

PORTERVILLE COLLEGE
Grant Oversight Committee Meeting

8:00 AM • November 8, 2021 • Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Carley, Michael; Carranza, Araceli; Keele, Jeff; Michelle Miller-Galaz; Phinney, Sarah; Harmon, Arlitha – Guest – Julian West.

I. Call to Order –

Dr. Harmon called the meeting to order at 8:03 am

II. Agenda Approval –

Motion was made to approve the amended agenda for November 8, 2021. M/S/C M. Carley/M. Miller-Galaz

III. Review Minutes/Approval –

While reviewing the minutes from 4/15/2021, there was a discussion of those agenda items. Dr. Harmon noted that the CalFresh allocations have gone out to the colleges. Michelle Miller-Galaz informed the committee that the Trio grant was not awarded, but the College did receive another that was applied for months after the April meeting. The College did not apply for the Stem NSF Grant. The College was not eligible for the SAIHE Grant. The MESA was not submitted late because they reopened the date, but we were still not awarded. The College will reapply in two years. PC will still be going forward with a MESA program, just without the grant. The NEH Grant was also not awarded. Michael Carley asked for an update on Big Brothers and Sisters. After discussion, Dr. Harmon asked Araceli Carranza to follow up on it. A motion was made to approve the Minutes from April 15, 2021. M/S/C S. Phinney/M. Carley.

IV. New Grant Opportunities

a. Puente –

Julian West presented information on the Puente Project. The Puente Project offers \$60,000. \$20,000 a year for three years. Julian feels there is staff support to pursue this avenue of funding Dr. Harmon shared that this grant is similar to the Umoja grant that PC has now. Michael Carley asks whether our campus faculty and admin have been consulted since PC will contribute to the program. J. Keele raised about the campus' ability to finance the larger portion of the program. Dr. Harmon suggested that Julian consult with Erin Wingfield to see if Equity funding could help support this initiative. Jeff Keele expressed concerns over the cost. Michael had more questions about campus staff and the 50% calculation. We will move forward with this Grant for Fall of 2022. Dr. Harmon asked for a motion to move forward as a recommendation to the next College Council meeting for discussion. M. Carly made the motion, Dr. Harmon seconded it, and the motion carried.

b. Student Housing -

Dr. Harmon explains that the Student Housing Grant has already been approved by the Board of Trustees to move forward. The State approved 2 Billion dollars over three years to fund student housing for the Cal States and UCs and Community Colleges. \$500 million of that going to Community colleges this fiscal year in round one. The Board of Trustees approved Bakersfield college to submit a Construction Grant for a 150 Bed Unit near their stadium. They also approved Porterville and Cerro Coso colleges to move forward with feasibility grants. The Bakersfield project is 100% funded by the Chancellor's Office, but the feasibility study for Porterville and Cerro Coso is not. The District chose to pay \$40,000. Half the costs paid for through reserves and the other \$20,000 from the campuses. There is a tight timeline to not miss out on the funding the District wants to move forward with the project. M. Carley

raised concerns about the suddenness of the project and whether there is a desire to have student housing and who could be housed. Dr. Harmon explained that this is what the feasibility study is for. Low-cost housing needs for Foster Youth, Athletes, and Nursing students were also brought up.

c. **Basic Needs for Postsecondary Student Program**

M. Miller-Galaz presented a new opportunity that just came up and has a short turnaround. It is due December 5, 2021. It is a Federal Department of Education grant. It supports basic needs for post-secondary student programs specifically focusing on minority-serving institutions and is a three-year grant. The floor is believed to be \$750,000 and the ceiling \$899,000. This grant could be used to address student food assistance, housing, and transportation, health, including access to mental health support, childcare and dependent care, technology. Dr. Harmon asked that the Grant application be forwarded to the committee for review.

V. Grant Oversight Process Documentation

Dr. Harmon said we would go over Documentation more thoroughly at our November 22nd meeting. M. Miller-Galaz asked if a District-wide data system for grants and contracts was online for grants? Dr. Harmon updated the committee on the progress of I-Contracts and that it should be completed in November. The District has purchased Smart Sheets to help with grants. M. Miller-Galaz suggested that each campus needs to have someone from their Grant Committee on the license. Grant Oversight Process Documentation will be on the November 22 meeting agenda for further discussion.

VI. Grant Proposals

VII. Adjourn – 8:59 am