

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Laidlaw Center Board Room**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Chair Sue Cole officially called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, Steve Adelstein, and Tim Douglas, constituting a quorum. Others present were President Hiyane-Brown; Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President for Instruction; Patricia Onion, Vice President for Educational Services; Ray White, Vice President for Administrative Services; Linda Maier, Dean for Workforce Education; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Foundation and College Advancement; Wendy Bohlke, Assistant Attorney General; Charles Tompkins, WCCFT President; John O'Neill, WSFE Representative; guests: Division Chairs Barry Maxwell, Meg Delzell, Bob Winters and Ed Harri; Nate Langstraat; Linda Lambert; numerous others; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

➔ Chair Sue Cole, acknowledged a large assembly in the audience requesting to address the Board regarding the recent announcement of the closure of the Child Development Center (CDC). In response, Chair Cole amended the agenda to add a public comment period as the first item on the agenda. Prior to taking public comment, Chair Cole outlined the protocol for the 30 minutes designated for the public comment period.

Nine individuals registered to address the Board, and the public comment period commenced at 2:04 p.m. Those addressing the Board with comments in support of continuing College financial support the Child Development Center program included Vicky Hubner, Dr. Marilyn Chu, Darla Woolman; Amanda Henkel; Jean McMahan; Sean Donoghue; Ruby Hanson; Mary Ann Baker; and Tana DaSilva. Three additional members of the audience were also recognized and they provided additional comments during the designated public comment period, which concluded at 2:29 p.m.

Chair Cole thanked the public commentators for their candidate remarks. She said that written comments would be accepted by the Board through April 19. These written comments are to be directed to the Board Chair in care of the Office of the President.

President Hiyane-Brown acknowledged receipt of the letter from former CDC directors sent to Board Chair Cole and her. A reply to this letter is being prepared. President Hiyane-Brown also received a recommendation from Vice President Trish Onion to research new models for child development programs. The model presently in place is not sustainable; therefore, the decision to close the CDC on June 18 remains.

**BREAK**

➔ The meeting was recessed at 2:35 p.m. for a five-minute break and resumed at 2:40 p.m.

## STUDY SESSION

- Capital Projects--Wayne Doty, Director of Capital Budget, SBCTC  
*Strategic Plan Objective 5.1: Create and manage growth through fiscal, capital, technological and human resource development*  
Mr. Doty shared a informational handout on capital budgeting processes at the State Board level, and discussed various aspects of funding and priority guidelines. It has been proposed that the pre-design and design phases be compressed into the same biennium, which would include Whatcom's submission from 2009. Also discussed were the funding streams that are no longer available such as the Gardener/Evans Bond. Chair Cole, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Doty for traveling to Whatcom and for his enlightening presentation.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consent Agenda (Calendar)**
  - a. Minutes of the March 24, 2010, Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment

Chair Cole stated: "If there are no objections, this item will be adopted." As there were no objections, **this item is adopted.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Hiyane-Brown acknowledged the letter from the previous directors of the CDC that she had previously shared with the trustees. She reiterated that she and Chair Sue Cole would be collaborating on a response. The President commended the hard work of these past directors, and their continued commitment to early learning in the county.
- As noted in the reports, the College has received formal notification of initial accreditation for our associate nursing program from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Areas needing development were also included in the notification.
- A draft white paper on Western Washington University's academic programming and facilities at the Bellingham waterfront was shared during a meeting between President Kathi and Steve Swan, Vice President for Public Relations from WWU. Dr. Swan is seeking feedback on the paper from potential partners.
- A second meeting of the Northwest Higher Education Coalition, comprised of administrative representation from Whatcom Community College, Skagit College, Everett Community College, WWU, Olympic College, Northwest Indian College and Bellingham Technical College BTC, was held at Whatcom on April 2. Items of discussion and brainstorming developed into sub-group assignments in three areas of interest: international education; environmental sciences and sustainability; and veteran affairs.

Discussions continued regarding articulation agreements and the viability of a bridge program from RN to a BSN degree. College administrators also continue to meet regularly with Critical Junctions (comprised of WCC, BTC, NWIC and Peace Health) regarding collaborative initiatives.

The Trustees commended President Kathi Hiyane-Brown for furthering connections with higher education institutions and other stakeholders in the community. President Kathi extended her thanks and appreciation to her staff for their cooperation and focus in furthering these conversations.

- President Kathi invited the Board to an open forum to hear Dr. Tang Hao, the Fulbright scholar whom Whatcom is hosting. His presentation on "China and the US: Partners or Rivals," will be held in the Heiner Theater on Friday at 11:30. He will also be meeting with faculty and staff at WWU on Wednesday. Trustees are invited to attend.

- ✦ The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) is holding its national convention in Seattle, April 17-20. President Kathi announced that this is her final year serving on the AACC Board.

During the convention, President Kathi will be presenting at two forum sessions (leadership and technology for CEO's) and service as panelist for another session. Additionally, she is organizing and presenting during a full-day workshop to prepare leaders in higher education from diverse groups for executive level positions. This workshop is a co-sponsored by three AACC councils, The National Asian Pacific Islander Council, the National Council on Black American Affairs, and the National Community College Hispanic Council and by Capella University. WACTC and BAC (Business Affairs Council) were very generous in awarding 13 scholarships for Washington State higher education employees to attend the workshop.

- ✦ President Kathi was invited by Everett Community College to present last week to a group of their faculty and staff at an in-house leadership program workshop.
- ✦ The President reported that the College is awaiting the SBCTC review and budget allocation based on recent legislative budget negotiations. WorkStudy funding was also discussed. The President thanked AAG Wendy Bohlke for attending this meeting in the absence of Whatcom's counsel, Lisa Wochos.

## REPORTS

- ✦ ASWCC – Danielle Way, President  
Not in attendance.
- ✦ WCCFT – Charles Tompkins, President  
Charles Tompkins spoke to the response of disappointment shared by many faculty regarding the CDC closure. He also shared that Whatcom has a caring faculty.
- ✦ WFSE – John O'Neill, Representative  
Nothing additional to add to his report.
- ✦ TACTC – Trustees  
Trustee Tim Douglas will be attending a meeting with representatives from the University of Texas at Austin concerning a national leadership program for trustees. He will provide a report to the Board.

Trustees Sue Cole and Tim Douglas will be participating with the TACTC committees in a teleconference next week regarding legislative issues.

Trustees attending the May TACTC meeting in Wenatchee are Sue Cole and Tim Douglas. President Kathi will also attend.

- ✦ Administrative Services – Vice President Ray White  
Vice President White reported that the Budget Committee has begun its work based on a projected state allocated budget reduction of 6 percent, and await the final budget allocations from the State Board.
- ✦ Educational Services – Vice President Trish Onion  
Vice President Onion reiterated the extraordinary increases in student support services and financial aid. She commended the staff for their exceptional efforts in meeting this demand and streamlining efficiencies.

- Instruction – Vice President Ron Leatherbarrow  
Vice President Leatherbarrow spoke about the College’s commitment to increase the full- to part-time faculty ratio, which is demonstrated by the initiation of recruitments for five faculty positions. Four are replacements and one is new. Dr. Leatherbarrow will also be conducting a workshop for the all of the applicant review committees.
- Advancement/Foundation – Anne Bowen, Executive Director  
Nothing additional to add to her report.

**DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD**

- Assistant Attorney General Wendy Bohlke put forward the availability of tickets to this evening’s presentation at the Mt Baker Theater.
- The yearly evaluation of President Hiyane-Brown was discussed. The President was requested to provide the Board with a self-evaluation based on the agreed upon goals and objectives for this academic year. The evaluation will be placed on the agenda for the summer Board retreat, its date yet to be determined. Trustee Chuck Robinson’s term of office was discussed. Keri was asked to confirm his appointment term.
- Trustees were reminded of the April 15 closing date for submitting the required Public Disclosure form.
- Trustee Tim Douglas advised the Board of his impending trip to Russia in May to meet with the delegation that will be coming to Whatcom Community College in December. He will be unavailable to attend the May board meeting.
- The Board took a few minutes to go on record to share comments on the Child Development Center closure and to thank again those from the campus and community who shared their comments today. The Board found the information very useful and appreciated the spirit they all shared about the CDC. The Trustees commented on the challenges and difficulty of this decision, and acknowledged the urgency required in announcing the closure to provide adequate time for families to seek alternative arrangements.

**ADJOURNMENT**     There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Sue Cole  
Chair of the Board

5/18/10  
Date

Chuck Robinson  
President and Secretary of the Board

5/18/10  
Date