

Boards of Trustees Special Session Luncheon for State Legislators October 7, 2008,12 p.m. Skagit Valley Casino and Resort Bow, WA Minutes

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m. with a luncheon jointly hosted by the Trustees and Presidents of Bellingham Technical College, Skagit Valley College, and Whatcom Community College for the members of Senate House Representatives from Districts 10, 39, 40 and 42. In attendance from Whatcom Community College were Trustees Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, and Steve Adelstein; President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Ray White, Vice President for Administrative Services; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for College Advancement; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President. Legislators in attendance included Senators Dale Brandland and Harriet Spanel; Representatives Doug Ericksen, Kelli Linville, Dave Quall, Norma Smith and Barbara Bailey.

This informal venue provided an opportunity to meet individually with the local legislators as part of an ongoing effort to keep them informed of the concerns and goals of the community and technical colleges. Each of the three Presidents gave a short presentation on budgetary issues, and the legislators spoke to the fiscal issues currently being experienced in the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.