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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

1:00 p.m.

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Tim Douglas officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees, John Pedlow, Wendy Bohlke, and Rebecca Johnson, constituting a quorum. 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; Sue Cole, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General; and Cynthia Hoskins, Interim Executive Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- ➔ Trustee Wendy Bohlke moved to accept the agenda. Trustee Pedlow seconded it and the motion was approved.
- ➔ Chair Douglas announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

2018 ALL-WASHINGTON ACADEMIC TEAM

- ➔ President Kathi introduced Kordel Clarks, honored at the March 22 All-Washington Academic Team Recognition Ceremony. Clarks is a 2nd year student majoring in Aeronautical Engineering with a 3.97 GPA. He is active in PTK, serves on a tenure committee, and volunteers at his church's community garden. Clarks was also recognized as a Coca Cola Bronze Scholar.
- ➔ Elizabeth Kazadayev was the other WCC student honored at the March 22 ceremony. Kazadayev holds a 3.8 GPA and is interested in medical research or phlebotomy. She plans to attend UW or WWU.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

- ➔ **Student Housing Project Update – Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services**
Vice President Langstraat introduced student housing project partners: Dave Letrondo and Scheer Chan, Ankrom Moisan Architects; Bill Perry and Scott Isenhardt, Tiger Construction; Kevin Barber, Department of Enterprise Services. WCC student housing core team members were recognized and thanked for their work on the project: Brian Keeley, Rebecca Butler, and Kelly Kester. Scheer Chan provided an update on the project.
 - Programming is complete and design development began in March with completion expected by late summer 2018.

- Phase one of three to be built on south side near WTA station. All phases designed to be interconnected with outdoor space and courtyard.
- Goals used to steer student housing facility in the right direction throughout the duration of the project:
 - Community—implement a culturally inclusive place that celebrates diversity and opportunity for student engagement
 - Safety—create safe and secure facility and employ best practices of prevention in design of environment
 - Education—environment that fosters student success and advance learning through residence life education
 - Affordability—mindful of providing student access to affordable housing
 - Sustainability—sustainable practices in design decisions, visible strategies for students to learn and adopt sustainable lifestyles
 - Outreach and Orca Pride—facility to present positive image for Whatcom Community College and actively promote the College
 - Constructability—employ comprehensive site planning for facility.
 - Campus Integration—facility to have strong identity that respects and enhances campus
- Student engagement—450 students participated in an online survey and an additional 100 participated in various face-to-face events to solicit feedback on project.
- Guaranteed maximum price (GMP) will be established in mid-July with construction beginning September 2018. Substantial completion of construction is slated for April 2020 with a fall 2020 opening of the new facility.

CONSENT AGENDA

➤ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

- a. Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Board of Trustee Meeting(Attachment A)

Chair Douglas 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 reported that enrollment is flat. Spring quarter FTE was up .1% or 3,565 FTE this year compared to 3,560 last year.
- WCC received official correspondence from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) stating approval for the College to add an Associate of Science degree and certificate in Chemical Dependency. President Kathi acknowledged and thanked the following individuals for their work and involvement: Cindy Burman-Woods, Janice Walker, Annette Flanders, and Michelle Heitmann.

- ➔ Washington State Department of Commerce awarded WCC one of three Skilled Worker Awareness Program grants to help increase the number of people with skills and credentials for high demand occupations that do not require a four-year college degree. The grant is for \$27,000 to fund a part-time recruiter/student support advisor for the new Chemical Dependency Program.

The annual CyberWatch West National Visiting Committee meeting in early March was successful. The committee is comprised of representatives from other higher education institutions, business, industry, and the National Science Foundation (NSF) program officer. Janice Walker, Corrinne Sande, and others have submitted a proposal to have WCC considered for an NSF regional resource center grant. The College plans to apply for several other NSF large project and supplemental grants to help fund related initiatives that build toward a national center application due in 2020.

REPORTS

- ➔ **ASWCC**—Lauren Besthoff
 - Location for Orca Day has been identified between Laidlaw Center and Pavilion.
 - Students Leading Change conference May 12 keynote speakers will be Justice Mary Yu and William Nu’utupu Giles.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

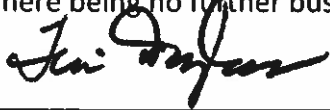
- ➔ ACT spring conference May 9-10, in Vancouver WA

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

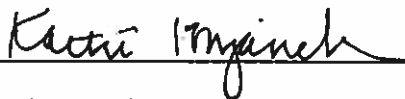
- ➔ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm.



Chair of the Board



Date



President and Secretary of the Board



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