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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Tim Douglas officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Steve Adelstein, and Sue Cole, constituting a quorum. Chuck Robinson was absent. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; John Baker, Interim Vice President for Student Services; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement; Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction; Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Executive Assistant to the President.
- Chair Douglas announced that the introduction of Foundation staff will be deferred to the next meeting due to illness.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Barbara Rofkar moved to approve the meeting agenda with the removal of agenda item "Introduction of New Employees." It was seconded by Trustee Steve Adelstein and the **motion was approved.**
- Chair Douglas announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

- **International Program (Goal 4: Advance the college as a more diverse learning community)**

A PowerPoint presentation of International Program accomplishments and activities was presented by Kelly Kester, Director for International Program; Ulli Schraml, Associate Director for International Program; Iris Anthony, International Student Engagement Advisor; and Nicole Baker, Associate Director for Residence Life.

Highlights of the presentation:

- The program has experienced tremendous growth in the past ten years. There are 300 international students at Whatcom this fall.
- Students are recruited from a number of different countries; 24% from China, 20% from Vietnam, 12% from Japan, 10% from Hong Kong, 9% from Indonesia, 5% from Korea, 3%

