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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

1:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, John Pedlow, and Tim Douglas, constituting a quorum. Trustee Diane Staves was absent. Others present included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction; 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 Diane Staves, a retired physician, has been appointed to serve as a trustee on the WCC Board of Trustees by the Governor. Trustee Staves was unable to attend the meeting today and the Board looked forward to introducing her at the next meeting.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 1:02 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately 140 minutes "...to review the performance of a public employee..."
Chair Adelstein announced that action is anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President for Instruction, Curt Freed, and Assistant Attorney General Melissa Nelson.
- The Executive Session adjourned at 3:25 pm and the Board reconvened into open session immediately.

ACTION ITEM

➤ Tenure Considerations

Chair Adelstein commented that it is a major honor and responsibility of a trustee to review and award tenure to faculty members. He added that the board was presented with a group of impressive tenure nominees this year.

- Trustee Douglas moved to award tenure to Ian Stacy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Trustee Rofkar moved to award tenure to Anita Harker. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Trustee Pedlow moved to award tenure to Melanie Sehman. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rofkar and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Trustee Rofkar moved to award tenure to Tealia Slagle. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douglas and the motion was approved unanimously.
- Trustee Douglas moved to award tenure to Yumiko Clark. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the motion was approved unanimously.

BREAK

- The meeting was adjourned for a fifteen minute break at 3:35 pm.
- The meeting reconvened into open session at 3:50 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

➤ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

- 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.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi recently visited an ESL class. She was impressed with the dedication of the students. She thanked faculty and staff for their work in supporting the College's mission of

providing education opportunities to all.

- ➔ WCC recently hosted the National Visiting Team for CyberWatch West grant. The team was impressed by the progress: increased number of community colleges in the consortium; dissemination of best practices; growth in participation with middle and high school students in cybersecurity events; engagement with industry; and expansion of the Cyberpatriot program throughout the region.
- ➔ The College received a letter from the State of Washington Department of Health stating the Washington State Board of Massage reviewed and re-approved the massage practitioner certificate degree programs at WCC.
- ➔ Ross hunter, the new Director of Early Learning for the State of Washington participated in a Town Hall on WCC campus this week.
- ➔ WCC faculty member, John Fasler, was recently elected President of Northwest Accounting Educators (NAE). Fasler is high regarded among his peers and fellow educators in the accounting field.
- ➔ The College continues to advocate for funding for the Learning Commons project. Rafeeka Kloke has secured a number of support letters from local stakeholders and local elected officials for the project.
- ➔ WCC's Marketing and Communication department received a bronze Paragon Award for the College's quarterly newsletter.
- ➔ WCC Men's basketball team ranked 2nd in the conference. This was the highest ranking achieved by a WCC basketball team.

REPORTS

- ➔ **ASWCC** –Aldo Suseno, President
 - ASWCC hosted a successful Taste of Korea event, more than 200 faculty and staff attended.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

- ➔ Trustee Douglas encouraged board members to attend WCC Foundation's inaugural fundraiser "Magic of Whatcom" on May 14 at Hotel Bellwether.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ➔ Chair Adelstein asked the Board for a motion to reverse the order of the agenda to accommodate the public for Public Comment period. Trustee Douglas moved to reserve the

order of the agenda and move Executive Session after Public Comment. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the motion was approved unanimously.

- Joel Kronenberg addressed the board. He stated he has extensive experiences in providing grief support and has been involved with a number of local organizations such as Whatcom Hospice. He approached the College in providing grief support in a group setting on campus based on comments he received from staff and students. He met with HR Director, Becky Rawlings, but has not been able to connect after the meeting. He felt the College has not been responsive and was frustrated. He believed there is a need for grief support and would be willing to meet with the appropriate person to discuss.
- Chair Adelstein thanked Mr. Kronenberg for his comments and indicated that someone from the College will contact him within the next 2 weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

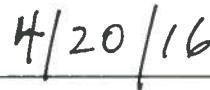
- At 4:12 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately 15 minutes "...to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office..."
- Chair Adelstein announced that no action is anticipated.
- The Executive Session adjourned at 4:27 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



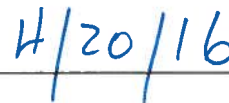
Chair of the Board



Date



President and Secretary of the Board



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