

**Boards of Trustees Special Session Luncheon for
State Legislators
September 2, 2009, 12 p.m.
Whatcom Community College Syre Auditorium
Bellingham, WA
Minutes**

The meeting began at 12:00 p.m. with a luncheon jointly hosted by the Trustees and Presidents of Bellingham Technical College, Skagit Valley College, and Whatcom Community College for the members of the Senate and House Representatives from Legislative Districts 10, 39, 40 and 42.

In attendance from Whatcom Community College were trustees Sue Cole, Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, Steve Adelstein and Tim Douglas; President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for College Advancement; Lea Thompson, Student Leadership; and Keri Parriera, Executive Assistant to the President. Legislators in attendance included Senators Dale Brandland and Kevin Ranker and Representatives Doug Ericksen, Kelli Linville, and Norma Smith. In attendance from Bellingham Technical College were trustees Sonia Arévalo-Hayes, Mark Asmundson, Yvonne Cartwright, and James Cunningham; President Tom Eckert, and his staff Ronda Laughlin and Marni Saling-Mayer, and from Skagit Valley College trustees Debra Lisser, Tom Moser, Don Piercy, President Gary Tollefson and his staff Carl Young and Mary Alice Grobins. Also in attendance was Lisa Wochos, Assistant Attorney General.

This informal venue provided an opportunity for trustees and presidents to meet individually with the local legislators as part of an ongoing effort to keep them informed of the concerns and goals of the community and technical colleges. The Presidents spoke on topics including enrollment and access, budget and funding, capital projects, and collaborative efficiencies, and the legislators spoke about the issues that may be addressed in the upcoming session.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Susan Cole
Chair of the Board

9/23/09
Date

Kathi Hiyane-Brown
President and Secretary of the Board

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