

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Laidlaw Center Board Room
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Sue Cole officially called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Present were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Steve Adelstein, Tim Douglas constituting a quorum, with Trustee Chuck Robinson attending by conference call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. and all in attendance were excused. The meeting was immediately convened into a closed Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. for approximately 1 ½ hours to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase and to review the performance of a public employee. Executive Session guests were President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice Presidents Ray White and Ron Leatherbarrow, and Assistant Attorney General Lisa Wochos. The Executive Session was extended and notices posted two additional times, from 3:30–4:00 p.m. and from 4:00– 4:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION The Board meeting reconvened in Open Session at 4:30 p.m. Attending the Board Open Session meeting in addition to those who continued from the Executive Session were Patricia Onion, Vice President for Educational Services; Linda Maier, Dean for Workforce Education; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Foundation and College Advancement; Faculty Division Chairs Bob Winters and Ed Harri; Nate Langstraat, Associate Director for Advancement; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President.

STUDY SESSION The scheduled Study Session “Trustees Role in the Accreditation Process” was deferred due to time constraints.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consent Agenda (Calendar)**
 - a. Minutes of the, January 13, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)
 - b. Minutes of February 10, 2010 Board of Trustees Special Session Meeting (Attachment B)

Chair Cole stated: “If there are no objections, these items will be adopted.” As there were no objections, **these items are adopted.**

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- President Hiyane-Brown reported on the Kaua’i Pilipino Chamber of Commerce annual dinner that she attended while on vacation in Hawai’i. She was invited to attend their next annual meeting as their guest speaker.
- An Update of the WACTC/TACTC meeting in January was shared. President Hiyane-Brown made visits to legislative offices with the Presidents from Skagit and BTC, Associated Student Government President Danielle Way and Debbie Lister, a Skagit Trustee. The TACTC Mission Study recommendations are still being discussed.
- Tobias Wolf’s presentation on campus was outstanding public lecture and great event.

- The Washington State Nursing Commission has approved our on-line nursing program proposal. This program will be a self-support model (no state funding) with a capacity of 20 students. Concerns regarding the high cost of the program were offset by recent statistics obtained that indicate that Washington State community college graduates transfer to the University of Phoenix (11%), the second highest group of transfers after the University of Washington.
- Demand continues to increase for Financial Aid for the 2010-11 academic year. Applications are up 12% from this time last year.
- The President shared that WCC personnel have been recognized by the Combined Fund Drive program of the Department of Personnel for the highest percentage of participation within all the community and technical colleges. The College also received a countywide award for state agencies with 50 plus employees, again for the highest percentage of participation.
- The US State Department has awarded Whatcom a grant to bring 15 students from Indonesia and Pakistan to Whatcom. A smaller grant has also been awarded to host a group of Russian delegates involved in environmental issues. There are also preliminary plans underway to host two Full-bright scholars.
- Whatcom's nominations to the All Washing Academic Team were announced: Danielle Way and Yunjung Baek.

REPORTS

TACTC –Trustees

- The TACTC update included discussion on the status of legislative bills. The importance of watching this bill by Board members was discussed and it may require contacts with local legislators.
- The ACCT annual meeting in Washington DC has been postponed due to weather-related constraints.

Advancement/Foundation – Anne Bowen, Executive Director

- The Advancement Office is working on an editorial with the Board Chair focusing on higher education budgetary concerns.

Educational Services – Trish Onion, Vice President for Ed Svcs

- Vice President Onion reported that the student government leaders are very active and recently participated in a rally in Olympia with BTC student representatives.

Instruction Office – Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President for Instruction

- During an Accreditation update, Vice President Leatherbarrow reported on the progress of the Standard One Accreditation Committee in identifying the core themes under Bob Winter's leadership. Accreditation tee shirts were presented to the Board members. The team is attending a NWCCU annual conference, which begins this evening.

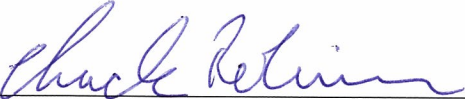
DISCUSSION/ ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- The Board discussed the draft of the editorial message to the media. Board Chair Sue Cole will continue to work with the Advancement Office to refine it to a more succinct and subtle message.
- The Board half day retreat is scheduled for Tuesday 2/23, 12-4 pm in the Garden Room at Bellwether.

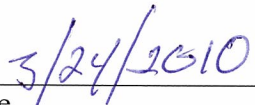
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- *Trustee Steve Adelstein moved that the College's President be authorized to contract to purchase for no more than \$4 million, a parcel located in the Cordata vicinity of Bellingham, WA, conditioned upon the approvals of the State Board of the Community and Technical Colleges and the General Administration of Washington. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the motion passed unanimously.*

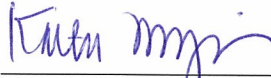
ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



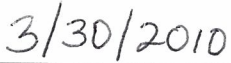
Chair of the Board



Date



President and Secretary of the Board



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