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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

2:00 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Sue Cole, and Tim Douglas, constituting a quorum. Trustee John Pedlow was absent. 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.
- Chair Adelstein announced that Chuck Robinson recently retired from the board and expressed appreciation for Robinson's service and contribution to the College and the students. John Pedlow was appointed by the Governor in December 2015 to serve as a trustee on the board. Trustee Pedlow was unable to attend the board meeting due to prior commitments.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Tim Douglas moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to add under Executive Session "...to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office..." It was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the **motion was approved**.
- Chair Adelstein announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT AMBASSADORS

- The following Student Ambassadors were introduced:
Lili McMurtrey, Michael Elliott, Eddie Tapia, Agape Wasef, Suminder Bhangal, Lyssion Ndateba, Richardo Martinez, and Mohammad Ebrahimi.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

➔ Science & Math Education Reform at WCC

Faculty members Yumi Clark, Paul Frazey, John Rousseau, Tealia Slagle, and Dean for Instruction Ed Harri, shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the Science & Math Education Reform at WCC. Key initiatives discussed included Change at the Core (C-Core), a collaborative NSF-WIDER project between Whatcom Community College, Western Washington University, and Skagit Valley College; and Partnership for Undergraduate Life Science Education (PULSE), a pilot certification program.

➔ Early Childhood Education

Director for Early Childhood Learning Sally Holloway and Early Childhood Education Coordinator Kim Doyle shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the Early Childhood Education program at WCC.

CONSENT AGENDA

➔ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

- a. Minutes of the December 9, 2015 (Attachment A)

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

ACTION ITEMS

➔ Proposed Policy 531 – Military Training Credit Evaluation

Trustee Sue Cole moved to approve proposed Policy 531 Military Training Credits Evaluation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douglas and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

➔ Proposed Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in IT Networking Degree

Trustee Rofkar moved to approve the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in IT Networking. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cole and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

➔ Board of Trustees Resolution in Recognition and Profound Appreciation of the Distinguished Service by Laine Johnston, Director for Running Start

Trustee Cole moved to approve Board of Trustees Resolution 16-01. The motion was seconded

by Trustee Rofkar and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

Chair Adelstein read the board resolution and presented it to Laine Johnston, Director for Running Start, who is retiring after forty years of service.

Laine expressed appreciation for the faculty and staff at the College with a special thank you for Jan Hagen.

➔ **Proposed Institutional Master Plan**

Vice President Nate Langstraat, provided an overview of the updates in the proposed Institutional Master Plan.

Highlights of updates included:

- Formatting changes to meet city requirements
- Updated data and information
- Incorporate language potential for future Kellogg road closure and timeline
- Removal of previously included Pedestrian overpass concept
- Wetland delineation of southeast property
- Capital project schedules updated
- Incorporate language for round-about at Cordata/Stuart intersection

Chair Adelstein stated that safety of students is a top priority of the board and asked staff to continue to work with the City to identify ways to improve pedestrian safety at the crosswalk on Kellogg Road. Trustee Rofkar asked staff to explore opportunities around renewable energy.

Trustee Douglas moved to approve the Whatcom Community College Institutional Master Plan as presented in order to formally submit an application for review by the City of Bellingham with ultimate consideration for adoption into the City of Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cole and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

➔ **Space Naming Nomination**

Executive Director for College Advancement Anne Bowen provided an overview of Mr. W Robert Simpson's significant contributions to the College and students which started in 1999.

Trustee Rofkar moved to approve the naming of the Intercultural Center for Students in honor of W. Robert Simpson for his significant and ongoing contributions to diversity at Whatcom Community College. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douglas and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ➔ President Kathi received a holiday greeting card from Sharalyn Sentinella, a WCC graduate and last year's student commencement speaker. Sentinella expressed her appreciation for faculty and staff and Whatcom.
- ➔ Another WCC alumnus, Alex Parker, was visiting Whatcom County during December. He posted positive comments on Tweeter regarding his experience at Whatcom. Parker graduated from the Running Start program in 2004. He is currently a planetary astronomer at SwRI working on NASA's New Horizons mission to Pluto.
- ➔ President Kathi shared copies of the 2014-15 Annual Report with the board.
- ➔ Winter 2016 Enrollment is up 3.3% compared with last year.
- ➔ The Learning Commons project is included in the Governor Inslee's proposed 2016 supplement budget; however, approval by legislature is required. State Board staff were able to find a way to fund the project without taking resources away from other capital projects. The College is cautiously optimistic that funding for the project will be approved. The College is finalizing the construction documents and hopes to begin the bidding process in late spring. President Kathi and staff continue to advocate for the project and will be asking business leaders on the board to send letter of support to our legislators.

REPORTS

- ➔ **ASWCC –Aldo Suseno, President**
 - ASWCC funded two additional water stations; one in Kulshan and one in Syre.
- ➔ **Administrative Services – Nate Langstraat, Vice President**
 - VP Langstraat will be testifying at Senate Ways & Means Committee and House Capital Budget Committee meetings at the end of January.
 - Request for Proposals will be sent in the next 30 days for food services and vending services as both contracts is due to expire at the end of this academic year.
- ➔ **Instruction Office – Curt Freed, Vice President**
 - VP Freed passed out flyers for the 18th Annual MLK Human Rights Conference on January 16 at Syre Student Center.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- ➔ **ACT conference**

- Chair Adelstein, and trustees Rofkar and Douglas, will be attending the Transforming Lives Award dinner and ACT conference.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ➔ At 3:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately thirty minutes to "...to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease..." and "...to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office..."

Chair Adelstein announced that no action was anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Melissa Nelson.

The Executive Session was extended at 4:15 p.m. minutes for approximately fifteen additional minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

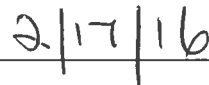
- ➔ Chair Adelstein called for public comment. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

- ➔ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.



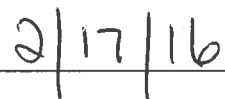
Chair of the Board



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President and Secretary of the Board



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