

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 Arévalo-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; Debra Jones, BTC 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.

