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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Teresa Taylor officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Jeff Fairchild, John Pedlow, and Wendy Bohlke, constituting a quorum. Trustee Rebecca Johnson was absent. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Steven Thomas, Interim Vice President for Instruction; Julianna deHaan Rice, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Executive Director for the Office of the President.

Chair Taylor began with a land acknowledgement to recognize and pay respect to the Coast Salish Peoples as traditional stewards of this land and the enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Bohlke moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Fairchild and the motion was approved.
- Chair Taylor announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Consent Agenda

Minutes of December 13, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting and WCC Fall 2023 Graduates

Chair Taylor stated: "If there are no objections, items in the consent agenda will be adopted." As there was no objection, these items were adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Taylor called for public comment. There was no public comment.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

- **Use of student success data to close equity gaps – Anne Marie Karlberg, Director for Assessment & Institutional Research; Peter Horne, Senior Research Analyst; Paul Frazey, Chemistry Faculty**

A PowerPoint presentation was shared with an overview of the Assessment and Institutional Research, examples of data resources for informing decisions, and faculty story of using data.

Karlberg shared an overview of the work of the office which includes learning outcomes assessment; surveys and focus groups, student success data; institutional planning and improvement and accreditation. Guiding principles of the office include applying an equity lens to all work and providing transparent communication across campus and to the broader community.

Horne showcased a few dashboards on the AIR website and highlighted the type of data included in the dashboards; how it helps inform decisions and provided examples of how faculty and staff have used the data.

Frazey shared he used of data to inform evidence-based teaching strategies that increase course success rates and close equity gaps for historically underserved students of color in his general chemistry classes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi shared that she had been spending a lot of time on recruitment for vacant positions including ED for HR position since the last board meeting.
- Cabinet members have been working with deans and directors to develop an institutional work plan.
- College staff continued to work with Bellingham School District Community Transition team. They recently visited the current Community Transition program space and were impressed by the creativity of program staff to make the space work.
- President Kathi and members of cabinet recently met with Representative Joe Timmons to share legislative priorities. Key discussion topics included compensation, programs, childcare and affordable housing.
- Washington Association of Community & Technical Colleges president council voted to support a request for approximately \$19 million to repair the building at BTC.
- WCC's Technology Building project was not included in the supplemental budget but hope

- to be included in next year capital budget request.
- WCC Foundation raised their scholarship fund raising goal from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➤ Mid-year board retreat – February 7, 2024

The mid-year board of trustees retreat will be held on February 7, 2024. The meeting will focus on mid-year budget update and institutional workplan update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:55 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed session of the Board for approximately forty minutes as provided in RCW 42.31.110, to discuss collective bargaining and a Executive Session immediately after the closed session... to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency...

Chair Taylor announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice Presidents Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Juliana deHaan Rice.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.



2/7/2024

Chair of the Board

Date



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President and Secretary of the Board

Date

