

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Laidlaw Center Board Room
Thursday, February 10, 2011
2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Chuck Robinson officially called the meeting to order at 2:02 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; John O'Neill, WSFE Representative; Brad Widman, ASWCC President; guests: Nate Langstraat, Paula Berg, Mitch Tlustos, and David Brown from the Foundation Office; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS

- **Advancing Whatcom's Mission**—*Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement and Foundation, and Nate Langstraat, Associate Director for Advancement and Foundation*
 - Anne and Nate shared a PowerPoint delineating elements of the Advancement office which includes community relations, legislative relations, marketing and publications and communication, grant development, and the WCC Foundation. Other staff members were introduced: Paula Berg, assistant; Mitch Tlustos, graphic designer; David Brown, grants writer; and Kate Underwood, bookkeeper. The Goal of the O is to strengthen connections to WCC.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consent Agenda (Calendar)**
 - a. Minutes of the January 13, 2011, Board of Trustees Meeting (*Attachment A*)

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- WCC has been recognized by the *Journal of Higher Learning for Today's Service Member, The Military Advanced Education* as one of the top military-friendly colleges and universities for 2010-2011. A certificate was awarded, and the College was acknowledged in their publication.
- WCC co-sponsored the annual Chinese New Year's program which is part of the College's strategic plan to reach out to multi-cultural communities.
- Although the College has been asked to temporarily refrain from publically publicizing this grant, President Kathi was pleased to share that Whatcom was one of 30 community colleges nationwide (eight from Washington State) selected for the Achieving the Dream 2011 Cohort. This grant supports WCC's work of identifying strategies to improve student success, close achievement gaps, and increase retention, persistence, and completion rates. Vice President Trish Onion has been appointed to spearhead the program on our campus.

- Whatcom, Bellingham Technical and Skagit Valley Colleges will hold a joint forum on Friday on the topic of efficiencies between the colleges, facilitated by David Cunningham, Workforce Education Dean at Shoreline. Trustees will be attending along with selected individuals from the three colleges.
- Information was shared on the current state legislative activity including the alarming proposed cuts to higher education and student financial aid funding.
- The President shared that the College is working on grant ideas for new Community College & Career Training grants. System-wide, colleges are forming consortia for two areas, cybersecurity and health care and allied health. Whatcom hopes to be a contributing partner in both of these categories.
- In other areas of collaboration, BTC and Whatcom are developing a RFP for lean strategies in the student entry processes. This would be funded through a State Board grant.
- President Hiyane-Brown spoke about the state-wide Efficiency Study Task Force, of which she is a member. The task force has developed a set of recommendations that were accepted by WACTC at their last meeting.
- The President shared updates on her speaking engagements. She recently spoke, while in Hawaii, at the Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce dinner on the role of community colleges in economic development; she will be coordinating and presenting a workshop on preparing people of color for community college leadership positions at the AACC annual convention in New Orleans in April; and she will be speaking on the status of higher education in Washington at the local League of Women Voters meeting in May.
- On Tuesday, February 22, the College will hold an in-service, professional development day. The trustees are invited to this event and the program will be shared with them soon.
- President Kathi spoke about the upcoming Governance Institute for Student Success which will be part of the June TACTC meeting for the trustees.

REPORTS

- **ASWCC** – Brad Widman, President
 - Brandon reported on the students who attended the rally at the state capital.
 - Brad recently met with Nate Langstraat regarding the development of the student government presence on the College's website.
- **WFSE** – John O'Neill, Representative
 - No additional report
- **Administrative Services** – Ray White, Vice President for Adm Svcs
 - No additional report
- **Educational Services** – Trish Onion, Vice President for Ed Svcs
 - No additional report
- **Instruction Office** – Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President for Instruction
 - Ron reported that the College will be meeting the submission deadline for the accreditation self-study report.

➤ **WCC Foundation** – Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement

- No additional report

**DISCUSSION/
ITEMS OF THE
BOARD**

➤ **TACTC Update** – Trustee Tim Douglas

- Trustee Douglas provided updates on the state legislative bills related to higher education. Trustees are encouraged to continue to monitor the discussions on the legislative bills. The State Board provides weekly legislative updates by email.
- He shared that one of the highest priorities of the trustees is the antiquated state-wide IT platform supporting student services, financial aid and other college services.
- The three-day TACTC spring conference (June 26-28) was discussed
- Trustee Douglas will be attending the ACCT 2011 National Legislative Summit next week in Washington DC. The higher ed veteran's programs were discussed as possible topics for federal legislative visits. Additionally, support of Whatcom's nominated delegates to the April 15th Western Regional Summit was discussed. Keri was asked to forward the names to Tim.

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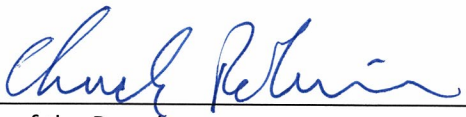
The meeting recessed at 3:15 p.m. for a short break and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

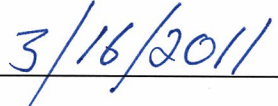
The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and immediately reconvened into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the performance of public employees for approximately 30 minutes with no action items anticipated. Guests included Lisa Wochos, President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, and Vice President Ron Leatherbarrow. The Executive Session was extended for an additional 30 minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:30 p.m.

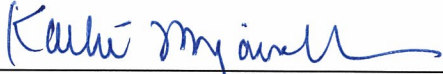
ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Chair of the Board



Date



President and Secretary of the Board



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