

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 2:00 pm

Laidlaw Center Boardroom, #143

237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham, WA 98226

MEMBERS:

- **Steve Adelstein,**
Chair
- **Barbara Rofkar,**
Vice Chair
- **Tim Douglas**
- **John Pedlow**
- **Diane Staves**

- I. Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, and Notice of Public Comment Time
- II. Strategic Conversations
 - Proposed ASWCC Services and Activities Budget 2016-17 (first reading)
 - Proposed 2016-17 WCC Operating Budget (first reading)
- III. Consent Agenda [Tab 1](#)
 - a. Minutes of April 20, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)
 - b. Proposed Winter Quarter Graduates (Attachment B)
- IV. Report from the President
- V. Reports [Tab 2](#)
 - ASWCC – Aldo Suseno, President
 - WCCFT – Tresha Dutton, President
 - WFSE – Michelle North, Representative
 - Administrative Services – Vice President Nate Langstraat
 - Student Services – Vice President Luca Lewis
 - Instruction – Vice President Curt Freed
 - Advancement/Foundation – Sue Cole, Executive Director
- VI. Discussion / Items of the Board
 - August Board Retreat - topics
- VII. Executive Session*
 - "... as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a), to discuss collective bargaining"
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Adjournment

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**NEXT MEETING
REMINDER
Wednesday
June 8**

***The Board of Trustees may adjourn to an Executive Session to discuss items provided for in RCW 42.30.110 (1):**

- (b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase...;
- (c) to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease...;
- (d) to review negotiations on the performance of a publicly bid contract...;
- (f) to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee...;
- (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...; or as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a), to discuss collective bargaining
- (h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office...;
- (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions... or... litigation or potential litigation...



CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of April 20, 2016 the Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)
- b. Proposed 2016 Winter Quarter Graduates (Attachment B)

SUGGESTED RESPONSE

The chair reads out the letters of the consent items. Then the chair states: "If there are no objections, these items will be adopted". After pausing for any objections, the chair states, "As there are no objections, these items are adopted."

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, John Pedlow, and Diane Staves, constituting a quorum. Trustee Tim Douglas was absent. Others present included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Sue Cole, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction; Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Rofkar moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the **motion was approved.**
- Chair Adelstein announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Chair Adelstein introduced new trustee Diane Staves.
Staves retired in 2013 as an internist with the Nooksack Health Center in Everson. She was the medical director from 2009 to 2011. Her professional experience includes similar roles at the Interfaith Clinic and Western Washington University Health Center in Bellingham as well as with non-profit clinics in Connecticut. Staves, who speaks French and Spanish, has served as an advisor with international medical relief organizations in countries such as Venezuela, North Korea, Haiti and Mexico City. Staves volunteers as a facilitator for the Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement, the Whatcom Medical Reserve Corps and has participated in medical relief work in Latin America and India. Her board experience includes the Slum Doctor Programme, Whatcom Day Academy, and King Low Heywood Thomas School in Connecticut. She has lived in Bellingham since 1999. Staves has dedicated her career to providing medical

care, access and advocacy to underserved populations especially at home but also internationally.

- Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services introduced Hui-Ling Chan, new Director for Student Life and Development.

Chan comes to Whatcom with more than 21 years of experiences in student programming, diversity, housing and cultural education. During her professional career, she has served in various director roles—most recently as the Assistant Director for University Residences since 2008 at Western Washington University. Originally from Malaysia, Chan earned her Bachelor degrees in Business Administration and English and a Master degree in Teaching English as a Foreign/Second Language at Southeast Missouri State University. She will be completing her MBA at Western Washington University this summer.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

- Service Learning Project with Growing Veterans – Kaatije Kraft Geology Faculty; Taylor Kent and Terry Welch, WCC students

Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction, introduced Kaatije Kraft. Kraft provided an overview of the project and introduced Taylor Kent and Terry Welch, WCC students, to discuss their research and experiences working on the project.

- Achieving Success: 2017 Aspen Prize Recognition – Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction and Alison Scherer, Grant Development Coordinator

A PowerPoint presentation provided an overview of Aspen Prize Recognition and application process for the Aspen Prize Award.

- Guided Pathways Initiative – Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction and Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services

A PowerPoint presentation provided an overview of the purpose and key principles of the grant. Board members confirmed their support of the College submitting a grant application.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the March 16, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting (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 ITEM

- Recommendations for change to residency requirement for WCC transfer degrees (first reading, possible action)

Trustee Rofkar moved to approve the change to residency requirement for the Associate in Liberal Studies and Associate in Science degrees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the motion was approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment update: Spring quarter FTEs are up 2.9% compared to last year. Spring State FTE up 0.6% percent compared to last year. WCC is experiencing increased enrollments in science, technology, social sciences, and business. In addition, there are increased enrollments in e-learning and running start.
- NW Community College Consortium (Whatcom/Edmonds/Pierce) did not receive funding for the next funding cycle of the Community College Initiative program. WCC has hosted the program for seven and served more than 100 students. WCC has received approximately \$3.5 million to administer the program in the past seven years.
- The first reading for the proposed 2016-17 WCC Operating Budget is scheduled for May Board of Trustees meeting. The two- year college system is facing significant reduction in state allocation. One of the key factors being Moore vs HCA lawsuit.
- The College continues to apply for grants to support initiatives and respond to workforce needs in our community and region. WCC submitted two HEET proposals: 1) "Enhance Nursing Assistant Certified Training in Acute Care" 2) "Building a dually-Credentialed Chemical Dependency Professional Workforce".
- The College received a National Security Agency (NSA) grant to host GenCyber camps for middle and high school students this summer.
- At the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) meetings, presidents have been spending a significant amount of time on the new allocation formula for state funding.
- President Kathi chaired the WACTC Strategic Visioning Committee. The committee is working on a statement affirming the systems commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. This statement will be presented to WACTC for adoption.
- President Kathi attended the 96th AACC Conference. She served on a panel presentation on cybersecurity education, led a preconvention workshop for leaders of color, and facilitated leadership conversations in a workshop organized by American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AWWCC).

- President Kathi reported that Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services, has been in communication with Joel Kronenberg who spoke to the Board during the public comment period at the March Board of Trustee.

REPORTS

- **ASWCC** –Aldo Suseno, President
 - ASWCC approved funding for the installation of an information kiosk in the quad area. They are working with facilities staff to identify the location of the kiosk.
 - 600 students attended the Welcome Back BBQ
 - ASWCC is planning to present the proposed 2016-17 ASWCC Service & Activities Budget to college leadership in preparation for the presentation to the Board of Trustees in May.
 - Student Leading Change Conference is scheduled on May 7, 2016.
- **WCCFT** – Tresha Dutton, President
 - Faculty union submitted a letter of support for the guided pathways.
- **WSFE** – Michelle North, Representative
 - Mark Hamilton, WSFE state representative, is planning to attend a future board meeting to address the board during the public comment period.
- **Administrative Services** – Vice President Nate Langstraat
 - The proposed 2016-17 WCC Operating Budget will be presented at the May board meeting.
 - The College had already begun the permitting process for the Learning Commons when the final state capital budget was released. The College has one year to pick up the permit once it is approved by the City and two years after that to use the permit.
 - Roof replacement for Cascade Hall will commence this summer.
- **Student Services** – Vice President Luca Lewis
 - 480 students attended information sessions during spring quarter. Chair Adelstein asked for data on the number of students who did not attend the WAVE Orientation. Vice President Lewis will provide the information at the next meeting.
 - WCC is hosting a visioning and planning forum with Ferndale School District on May 25.
- **Instruction** – Vice President Curt Freed
 - Mindset Community Forum was held on campus on April 14, 2016.

- To date, the College has successfully recruited five of the ten full-time faculty positions
- **Advancement/Foundation** – Sue Cole, Executive Director
 - Executive Director Cole thanked board members for their support of the Magic of Whatcom event.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- Key Dates/ Events
 - A list of upcoming campus events were provided to the board. Chair Adelstein encouraged board members to attend the events.
- ACT Spring Conference – May 12-13
 - Trustees Pedlow, Staves, Rofkar and Douglas will be attending the ACT Spring Conference in Bellevue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

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WINTER GRADUATES

March 25, 2016

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND SCIENCES (HONORS PROGRAM)

Meika L. Barclay (With Honors)

Trina E. Byers (With Honors)

Ruth D. Myers (With Honors)

Ziqi Wu

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dima J. Andrukhov

Melissa S. Angell

Yunjin Bae (With Honors)

Taylor B. Bahr (With Honors)

Mackenzie D. Bailey (With Honors)

Christopher J. Balph

Margaux A. Basham

Brooke E. Berger

Jessica E. Brearley (With Honors)

Derek R. Brodie

Brandon A. Burbank

Korinna M. Camacho

Tongzhi Cao (With Honors)

Jennifer Cartwright (With Honors)

Allison T. Cash (With Honors)

Timothy R. Castillo (With Honors)

Sarah L. Chagnon

Anne-Marie E. Chase (With Honors)

Yi-Hua Cheng

Benjamin Q. Childsweber (With Honors)

Shawn J. Cooley (With Honors)

Alissa C. Cossman (With Honors)

Anna M. Dean

Katherine M. Deboer

Beatriz Dedios-Santana

Madison K. Demetral

Kurt D. Devries

Dorinda Dibble (With Honors)

Nathan A. Dockter

Brynn M. Drafts

Joshua J. Duggan (With Honors)

Lindsey N. Dunning

Richard L. Faria

Molly J. Ferguson (With Honors)

Jeffrey B. Finkbonner

John C. Fitzgibbon

Dylan C. Fitzsimmons (With Honors)

Meredith C. Formway

Anna M. Fox-Burfoot

Macee M. Gavett

Whitney D. Gragg (With Honors)

Cheyenne N. Grither (With Honors)

Varvara A. Gubina (With Honors)

Jewell A. Hamilton

Iori Harada

Elizabeth A. Hauck (With Honors)

Abby R. Hendrickson (With Honors)

Nicholas G. Henegar

Kelsea M. Hill

Logan J. Homchick

Lyle K. Hughes

Alejandro Hurtado

Matt G. Hutson

Sammy J. Huxoll

James M. Jaime (With Honors)

Lenea J. Jones (With Honors)

Dallas A. Kelly

Kendall M. Kelly

Anna B. Kiefer

Irl P. Kindy (With Honors)

Madison A. Kitchen (With Honors)

Jeanelizabeth M. Knight

Rachel I. Knudtson

Dylan C. Koski-Budabin (With Honors)

Hannah E. Kraus

Gregory F. Lane

Kylie J. Larsen

Jaeyeob Lee	Caleb G. Schismenos
Haoyang Li	Lindsay C. Shern
Jacqueline Lovecchio	Blake J. Shivel
Calial M. Lyon	Joyti K. Sidhu
Trinidad J. Mariscal	Ashayla R. Singh
Jamie K. Marken	Sydney Sipes-Hayse (With Honors)
Jordyn T. Maultsby	Joshua P. Smith
Elizabeth A. Maunsell	Cheyenne Y. Snudden (With Honors)
Brent D. Miller	Melanie K. Stadelman
Jacob Miller	Kelsey J. Stephens
Jessica C. Miller (With Honors)	Angela R. Stewart (With Honors)
Joseph S. Morgan (With Honors)	Tim S. St-Onge
Toan Doan Duy Nguyen	Katie L. Sturgeon (With Honors)
Rachel V. Olsen	Melinda Tageant (With Honors)
Daichi Omori	Kathryn G. Tippet
Jennifer Oram	Margaret A. Top (With Honors)
Diana G. Ordonez	Tristan T. Tran
Trinidad E. Oribio	Kelsey L. Ungersma (With Honors)
Sage A. Overstreet	Edith E.J. Valdez
Beau F. Paolillo (With Honors)	Karie J. VonAllmen
Trisha R. Pardo (With Honors)	Wenqi Wang
Carley N. Perry (With Honors)	Aymee L. Warner (With Honors)
Ashley N. Peters	Richard J. Weisberg
Mason A. Pulisevich	Harrison N. Whitmyre
Nicole V. Riffin	Nichole M. Woodrich (With Honors)
Taryn M. Rogers	Nanyu Xu (With Honors)
Marina D. Roselli	Tomoko Yamatoya
Ryan E. Rotz	Ronald C. Yoo
Araseli Samano	

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE TRANSFER

Zachary R. Johnson (With Honors)	Jacob L. Weese (With Honors)
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ASSOCIATE IN BUSINESS DTA/MRP

Arjune S. Garcia	Tyler J. Hindman
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ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE- TRANSFER CYBERSECURITY

Joseph C. Ecklund (With Honors)	Cordero A. Weber (With Honors)
William N. Metzger	

ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Elena P. Anders (With Honors)	Janet A. Crow (With Honors)
Mckee A. Campos	Hannah M. Edgley (With Honors)

Michele R. Hurley

Nikki D. Thon

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Amanda Cronkhite-Nunez (With Honors)

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Amanda Cronkhite-Nunez (With Honors)

Seanna J. Yonally

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE ACCOUNTING

Linda D. Amundsen (With Honors)

Liudmyla M. Fedan

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Robin L. Robar

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Jordan L. Blankers

William R. Ferguson

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE MASSAGE PRACTITIONER

Kayla T. Lopez

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE PARALEGAL STUDIES

Erica F. Bradley (With Honors)
Julie Hawkes (With Honors)

Leisa M. Moore (With Honors)

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Nora C. Donnelly

Erik D. Kuch (With Honors)

CERTIFICATE ACCOUNTING

Verica Devic

CERTIFICATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Fidel Ayala

CERTIFICATE MESSAGE PRACTITIONER

Austin T. Belle
Erin A. Koidal

Sherry A. Martin
Aymee L. Warner

CERTIFICATE NETWORK ADMINISTRATION

Bryan C. Gutierrez

CERTIFICATE OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Natasha L. Bachman

CERTIFICATE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Bryan C. Gutierrez

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Troy Allen
Dima J. Andrukhov
Yunjin Bae
Nathan A. Dockter
Stephanie D. Eerkes
Skyler K. Jones
Jaeyeob Lee
Yang Li
Sheldon K. Lycan
Justus A. Markowicz
Sana Mukhtar
Samantha A. Murphy
Cheyenne Y. Snudden
Ruvim G. Sushch
Thi T. Tran
Edith E.J. Valdez
Matthew W. Vogee
Nanyu Xu

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Reports to the Board of Trustees May 11, 2016 Meeting

➤ ASWCC— Aldo Suseno, President

- **Islam Awareness Week (Goal 1.3. Increase access for diverse and nontraditional student populations; Goal 5.3. Promote a safe environment for teaching, learning, and working)**
 - A three days event brought up by the Programming and Diversity Board to promote awareness regarding Islam in the U.S.
 - Women in Islam Presentation
Zahra Abidi, our speaker, talked about the role of women in Islamic culture and the importance of Hijab. After the presentation, students could try Hijab and Henna tattoo.
 - Islamophobia Presentation
Janet Clark, our speaker, talked about her own experience as a Muslim woman growing up in a catholic family and how she faced Islamophobia. We had free food after the presentation: Kebab and tabbouleh.
 - Voices of Islam Student Panel
Group of WCC Muslim students from around the world joined together to form a student panel and spoke about their experiences as Muslims living in Bellingham.
- **ASWCC Approved Funding (Goal 1.4. Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement; Goal 1.3. Increase access for diverse and nontraditional student populations)**
 - The ASWCC approved funding to support the Medical Assistant Club to go to the Medical Assistants Northwest Regional Conference in Portland Oregon.

➤ Administrative Services—Nate Langstraat, Vice President

- **Finance** (*Goal 5.1 Create and manage growth through fiscal, capital, technological and human resource development*)
 - Business Office staff attended a presentation by SBCTC staff on preparing financial statements. The presentation was relevant for staff as they continue work on financial statements, the management discussion and analysis (MD&A) and financial notes for the fiscal year 2015 audit.
 - Business office staff members are working with a WCC accounting student intern on a project to track and update the college's capital inventory.
- **Facilities & Operations** (*5.1: Create and manage growth through fiscal, capital, technological and human resource development*)

- Bids for the Cascade re-roof project have been opened and Hytech is the successful low bidder; their contract is being processed. Construction will begin in late June.
- Laidlaw boiler replacement is out to bid for summer 2016 construction.
- Zervas Architects are designing Laidlaw 216 offices remodel with bidding in June for summer/fall 2016 construction.
- RMC Architects has been selected to provide a scope and fee proposal for the Kulshan 108 Lab Conversion. Design is underway. Construction is scheduled for summer 2017.
- HKP Architects and Wilson Engineering are in design for the Kellogg Road/Cordata Parkway Pedestrian Improvement project.
- Whatcom has selected Spectrum Development Solutions to help the College with a student housing feasibility study. The internal team is currently compiling data and information requested by Spectrum to help them understand our current situation and evaluate possible options to meet future housing and programmatic needs. We expect to see a preliminary report on the feasibility study by late June.
- **Emergency Preparedness, Safety & Security** (5.3: *Promote a safe environment for teaching, learning, and working*)
 - The WA Department of Occupational Safety and Health visited Whatcom. Staff worked closely with them to evaluate and review campus safety procedures. Some areas of improvement were identified and staff is assigned to address them.
 - Staff met with Science Laboratory staff to review chemical handling procedures, as well as emergency and safety procedures.
 - Staff completed the Campus Chemical Hazards Communication Plan.
- **Conference & Event Services** (3.1 *Increase College Stature as a community and educational partner*)
 - Internally, Conference & Event Services (CES) continues to meet with the Commencement Committee as well as the Honors & Awards Committee to move forward in the planning of these year-end events. CES will also support the Students Leading Change Conference, the All College Job Fair, the Health Professions Job Fair, the International Global Talent Show, Student Life's MadHope Suicide Prevention event, as well as the Intercultural Center's Education Justice Summit. CES continues to support the co-sponsored Chuckanut Radio Hour.
 - Externally, CES welcomes back The Bellingham ComiCon Convention, the Bellingham Roller Betties, and the Bellingham Ukulele Orchestra.
- **Bookstore** (Goal 5.1 *Create and manage growth through fiscal, capital, technological and human resource development*)
 - Preparations have begun for the Bookstore's annual counting and reporting of year end physical retail inventories. The Bookstore will offer a WCC student club the opportunity to act as second counters in this process to take place at the end of May. In exchange for this service and learning opportunity for club students, the Bookstore will also make a donation to the student club's funding account.

- **Technology** (5.1 Create and manage growth through fiscal, capital, technological and human resource development)
 - IT staff attended the WA State Building Bridges conference in Spokane, WA which focuses on building bridges between departments and areas on campus. Seminars attended included topics on increased IT security awareness, accessibility, and increasing student retention and graduation rates.
 - IT's Network Manager attended an Educause Security Seminar in Seattle.
 - IT hosted three faculty open house style meetings to discuss future direction and needs for instructional technology. Information and feedback is being compiled and summarized and will be shared back with instructional leadership and faculty.

➤ **Student Services—Luca Lewis, Vice President**

- **Associated Students of Whatcom Community College** (Goal 1: Expand opportunities for students to achieve their potential; 1.4. Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement)
 - ASWCC continues to finalize the S&A 2016-17 Budget
- **Athletics** – (Goal 3: Contribute actively to the vitality of Whatcom County (3.1. Increase College stature as a community and educational partner)
 - Associate Director selection process is currently underway.
 - Men's Basketball Head Coach selection process is currently underway.
 - Coaches are recruiting players for WCC sports teams.
- **Student Recreation Center** (Goal 1: Expand opportunities for students to achieve their potential; 1.4. Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement)
 - In collaboration with Student Life, the SRC is now offering intramural sports for students; 3 v 3 Basketball and Badminton.
- **Running Start** (Goal 1.3. Increase access for diverse and nontraditional student populations, 1.4 Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement)
 - Running Start partnered with the Bellingham School District to develop an alternative testing time for the Smarter Balanced Assessment testing. The alternative testing time allowed students to attend their college classes and still take the assessment. The Bellingham School District opened their testing site to accommodate Running Start students from other school districts in the county. Alternative testing was available April 25th through April 28th.
- **Outreach and Orientation** (Goal 1.3. Increase access for diverse and nontraditional student populations, 1.4 Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement)
 - Outreach submitted a one-year (2016-17) continuation proposal to Washington Compass Compact for the College Access Corps program. The proposal was accepted, and Whatcom CC will continue participating in the College Access Corps program for another year.

➤ **Instruction—Curt Freed, Vice President**

- **College Spark Math and English Grants** (1.1 Increase student achievement in transfer and career preparation; 4.3 Increase access for underrepresented students)

- WCC received two College Spark Community Grants to support improved student retention and completion through innovative approaches in Math and English. The grants are titled (1) “Setting up low-income students for math success at Whatcom Community College and beyond,” and (2) “Scaling up English 101-plus to help low-income students achieve college-level credits sooner.” Each grant provides \$150,000 of funding over three years to increase the number of students earning college-level math and English credit within the first year at WCC through curriculum and placement reform. WCC received two of only six grants awarded to Washington community and technical colleges.
- **Guided Pathways** *(1.1 Increase student achievement in transfer and career preparation; 1.2 Increase academic support for students)*
 - Following expressions of support from the Board of Trustees and the faculty union, WCC submitted its Guided Pathways grant proposal to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges on April 21, 2016. Through a series of campus forums and other meetings, WCC identified and described numerous institutional strengths in career and academic advising, degree planning, accelerated developmental education, and outcomes assessment. Guided pathways provides an approach to systematically coordinate these efforts to positively impact degree completion and transfer for WCC students.
- **Study Abroad Program** *(1.4 Introduce new opportunities for student learning and engagement; 4.1 Reinforce diversity elements in curriculum)*
 - The 2015-16 academic year has had the largest participation in study abroad programs at WCC in 20 years. A total of 23 students participated in WCC’s study abroad programs in destinations including Australia/New Zealand, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan, and Spain.
- **Gen Cyber Grant** *1.1 increase student achievement in transfer and career preparation; 1.2 increase academic support for students; 3.1. Increase college stature as a community and educational provider; 4.3 Increase access for underrepresented populations; 5.2 Diversity and secure funding/resources from external sources)*
 - WCC was awarded a grant of \$40,480 to offer cybersecurity camps this summer on Whatcom’s campus: two camps will be held for high school students (July 25-30 and Aug. 1-6) and one for middle school students (July 25-30). The camps are offered at no cost to participants and are designed to increase interest in cybersecurity careers through hands-on labs and participation in a cybersecurity competition. The program is funded by the National Security Agency and the National Science Foundation. WCC was one of only a few community colleges that were awarded this grant, in the past it has been for universities only.
- **Childcare Subsidy Billing Training Project** *(3.1. Increase college stature as a community and educational provider; 4.3 Increase access for underrepresented populations; 5.2 Diversity and secure funding/resources from external sources)*
 - On-going professional development options for Friends & Family Networks, licensed family home child care providers, and child center teachers/directors is a concern for the State Department of Early Learning (DEL) and the SEIU union. WCC is continuing its contract with DEL and SEIU 925 to provide Child Care Subsidy Billing Training. Under WCC’s leadership, a pilot project is starting focused on mentoring union representatives currently providing STARS (State Training & Registry System, a state mandated training program for child care

providers) approved training sessions. The quality of on-going professional development opportunities, alignment with the State core competencies in breadth and depth of education, and statewide access for these opportunities is being explored.

- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** *(1.1 increase student achievement in transfer and career preparation; 3.1. Increase college stature as a community and educational provider)*
 - Whatcom’s accounting program once again participated in the VITA program, providing free assistance with tax preparation and opportunities for students to learn from real-world experience. Program coordinator John Fasler (or an enrolled tax agent) reviewed all returns and was on hand to address complex issues. VITA was offered February through April; returns were prepared for 114 clients throughout the community. To participate in this volunteer program, 23 WCC students committed to a minimum of three hours per week. Training on basic tax law and the preparation of individual tax returns is provided and students are required to pass the VITA certification exam. The VITA program is sponsored by the IRS and, in Whatcom County, by WWU’s Beta Alpha Psi and Accounting Society and the WCC Business Club.
- **Girls Go Tech** *(1.3 increase access for diverse and nontraditional student populations; 3.1. Increase college stature as a community and educational provider; 4.3 Increase access for underrepresented populations)*
 - The eighth installment (seventh year) of Girls Go Tech was held on Saturday, April 16, with 25 girls in attendance, each accompanied by a parent or guardian. Students enjoyed hands-on activities in physics and CIS/cybersecurity labs. Retired U.S. Navy Captain and NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence returned as a guest and interacted with the participants throughout the morning sessions. Another highlight was guest speaker Dr. Melissa Rice, WWU professor and collaborator on the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity missions. Funding was provided by a Perkins non-traditional grant with additional support from CyberWatch West, the local branch of the AAUW, and several local businesses.
- **Northwest Tech Expo** *(1.1 Increase student achievement in transfer and career preparation)*
 - Whatcom Community College participated in the Technology Alliance Group for Northwest Washington’s Tech Expo on Friday, April 22, putting the spotlight on the CIS and Cybersecurity programs, including the new BAS degree in IT networking and upper division short certificates. A number of CIS students attended to assist and represent the program and network with potential employers/intern hosts.
- **STEM Updates** *(2.1 Maintain currency in college curriculum and delivery; Increase professional development opportunities for faculty and staff)*
 - WCC faculty and staff members Will Webber, Lee Singleton, Ward Naf, Victor Kozaczuk, and Rob Beishline attended a workshop on additive manufacturing (AM) at Edmonds Community College on Friday, April 8. As part of the workshop they had the opportunity to tour “THE FACILITY Makerspace” and see some of the latest technology in additive manufacturing.

- Math faculty member Lee Singleton presented “Mind over Matter: Possibilities in 3D Printing” at the joint Washington/Oregon Two Year College Math Conference.

➔ **Foundation and College Advancement – Sue Cole, Executive Director**

- **Foundation 5.2.1 – Increase external revenue sources through grants and Foundation fundraising.**
 - Fundraising Progress Update:
 - Draft reports show that we received 16 gifts and pledges totaling \$9,101.90 for the month of April as of April 28th. Year to date as of April 28th, 2016, we have received \$529,488 in gifts.
 - Foundation News:
 - The Foundation team and Board are in the final stages for the May 14th Magic of Whatcom fundraiser. To date, WCCF has collected nearly 160 RSVPs.
- **Communications, Marketing and Publications 3.1 – Increase College stature as a community and educational partner**
 - **Community meetings**
 - WCC representatives were the featured speakers at the April 12 Cordata Neighborhood Association meeting. Senior director for facilities and operations Brian Keeley, public information officer Mary Vermillion, and students Jarrett Martin and Na Eun Kim shared information about WCC’s master plan and events.
 - Bellingham Herald education reporter Kyle Mittan toured campus April 26.
 - **April Press Releases**
 - [Learn how to travel free and make money doing it at WCC](#)
 - [Chuckanut Writers Conference early bird rate ends May 15](#)
 - [WCC hosts Voices of Islam panel to showcase student perspectives](#)
 - [Travel to Dale Chihuly’s world-renowned Pilchuck Glass School](#)
 - [Gov. Inslee appoints Dr. Diane Staves to WCC Board of Trustees](#)
 - [Gov. Inslee honors WCC students at All-WA Academic Team ceremony](#)
 - [WCC community forum explores growth mindset](#)
 - [High school juniors and seniors enroll now in Preparing for the New SAT](#)
 - **Media Coverage Highlights**
 - Health professions at WCC (sponsored content), Whatcom Health, Bellingham Herald, 4/26/16
 - [WCC volleyball signs Bellingham’s Douglas, Ferndale’s Potter](#), Bellingham Herald, 4/25/16
 - [With surge in computer science majors, state colleges struggle to keep pace](#), Seattle Times, 4/25/16
 - [Whatcom Community College to host panel on Islam](#), Bellingham Herald, 4/22/16
 - [Jobs, education important to Whatcom County \(Op-ed\)](#), Bellingham Herald, 4/16/16
 - [Teaching Cybersecurity](#), Association of Washington Business, 4/15/16
 - [Governor Inslee Appoints Dr. Diane Staves to Whatcom Community College Board of Trustees](#), Whatcom Talk, 4/11/16

- [Staves Named a Trustee, Lynden Tribune, 4/20/16](#)
- [Enroll now: Preparing for the new SAT, The Chamber, 4/8/16](#)
- [WCC April 14 community forum explores growth mindset, The Chamber, 4/8/16](#)
- [WCC to offer classes on cybersecurity for small businesses, BBJ Today, 4/8/16](#)
- [Governor Inslee Honors WCC Students at All-Washington Academic Team Ceremony, Whatcom Talk, 4/7/16](#)
- [WCC classes teach how to buy and sell your home, BBJ Today, 4/7/16](#)