

MINUTES

Special Session

Joint Meeting of the Boards of Trustees
Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College
Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 2-4 p.m.
WCC Foundation Building, Room 201C

333 Calluna Court Bellingham, WA 98226

CALL TO ORDER Whatcom Board Chair Sue Cole officially called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Also present were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, Tim Douglas from Whatcom Community College; trustees Yvonne Cartwright, Chair, James W. Cunningham, Mark Asmundson, and Jim Groves from Bellingham Technical College, constituting a quorum for each college. Trustees Steve Adelstein (WCC) and Sonia Arėvalo-Hayes (BTC) were not in attendance. Others present were President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, (WCC) and President Tom Eckert, (BTC); Ron Leatherbarrow, WCC Vice President for Instruction; Patricia Onion, WCC Vice President for Educational Services; and Ray White, WCC Vice President for Administrative Services and Patty McKeown, BTC Vice President for Instruction, and Lisa Wochos, Assistant Attorney General; Ronda Laughlin and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistants to the Presidents for WCC and BTC.

Proceedings I. Introductions of individuals in attendance were made.

II. Discussion Items of the Board

a. **Update on Status of Collaborative Initiatives** --Presidents Kathi Hiyane-Brown and Tom Eckert Noteworthy efforts regarding joint services and programs by the vice presidents for each institution were shared. Each area's vice presidents from Administrative Services, Instruction and Student Services presented reports on collaborative efforts to reduce redundancy in services to the colleges and students, when feasible.

Collaborative discussions included interagency agreements, equipment sharing, co-sponsored grants, educational programs, emergency management responses, and professional development and training. Specific differences and systems to address the diverse student populations and infrastructures at each institution were also examined, as were the state-wide computer system and proposed updates to the system.

- b. **State Board Mission Study Task Force Recommendations**—Trustee Sue Cole and Presidents Kathi Hiyane-Brown and Tom Eckert Discussions centered on the purpose of this task force and its recommendations as outlined in the handout. Focus was on initiatives to create efficiencies and save money.
- c. Senate Bill ESSB 6359--Presidents Kathi Hiyane-Brown and Tom Eckert It was shared that consortiums are being created across the districts that are the focus of this bill. A task force to provide recommendations is currently being created by the State Board which includes representatives from districts that could be considered viable for consolidation consideration. President Hiyane-Brown has been appointed to the task force, and there is an indication that a trustee from Bellingham Technical College may be appointed.

III. Trustee Discussions for Implementation

Discussions included the possibility of developing a Consortium between WCC, BTC and Skagit; encouraging the continuance of collaborative measures between the colleges and sharing these successes publicly; and continuing to build positive relationships with our legislators, sharing our successes in working together for the betterment of our students and their success in attaining their educational goals.

IV. Future Meetings and Future Initiatives

A joint meeting with the Skagit Board should be arranged to discuss these concepts. Additionally, a meeting date with the three boards and the legislators should be scheduled soon after Labor Day in September.

Trustees were asked to consider volunteering on the TACTC committees to continue support and focus on county-wide initiatives. Most of these meetings can be held by ITV without travel to Olympia.

Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Sue Cole	6/9/10
Chair of the Board	Date
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President and Secretary of the Board	Date