15, 2025. Your voice really helps. By April 15 one revenue forecast will be in and the more of you that come and tell them how important PCC and the work that we do is, how we serve our students, and especially what our students need, it will be much appreciated.
- One of PCC's Board of Directors, Mari Watanabe was recently appointed as an Oregon State Representative.

Student Activity Fee Proposed Increase

- Josh Hutchinson shared the details of the proposal for the 2025-2027 Student Activity Fee. [[one-pager](#), [slides](#), [FAQs](#)]
- IBPC formal recommendation/vote is not required on this item.

Tuition and Fees Recommendation

- Dina Farrell shared the [tuition and fees recommendation](#) for the IBPC to review and vote upon with the resulting recommendation to be shared with the President's Cabinet.
- The fiscal sustainability projections that were shared in the fall and at IBPC's earlier meetings were based on these recommendations.
- In arriving at the recommendation for a \$5 increase per credit, consideration was given toward staying closer to 30% of our total revenue provided by student tuition versus higher levels (e.g., 40-42%) as had been in the past. It was

important to keep the burden lower for students, but also acknowledge the increased costs and budget constraints.

- With the proposed increase, PCC would still generally land in the middle range of costs for community colleges in Oregon.
- A motion was made to approve the increases in tuition and fees. The motion was seconded. However, before a vote was taken, a request was made to re-engage the ASPCC in further review of the tuition and fees recommendation prior to the IBPC vote. The motion to vote was withdrawn.
- A roll call vote was held to confirm the delay on IBPC's voting until the next IBPC meeting in February.

15 in favor / 0 abstention. Motion carried

General Discussion Topics

- Recent news of a federal freeze on funding.
- Acknowledgment and appreciation from student representative, Josh Hutchinson in making sure that student's voices are represented and how it is indicative of good shared governance at PCC.

Wrap Up

- The Council has decided to move up the next meeting to Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm, to make a timely recommendation to the President's Cabinet regarding the proposed tuition and fee increase.

Key Actions or Recommendations:

- Dina Farrell to coordinate with Josh Hutchinson to schedule a time to review the proposed tuition and fees with the ASPCC at their meeting either Friday, January 31, or Friday, February 7.
- Add tuition and fees review and recommendation/vote to the February 18, 2025, IBPC meeting agenda.