

Whatcom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13, 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

- a. Minutes of the April 8, 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.**

➤ President's Report

- Overall enrollment is down by 2.1 percent, State FTE is up 3.3 percent resulted from the conversion of all online to state FTEs in spring quarter.
- The College received \$1,196,310 in CAREs Act funding to provide direct support for students. 558 applications were received, totaling \$798,000 in funding requests. To date, 544 applications were funded, totaling \$429,000.
- 2020-2021 Operating Budget development is underway. Reduction in state funding allocation is expected.

- The Governor issued a directive to freeze hiring and personal contracts and purchases for state agencies. Higher education was not included in this specific directive.
- President Kathi is part of the Higher Education Re-opening Workgroup. Members included private and public two year and four year colleges. One of the immediate goals is to identify fall re-opening of high education institutions.
- For the current quarter, community and technical colleges were given approval by the Governor's office to re-open classes/programs to a SELECT group of programs that meet the high workforce demand. None of our programs on the list will be convening on campus this spring quarter as plans have been made to support remote, on-line learning.

ACTION ITEM

➤ **Proposed Resolution Authorizing Continuation of 2019-20 Operating Budget (first reading, possible action)**

Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services, shared a PowerPoint Presentation with an overview of the FY 21 budget outlook.

Trustee Bohlke moved to approve the resolution authorizing continuation of 2019-20 Operating Budget. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:09 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately twenty 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 anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

The Executive Session was extended for twenty-five minutes at 3:30 p.m.

- The Executive Session adjourned at 3:55 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 3:55 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

Trustee Pedlow moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Whatcom Community College and Whatcom Community College Federation of Teachers (WCCFT) regarding COVID-19 remote instruction. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson and the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.



June 10, 2020

Chair of the Board

Date



June 10, 2020

President and Secretary of the Board

Date