

# Whatcom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 9, 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 Pedlow 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.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Johnson called for public comment. She announced a 15 minutes public comment period with 2 minutes allocated to each person.
- Tommaso Vannelli, faculty and WCCFT President, thanked the outgoing WCCFT executive committee members for their hard work and welcomed incoming WCCFT executive committee members. He also thanked the faculty negotiating team and administrative negotiating team for their work in the Faculty Negotiated Agreement.

- Anna Wolff, faculty and WCCFT Vice President, encouraged full participation from all faculty and staff in providing feedback on allocation of federal COVID Relief funds.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

- **Proposed S&A Budget (Second reading) – Kenny Johan, ASWCC President**

Kenny Johan, Gabriel Price and Hannah Oliver, shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the final proposed S&A Budget.

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the 2021-2022 S&A Budget. It was seconded by Trustee Pedlow. The motion was passed unanimously.

- **Proposed WCC 2021-2022 Operating Budget (Second reading) – Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services**

Langstraat shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the updated WCC 2021-2022 Operating Budget. He noted that items that are not folded into the proposed budget included faculty negotiated agreement investments; federal relief funding; ctclink implementation, go live and ongoing support; and future allocations from SBCTC (ie SB 5194 and 5227).

Trustee Adelstein asked about the budget impact on the faculty negotiated agreement investments. Langstraat shared that the impact would be approximately \$1 million with \$700,000-\$800,000 supported by local funds and \$200,000 supported by high demand funding.

Trustee Bohlke moved to approve the WCC 2021-2022 Operating Budget. It was seconded by Trustee Adelstein. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Proposed 2022-23 and 2023-24 Academic Calendar (First reading) – Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction**

Harri shared that an ad-hoc committee comprised of employee groups and key stake holders developed the draft calendars. The draft calendars were distributed campus-wide to each employee group with an opportunity to provide additional feedback. The ad-hoc committee reviewed campus input to incorporate needed changes and presented the draft calendars to College Council and President's cabinet. Many considerations were taken into account while creating the calendar, such as neighboring institutions' calendars, holidays, quarter start and end dates, faculty planning days, and State requirements.

Trustee Bohlke moved to approve the 2022-23 and 2023-24 academic calendars. It was seconded by Trustee Pedlow. The motion was passed unanimously.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi thanked the ASWCC student leaders along with Luca Lewis, VP for Student Services, Nate Langstraat, VP for Administrative Services, and Heidi Farani, Director for Student Life and Development, for their work in developing the 2021-2022 S&A Budget.
- President Kathi thanked the College Budget Review committee for their work during the budget development process.
- President Kathi also thanked Tommaso Vannelli, WCCFT president, for his work in the past two years providing services to WCCFT and working with College Administration.
- President Kathi announced the 2021 Faculty Excellence Award receipts: Full-time faculty excellence award: Tealia Slagle, Biology and Adjunct faculty excellence award: Cindy Johansen, Early Childhood Education.
- President Kathi shared that she participated in numerous meetings relating to vaccination mandates with the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, 4 year universities, other high education institutions in the region, and the Whatcom County Department of Health. With the exception of Cascadia College, no community or technical colleges in the system have decided on vaccination mandate. The College continues to keep the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and students at the forefront and will continue to implement safety protocols and promote vaccinations with our campus community.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board to approximately forty-five minutes 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 anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Ed Harri and Nate Langstraat, Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

The Executive Session was extended for an additional five minutes.

The Executive Session adjourned at 3:50 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 3:50 p.m.

## ACTION

- Trustee Pedlow moved to approve the Letter of Agreement between Whatcom Community College and Whatcom Community College Federation of Teachers specific to the compensation for transition to online instruction delivery due to the pandemic. It was seconded by Trustee Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

- Trustee Adelstein moved to approve the Letter of Agreement between Whatcom Community College and Whatcom Community College Federation of Teachers specific to WEIA (HB 2158) – High Demand Faculty Compensation. It was seconded by Trustee Bohlke. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



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Chair of the Board

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President and Secretary of the Board

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