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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Meeting Conducted By: Trent Clark, Chairman

Council Committee Members: Trent Clark, BJ Swanson, Jeff McCray, John Young, Deni Hoehne, Joe Maloney

Staff: Paige Nielebeck, Wendi Secrist, Matthew Thomsen, Amanda Ames, Caty Solace

Guests: Todd Schwarz

Call to Order at 12:50 pm

Roll Call – quorum met

Review Agenda

Approve September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Hoehne to approve the September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Young. Motion carried.

College of Southern Idaho – Industry Sector Grant

At the last Executive Committee meeting, the committee members expressed concern over the transferability of the platform that is being created for the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) Competency-Based Alternative Certification Program. Ms. Secrist was able to meet with CSI and discuss these concerns. CSI said the platform that is being created would be shared with other educational institutions for the cost of licensing and fees.

What is the licensing fee based on?

- In the grant budget it reflects \$150,00 and \$24,000 in fixed annual costs. These funds would go to TeachForward and Danielson for the licensing of the software. This would be an ongoing cost for CSI.

CSI would have exclusive rights within Idaho to allow institutions to use the software. Other than recouping costs for the licensing fees, CSI would not charge other institutions above that cost. The contract would include language to confirm this.

The match for this grant consists of a reduction in development fees.

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The committee has requested that Mr. Schwarz confirm the basis of the licensing fee is to ensure that the software would be able to be shared around the state and that price increases would be reasonable.

Is CSI confident that TeachForward and Danielson can successfully deliver the Competency-Based Alternative Certification Program?

- TeachForward and Danielson have done projects similar to CSI's in Ohio. CSI is confident with the way the program is being delivered. This grant would not be in front of the committee if CSI was concerned about the viability of any aspect of the program.

CSI sees a desperation in their region for this Competency-Based Alternative Certification Program. The area School Superintendents are highly supportive.

Ms. Secrist asked the State Board of Education and State Department of Education for comments on the proposal. They are both supportive of CSI's model and confirmed the urgent needs for teacher certification.

This program will help expand opportunities to people to move into the teaching profession and is proposed as a solution to the challenge of finding qualified teachers.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the College of Southern Idaho Industry Sector Grant, as recommended by the Grant Review Committee, with the stipulation that the product is made available to other public higher education institutions in Idaho at the same cost structure as College of Southern Idaho. Staff are to verify what the ongoing costs will be to ensure they are reasonable prior to entering into a contract. Second by Ms. Hoehne. Motion Carried.

Boise State University – Industry Sector Grant

This workforce development sector grant will provide a high quality, innovative online cyber-physical systems security certificate, designed to be accessible to anyone interested in earning the credential. The resulting program will leverage emerging cyber-security programs at the College of Eastern Idaho and other community colleges and Career and Technical Education programs throughout the State of Idaho. Boise State University will develop a new cyber-physical security systems certificate that will incorporate industry-level certification directly into an academic certificate program. This method will allow students and businesses to combine the best of industry certification with academic credentials resulting in a superior outcome. The 12-credit certificate will be available for incorporation directly into Boise State's existing and highly successful online Bachelor of Applied Science program and available to other programs and students in need of a high demand skill applicable to any industry operating in the cyber age.

WDTF Request: \$833,958

This Boise State University grant application is for cyber security similar to the grant that was awarded to College of Eastern Idaho (CEI). Is the Council investing twice in the same sector if this grant is awarded?

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- The CEI grant was to pay for the facility and equipment where the cybersecurity programs are going to be housed. The Boise State grant is funding the development of curriculum for physical cybersecurity. There are cybersecurity components that are necessary to prevent people from hacking into systems (i.e. airplane systems, power systems, etc.).

A large portion of the Boise State funds are going towards personnel. Is that an appropriate way to spend WDC funds?

- The personnel identified in the grant request will be developing the online curriculum, which is a complex process.

Who are the industry partners in this grant application?

- INL
- Idaho National Guard
- Simplot
- Boise State has letters of support from other entities as well.

Motion by Mr. Young to approve the Boise State University Industry Sector Grant in the full amount of \$833,958, as recommended by the Grant Review Committee. Second by Ms. Hoehne. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Maloney to adjourn. Second by Ms. Hoehne. Motion carried.
Adjourned at 1:36 pm.