

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Laidlaw Center Board Room
Wednesday, July 21, 2010
2:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER Chair Chuck Robinson officially called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Present were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Sue Cole, 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 Advancement and Foundation; Lisa Wochos, Assistant Attorney General; Wayne Erickson, WCCFT President; John O’Neill, WSFE Representative; Brad Widman, ASWCC President; guests: Steve Swan, Vice President for University Relations at WWU; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President.

Board Chair Robinson recognized Trustee Sue Cole for her excellence in service as chair of the WCC Board of Trustees from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. A gift of appreciation was presented which was acknowledged with thanks by Trustee Cole. A short recess was called and the meeting resumed at 2:10 p.m.

**STRATEGIC
DISCUSSIONS**

- **WWU Draft White Paper on Waterfront Development** – Vice President for University Relations Steve Swan, Western Washington University

Dr. Swan shared that WWU's position on the Bellingham waterfront development project has changed from its original inception several years ago due to the current economic conditions. In the draft white paper on the waterfront development, Western Washington University envisions a shared concept project with regional partners resulting in a community learning center featuring collaborative educational opportunities to meet institutional and local needs. Discussions continued on the value of waterfront development, partnerships, community access and other related topics. The next steps for WCC would involve consideration of becoming involved with a waterfront presence and assessment of any benefits.

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

- **Consent Agenda (Calendar)**

- a. Minutes of June 9, 2010 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)
- b. Minutes of June 16 & 18 College Events (Attachment B)

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

**PRESIDENT’S
REPORT/
CORRESPONDENCE**

- President Hiyane-Brown thanked the Board for their time and commitment at the recent special session planning meeting. She confirmed that she will be working with the Board Chair to develop a draft Board Work Plan based on concepts generated at the meeting. The Plan will be presented to the Board at the regularly scheduled September Board meeting.

- The President shared information regarding recent grants that have been awarded including a 2010-11 Campus Compact Retention program with a objective to improve retention and academic advancement rates of high risk students in middle school-college; and a US Department of Agriculture award to the NW Economic Council to promote the success of innovative start up businesses in Whatcom County. Whatcom CC and BTC are key players in the project.
- The college was pleased that Tran Phung, physics instructor, was recently honored by WA Campus Compact for supporting her students' involvement in community organizations and for increasing service learning in the physics curriculum.
- Kathi reported that the College is sponsoring a Classified Employee Appreciation and Professional Development Day, the first in the college's history, which will be held on August 12th at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. The professional development committee, chaired by Cindy Hoskins, is developing a comprehensive program, and administrators and exempt personnel will be covering the basic college operations for the day.
- President Hiyane-Brown shared that she is one of 10 women being honored at the Women of Color Empowered in Education luncheon, in Seattle in September. Trustees were invited to attend and the Foundation will coordinate the tickets for the event.

ACTION

- **TAB A -- Proposed Operating Budget for 2010-2011**
Trustee Barbara Rofkar moved to approve the 2010-2011 Whatcom Community College operating program and budget as proposed. Ray White provided an overview of the budget and explained some notable changes from the previous year's budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Steve Adelstein to include the correction on page 19 and the **motion was approved unanimously**.

REPORTS

Additions to reports submitted with the agenda

WCCFT – Wayne Erickson, President

- Dr. Wayne Erickson introduced himself to the Board. Wayne is newly elected president of the faculty union and will begin his term in the fall quarter.

WFSE – John O'Neill, Representative

- Nothing to report

TACTC –Trustees

- Trustee Tim Douglas shared that he was unable to attend the TACTC Executive Committee as it met concurrently with our Board Planning session on July 14-15. The TACTC fall conference will be held on September 1 and trustees are encouraged to attend. The TACTC Legislative Action Committee will be meeting on August 30, and the Executive Board on August 31, prior to the conference.

Administrative Services – Ray White, Vice President

- Nothing additional to add.

Educational Services – Trish Onion, Vice President

- ➔ Trish shared the preliminary summer enrollment figures which potentially could be an increase of almost 19% over last summer.
- ➔ An agreement is being prepared for the rental of our CDC facilities to the Head Start Program which plans on operating a half-day session in the fall for lesser income families.

Instruction Office – Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President

- ➔ Nothing additional to add.

Advancement/Foundation – Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement

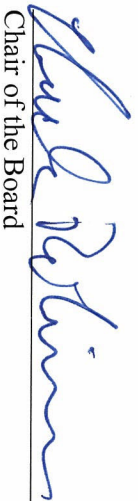
- ➔ Anne shared that an electronic invitation was sent to the trustees for the August 4 College Conversations at the Roe Studio. Trustees were encouraged to attend and bring guests.
- ➔ The *WCC Friends & Alumni* program was lunched with the 2010 graduating class. Special "Friends and Alumni" bags were presented to the trustees.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- ➔ Trustees reported that discussions at the July 14-15 special session board meeting at the Clearbook Lodge in Seattle focused on state initiatives, board work plan concepts and other topics. It was agreed that the venue was very conducive for this planning meeting.
- ➔ Topics for the regional legislative meeting to be held on September 13 at Skagit Valley College were discussed at the July Special Session Planning Meeting, and Whatcom's PIO Nate Langstrat will be working with representatives from BTC and SVC to develop the program utilizing input from the trustees.
- ➔ Trustees Chuck Robinson and Sue Cole and President Hiylene-Brown recently met with Representative Kelli Linville to discuss collaboration and efficiencies measures.

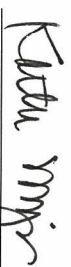
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Date 9/8/2010

Chair of the Board



President and Secretary of the Board

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