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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Rebecca Johnson officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Wendy Bohlke, Steve Adelstein, John Pedlow, and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Eva Schulte, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Terri Thayer, Interim College Equity Officer; 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 Taylor and the **motion was approved.**
- Chair Johnson announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Johnson called for public comment. She announced a 15 minutes public comment period with 2 minutes allocated to each person.
- Gretchen Coulter, English faculty member, expressed the importance of diversifying our faculty and the importance of raising faculty salaries to attract potential applicants.
- Tran Phung, Physics Faculty, shared that she felt faculty were not being heard and excluded from board decisions.
- Anna Wolff, English Faculty, shared her struggles with balancing her personal and professional life.
- James Spaich, Adjunct Faculty, expressed that additional preparation time required for online classes.
- Ines Poblet, faculty member and secretary of faculty union, felt that three minutes should be

allocated to each individual who wishes to address the board during public comment period/

- ➔ Sue Lonac, faculty member, said that the workload had been overwhelming since the college transitioned to online instruction.

CONSENT AGENDA

- ➔ Consent Agenda

Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

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

- ➔ **Budget Update – Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services**

Langstraat shared a PowerPoint presentation (attached) with an update of the college's budget and finances.

BOARD POLICIES

- ➔ **Proposed Policy 616 and 615 – Students Right and Responsibilities Policy (First reading) – Luca Lewis, VP for Student Services**

Lewis provided an overview of the proposed policy 616 and proposed revision to policies 615 and 620. He anticipating providing the final proposed policies to the Board for action at the March 17, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD

- ➔ **Legislative Activities**

Chair Johnson shared that the Association of Community and Technical Colleges Trustees is working in collaboration with State Board and college presidents to advocate for COVID vaccination for the two-year system and fully fund operating budget and capital budget requests, and to oppose furloughs and elimination of COLAS. She shared a summary of legislative initiatives:

- Meet with local legislators to share college and system priorities (President, Trustees, students)
 - Representatives meetings to date: Shewmake, Rule, Lekanoff, Ramel
- Meet with House and Senate legislative leadership (Trustees, ACT and President, WACTC)
- Participate in weekly legislative updates, calls, and correspondence (President (WACTC)

- Meet with Rep. Pat Sullivan, House Majority Leader and member on the Ways and Means Committee (President, throughout the legislative session)
- Regular communication with legislative staff (state and federal)
- Participate in national legislative meetings (Trustees, President) with members of ACT
 - Meetings scheduled to date: Congressman Rick Larsen, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray
- Legislative support and training for ASWCC student leaders

BREAK

- The meeting was adjourned for a five-minute break at 2:55 p.m.
- The meeting reconvened into open session at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately ninety minutes to review the performance of a public employee..., and 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.

Chair Johnson announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, vice presidents Ed Harri and Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

At 4:30 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for another 15 minutes.

At 4:45 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for another 10 minutes

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:55 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

➤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



March 17, 2021

Chair of the Board

Date



March 17, 2021

President and Secretary of the Board

Date