

# Whatcom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Laidlaw Center Board Room**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**  
**2:00 p.m.**

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair John Pedlow officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Steve Adelstein, Rebecca Johnson, and Teresa Taylor constituting a quorum. Wendy Bohlke 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; Sue Cole, Executive Director for Advancement; Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

## **ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

- ➔ Chair Pedlow announced that there is no executive session.
- ➔ Trustee Johnson moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Taylor and the **motion was approved.**
- ➔ Chair Pedlow announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

## **STRATEGIC CONVERSATION**

➔ **Accreditation Update – Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction**

Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction shared a PowerPoint presentation that provided an overview of the upcoming Year Seven Evaluation Visit. The College's self-evaluation report is due February 2019 and a peer review team will visit WCC from April 15-17, 2019. Harri asked for feedback on what will be useful for board members in preparation for the visit. Any additional feedback, please forward to Rafeeka Kloke

In preparation for the visit, staff will further discuss the following with the board at the February board meeting:

- Review of relevant section describing Board authority, responsibility, and role in planning process
- Overview of college planning efforts

- Core theme performance based on key performance indicators
- Mission fulfillment

➔ **TRIO Upward Bound Program Update – Darlene Snider, Director and Sarah Simpson, Career & Academic Advisor**

Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services, introduced Darlene Snider, Director for TRIO Upward Bound, and Sarah Simpson, Career Academic Advisor.

Snider and Simpson shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the TRIO Upward Bound program. Whatcom received a five-year TRIO Upward Bound grant from the US Department of Education in fall of 2017. The program is designed to support participants in completing high school and graduating from institutions of postsecondary education. The program promotes student access and retention by providing high quality services and resources. The program current serves 60 students. The four key strategies included:

- Partnerships with K-12, parents, and higher education to maximize student’s support network
- Career and Academic Advising (coaching) provides support in completing high school and eases transition to college
- Campus tours place participants in college settings so students envision themselves as being successful in those settings
- Group activities broaden, expose, and enhance each participant’s learning experience and foster curiosity about the different ways that people experience the world.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

➔ **Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)

Chair Pedlow 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 shared a list of college activities included:**

- Seven- Year Accreditation visit in April
- A new cybersecurity initiative: Scholarship for Service
- WCC Foundation Campaign
- Strategic environment management
- New instruction program options
- Faculty tenure and hiring of new faculty and staff

- Progress on two capital projects: Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons and Student Housing
- President Kathi invited Amy Anderson, co-chair of the Diversity Committee, to introduce the winter reader as part of the equity project. Anderson provided a copy of the reader to each of the trustees. She also share a list of upcoming activities including Colonialism in this Land on January 10, 2019 3-4:15 pm in Syre 107/108 and the Treaty of Point Elliot Panel discussion on January 25, 2019 3-5 pm in Heiner 209.
  - Professional Development Day is scheduled on February 19, 2019. The College will be closed to the public. The morning sessions will include college updates, announcement of the Judy Hoover Excellence Award winner, the equity project will be hosting Juanita Jefferson, a Lummi elder, to talk about the past, present, and future of the local native community. There will be over 20 different workshops led by faculty and staff throughout the day that align with the core themes of the college's strategic plan. The Combined Fund Drive will host their annual student scholarship fundraiser luncheon.
  - The College has not seen any significant impact resulting from the Federal Shutdown; however, if the shutdown continues, we will likely begin to see impacts on financial aid and grant programs.
  - Corrinne Sande will be participating in Cyber Center of Academic Excellence showcase at the Capital in Washington DC on January 10, 2019. An invitation was sent to our congressional delegation and we received confirmation that Representative Rick Larsen is planning to stop by. Staff from other congressional offices are planning to stop by as well.

## REPORTS

- **ASWCC – Mason Green, President**
  - ASWCC Executive Board is preparing to visit Olympia for Legislative Advocacy Day on January 24, 2019
  - The Executive Board created a postcard to gather student voices to deliver to legislators.
- **Administrative Services – Nate Langstraat, Vice President**
  - City of Bellingham approved the name change of Short Street to Olivine Street.

## DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➤ **ACT Legislative Conference and Transforming Lives Award Dinner – January 21 -22, 2019**

Staff are working on scheduling meetings with legislators from 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> legislative districts in Olympia. President Kathi met with Tom Keegan, Skagit Valley College president and Kimberly Perry, Bellingham Technical College president and a decision not to hold the Joint Legislative Reception this year was made as the Council of Presidents has scheduled an event with all legislators on the same date and time.

➤ **ACCT National Legislative Summit – February 10-13, 2019**

President Kathi, Chair Pedlow and Trustee Johnson are planning to attend this summit.

➤ **Winter Board of Trustees Retreat – February 28, 2019**

The retreat will be held at the Bellingham Golf & Country Club.

➤ **Upcoming Dates:**

- MLK Conference – January 19, 2019
- Professional Development Day – February 19, 2019

## PUBLIC COMMENT

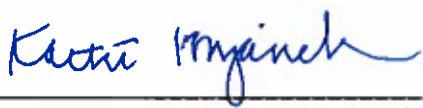
- Chair Pedlow called for public comment. There is no public comment.

## ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

  
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