

Whatcom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

2:00 p.m.

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Tim Douglas officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Steve Adelstein, Wendy Bohlke, and Rebecca Johnson, constituting a quorum. John Pedlow was absent. Others present included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- ➔ Trustee Bohlke moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson and the **motion was approved.**
- ➔ Chair Douglas announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

➔ International Programs Updates - Kelly Kester, Director for International Programs

Kelly Kester shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of WCC's international programs and updates on recent initiatives.

Highlights included:

- International student recruitment and admission
 - Decreased in enrollment due to political climate, safety (gun violence) and competition from other countries such as Australia and Canada.
 - Many colleges including Whatcom use contract agents to try to combat enrollment reduction.
 - Majority of international students are from Asian countries.
- International Student Support Services
 - 77% of international students transfer to university after graduating from Whatcom.
 - Whatcom's high school completion program attracts many international students.
 - 45% of international students live in Homestay, 25% in residence life apartments,

and 30% in other (such as family and friends)

- Study Abroad
 - o 32 WCC students participated in the study abroad program in 2017-18.
 - o Destinations included Scotland, Berlin, Barcelona, Costa Rica, Tokyo, Rwanda, Australia and New Zealand.
- Campus Internationalization
 - o Campus activities included International Week, January 29 - February 2, 2018 and visiting Fulbright Scholar in May 2018
- Kester invited two students to share their experiences at Whatcom. Fiona (Qing) He and Amelia (Anh Hong Phuong) Nguyen. Fiona was interested in high school completion offered by Whatcom and during her time discovered opportunities to develop her leadership skills. She also shared that Whatcom provides great support for students trying to figure out their major of studies. She plans to transfer to a university after graduating from Whatcom to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Amelia came to Whatcom after seeing one of Kester's presentations with her parents. Her parents were impressed with the description of Whatcom. She also discovered opportunities at Whatcom to develop her leadership skills. She plans to pursue degrees in criminal justice and political science.

CONSENT AGENDA

➤ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

- a. Minutes of the January 17, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting and the January 26, 2018 Board of Trustees Retreat (Attachment A)
- b. Proposed Fall Quarter 2017 Graduates (Attachment B)

Chair Douglas stated: "If there are no objections, these items will be adopted." As there were no objections, **these items were adopted.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi asked Vice President Langstraat to introduce key staff who worked directly on the College's recent audit. He introduced William Martens who was in the audience and acknowledged Melinda Larkin and Ken Bronstein. He thanked all of them for their hard work. The College had a clean audit with no findings.
- US Representative Rick Larsen was on campus meeting with Area Health Education Center (AHEC) staff to learn more about Whatcom's leadership and the work.
- The College had a successful Professional Development Day on February 20, 2018. Great presentations from faculty and staff. The 2018 Judy Hoover Award of Excellence recipient is Janis Velasquez Farmer.
- President Kathi received recommendations from Professional Advisory Committee and

approved the following promotions:

- Promotion to the rank of professor: Angela Enderberg, Crystal Holtzheimer, Kim Reeves, Lee Singleton, and Tony Will
 - Promotion to the rank of associate professor: Hilary Engebretson
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- ➔ The College recently received STARS bronze rating from the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education. Thank you to the leadership and hard work of Kaatje Kraft, Bob Riesenberg, Barry Maxwell, and Pliny Keep, and the entire Sustainability Committee.
 - ➔ The Washington Association of Community and Technical College presidents have been actively responding to proposed legislative bills. In particular, the proposed Senate bill to change the running start reimbursement rate which will result in a \$16 million revenue reduction next fiscal year and \$30 million each year thereafter for the two year system.
 - ➔ Groundbreaking for the Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons is scheduled on April 11, 2018 at 4 p.m.
 - ➔ President Kathi shared an ad featuring our Cybersecurity Program in the Alaska/Horizon Inflight magazine with the board.

REPORTS

➔ **ASWCC** – Lauren Besthoff, President

- Due to recent changes within ASWCC Executive Board, Lauren Besthoff will chair the Senate on an interim basis.
- ASWCC ratified the ASWCC Bylaws on January 27, 2018.
- On February 10, 2018, ASWCC hosted a successful winter conference titled “Find my Pod” featuring keynote speakers, vice presidents Luca Lewis and Ed Harri.
- The Orca bus passes were used over 30,000 times.

➔ **Student Services** – Vice President Luca Lewis

- Two corrections noted to the Board of Trustees Report under Student Services under Financial Aid second bullet last sentence: “compared to 44.0% during 2015-16” and “an increase of \$263,330 over the \$143,280,355 dispersed in 2015-16.”

➔ **Instruction** – Vice President Ed Harri

- Carla Gelwicks was hired to fill the position of Dean for Instruction and will begin her new role in April.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

→ 2018 ACCT Leadership Congress

- 2018 ACCT Leadership Congress is schedule on October 24-27, 2018 in New York.

→ August Board of Trustees Retreat

- The August retreat is scheduled on August 9-10, 2018. Chair Douglas asked board members to forward topic ideas to him and President Kathi.

PUBLIC COMMENT

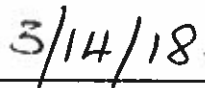
- Chair Douglas called for public comment. There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

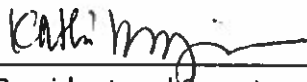
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.




Chair of the Board



Date



President and Secretary of the Board



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