

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senators Co-Chairman Grow, Bjerke, Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, and Just
Representatives Co-Chairman Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, and Nash

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

CONVENED: **Co-Chairman Grow** called the meeting of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

LSO STAFF PRESENTATION: **COMMUNITY COLLEGES; Nate Osborne, Analyst, Legislative Services Office (LSO) Budget and Policy Analysis**
Mr. Osborne discussed that the four community colleges in Idaho will be contained in a single appropriation bill, which will also include a separate system wide program. He explained that each community college has a local board of trustees providing oversight and which has decision making authority. He detailed the operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and noted the colleges are primarily funded through the General Fund, the Community Colleges Fund (which is funded by state liquor distribution), and other funds (see attachment 1). **Mr. Osborne** summarized that Idaho Code divides the state into six distinct areas, in which there can be only one community college. He discussed the taxing districts for each college area, wherein the property taxes are collected for each respective institution. He informed about the student metrics from FY 2018 through FY 2022.

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS: **COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO (CSI); L. Dean Fisher, President**
Mr. Fisher informed of the code and title CSI was established under, and summarized enrollment and graduation rate trends over the past few years (see attachment 2). He stated that 92 percent of their students come from the state. **Mr. Fisher** highlighted the items/programs supported with the FY 2023 appropriation and their successes. He explained CSI's FY 2024 requests, supported by the Governor's recommendations, and its future growing needs to keep competitive.
In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Fisher** reviewed CSI's tuition and fees since 2018/2019, at \$140 per credit hour, which has not changed in the last four years. He stated all CSI's Full-Time Equivalent Position (FTP) are filled.

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE (NIC); Gregory South, Interim President

Mr. South reviewed NIC’s statutory authority and provided a brief overview of NIC’s history (since 1933) and where it stands today, offering over 100 different degrees and certificates. He reviewed the FY 2023 appropriation highlights (see attachment 3). **Mr. South** discussed NIC’s FY 2024 funding requests and which projects/category the funds would support. He summarized the FY 2023 in-district tuition and fees for associates degrees and career technical education, as well as enrollment numbers in the 2021/2022 academic year.

In response to Committee questions, **Sarah Garcia**, Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs for NIC, discussed issues with Idaho Counties Risk Management Program and seeking insurance on the open market, and NIC’s Moody’s rating being under review. **Mr. South** discussed NIC’s accreditation, and one time federally funded positions.

COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO (CWI); Gordon Jones, President

Mr. Jones reviewed how CWI was leading its community with 30,000 students served annually, with 98 percent being Idahoans, and having not raised tuition costs in seven years. He reviewed CWI’s focus areas and how they are powering the economy. **Mr. Jones** summarized CWI’s FY 2023 budget overview and discussed revenue and expenses (see attachment 4). He provided an update and review of FY 2023 funded projects. **Mr. Jones** reviewed CWI’s FY 2024 funding requests and detailed how the appropriations would be used, and summarized the Governor’s recommendations.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Jones** discussed specific CWI programs available and its service area’s growth and needs.

COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO (CEI); Rick Aman, President

Mr. Aman reviewed CEI’s statutory authority and its mission as a two year college (see attachment 5). He discussed last year’s allocations and reviewed what they funded. He pointed out CEI’s workforce training and continuing education programs over the past six years. **Mr. Aman** identified CEI’s FY 2024 proposed budget and the Governor’s recommendations, and how the funds will be utilized, allowing CEI to grow. He informed about CEI’s career technical development program and its certificates.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business, **Chairman Grow** adjourned the meeting at 10:43.

Senator Grow
Chair

Erin Miller, Secretary