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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

2:00 p.m.

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Wendy Bohlke, Rebecca Johnson, John Pedlow, and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Eva Schulte, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- ➔ Trustee Bohlke 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

➔ Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the March 18, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)

Chair Adelstein stated: "If there are no objections, this will be adopted." As there were no objections, **this item was adopted.**

➔ COVID-19 Preparedness Update

- President Kathi shared that the College just learned of a fourth confirmed case, self-reported by a part-time employee
- Enrollment is down this year by .20 Percent. Other colleges are experiencing between 1 to 13 percent in enrollment decline.
- College leadership has begun planning for summer and fall quarters.
- A number of year end events may be canceled, postponed or implemented virtually.
- President Kathi recently met with ASWCC student leaders virtually to discuss the impact of

COVID-19.

- The Washington Art Commission is soliciting artist proposal to provide artwork for the Learning Commons. Additional information can be found on the commission's website.
- At the June Board of Trustees meeting, staff may present a request for continuation for the 2019-20 Operating Budget.
- Nursing programs updates: nursing students are able to graduate on time; clinical site placement are being postponed;
- The College is waiting for additional information from the Department of Education regarding CARES ACT funding.

ACTION ITEMS

➤ Proposed Policy 401 Holiday Faith and Conscience Policy (Third reading, possible action)

Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services presented the proposed Policy 401 on behalf of Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction.

Trustee Bohlke moved to approve Policy 401 Holiday Faith and Conscience. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson and the motion was approved unanimously.

➤ Proposed Policy 533 Emotional Support Animal Policy (First reading, possible action)

Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services invited Kerri Holferty, Director for Access and Disability Services to present an overview of the proposed Policy 533.

Trustee Bohlke moved to approve 533 Emotional Support Animal Policy. It was seconded by Trustee Taylor and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:01 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately minutes as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a), to discuss collective bargaining...and ...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation.

At Chair Adelstein announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

The Executive Session was extended for fifteen minutes at 3:21 p.m.

- The Executive Session adjourned at 3:36 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 3:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

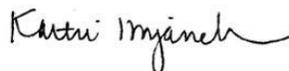
➤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.



May 13, 2020

Chair of the Board

Date



May 13, 2020

President and Secretary of the Board

Date