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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

2:00 p.m.

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, Tim Douglas, and Sue Cole, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement; Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction; Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- ➔ Trustee Tim Douglas moved to approve the meeting agenda as proposed. It was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the **motion was approved unanimously**.
- ➔ Chair Adelstein announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.
- ➔ Chair Adelstein took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Whatcom Community College President Emeritus, Dr. Harold Heiner. Chair Adelstein commended Dr. Heiner for his passion, foresight, and considerable contributions to Whatcom Community College. On behalf of the trustees, he extended his condolences to the Heiner family.

INTRODUCTION OF ASWCC EXECUTIVE BOARD

- ➔ Members of the ASWCC Executive Board were introduced.
 - Aldo Suseno, President
 - Na Eun Kim, Vice President
 - Johnathan T. Gilmore, Director of Operations
 - Jarrett Martin, Director of Clubs
 - Nufikha Sairi, Director of Legislative Affairs
 - Tri Pham, Director of Campus Advocacy
 - Marinus (Martin) Benito, Director of Administrative Affairs

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

➔ Grants update

Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction, provided a summary of grant submissions, grants received and those that are pending.

- National Science Foundation (NSF) grants
The College was recently awarded two National Science Foundation grants for cybersecurity programs totaling \$6.4 million:
 - CyberWatch West Renewal
 - Serving the Western Region of the US – 14 states (Texas to Hawaii and Alaska)
 - Focus of the grant: To increased access to women and veterans
 - C5 – Catalyzing Computing and Cybersecurity in Community Colleges
 - Focus of the grant: To increase computer security in programming classes at colleges and universities across the nation
 - These grants further establish WCC has a national leaders in cybersecurity education and allows the College to continue to expand the cybersecurity/CIS programs
 - Beginning fall 2017, students can enroll in WCC's first applied four-year degree program, a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in IT Networking.
- WCC/BTC Collaborative Title III grant
Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services, provided an overview of the collaborative Title grant recently awarded to Whatcom Community College and Bellingham Technical College.
 - Total grant amount is \$3.2 million for 5 years.
 - Whatcom will receive \$1.3 million
 - Focus of the grant: Transforming student support services through implementation of evidence-based strategies to support disadvantaged student populations.
- The College recently received a BNSF Railway Foundation grant for the Bellingham's Working Waterfront project. This a a multimedia history project to enrich our community's understanding of the waterfront's evolution as a critical resource undergoing redevelopment. Designed by community partners and students, it will be accessible to all through an interactive website and mobile applications. The project will be led by Anna Booker from Whatcom Community College's history department.

CONSENT AGENDA

➔ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

- a. Minutes of the August 27-28, 2015 Board of Trustees Retreat (Attachment A)
- b. Proposed Summer Quarter Graduates (Attachment B)

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ➔ President Kathi thanked Alison Scherer for her work on soliciting and securing grant funding.
- ➔ President Kathi thanked the board members for attending numerous college events including Opening Day, Pavilion and Student Recreation Center Open House, Kathi Cooks event, and President's Circle Reception.
- ➔ The Professional Development Committee and Cabinet members developed a great program with a number of sessions for Opening Week. Faculty and staff especially enjoyed the Student Panel on Opening Day. The Classified Excellence Awards was given to Fran Hudson in the IT Department. Thank you to all who helped make this a successful week.
- ➔ A group from the Gates Foundation was on campus in late September to visit with primarily student services staff for an overview of the IPAS grant, agile grad and early alert software platforms. A student panel shared experiences using these new platforms. The group from the Gates Foundation was duly impressed by the work at the College. The College is hopeful there will be opportunities for additional funding. Thank you to the staff for their work on working with technology and software platforms to enhance advising. We have also been asked by House Higher Education Committee staff to present AgileGrad at a committee meeting (special request from Rep. Drew Hansen from Bainbridge Island).
- ➔ President Kathi and Vice President Nate Langstraat visited Central Oregon Community College to tour their newly constructed residence hall and talked to college leadership about the development and construction of the project.
- ➔ Enrollment in fall 2015 was up 4.8% compared to fall 2014. State FTE was up by 0.2 % from last year. Gains were found in the areas of international, running start and online.
- ➔ Numerous meetings were held with legislators, community leaders and labor representatives to garner support for capital funding for the Learning Commons project.
- ➔ Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) November meetings will be on WCC campus. The new allocation model and the ctclink launch will be

key topics of discussion.

- Faculty and Staff of Color Conference is scheduled on November 4-6, 2015 at the Sheraton on Lakeway Drive.

REPORTS

➤ ASWCC –Aldo Suseno, President

- Students are excited to see the completion and opening of the new Pavilion and Student Recreation Center. As of October 20, there were 6,000 visits.
- Student government initiated a Voter Registration Drive to encourage students' engagement in the legislative process by registering to vote.
- Veteran students are making special bracelets to be distributed for Veteran's Day.

➤ Administrative Services – Nate Langstraat, Vice President

- Langstraat announced that a campus safety forum is scheduled on November 4, 2016 at 1:00 pm

➤ Student Services – Luca Lewis, Vice President

- Lewis reported that the Pavilion and Student Recreation Center is seeing 200 patrons on average per day. Due to increase outreach efforts, there has been an increase in financial aid applications.

➤ Advancement/Foundation Office – Anne Bowen, Executive Director

- Bowen announced that the Donors Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for October 30 at 7:30 am at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- The November Board of Trustees meeting will include a work session and the meeting will begin at noon. Chair Adelstein asked board members to forward any specific items they would like to address at the work session to Rafeeka Kloke.
- Board members were asked to review proposed 2015-16 Board of Trustees meeting schedule and be prepared to take action at the November meeting.
- Trustee Rofkar provided a brief summary of her experience at the recent ACCT Leadership conference. She shared that it was a good conference with excellent workshops and speakers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:13 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately forty-five minutes to "(g)... as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) to discuss collective bargaining" and "(i)...to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate for lease or purchase."

Chair Adelstein announced that a possible action may be anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, vice presidents Nate Langstraat and Curt Freed, and Assistant Attorney General Melissa Nelson.

The Executive Session was extended at 3:58 p.m. minutes for approximately fifty eight additional minutes.


- The Executive Session adjourned at 4:56 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:56 p.m.

ACTION

- Trustee Sue Cole moved to authorize the extension of the existing negotiated agreement through December 9, 2015 or until formal adoption of the pending negotiated faculty agreement by the Board of Trustees, whichever event occurs first. The motion was seconded by Trustee Robinson and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Chair of the Board

11/12/15

Date



President and Secretary of the Board

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