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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, May 20, 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, Chuck Robinson, Steve Adelstein and Sue Cole, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Ron Leatherbarrow, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative 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.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Sue Cole moved to approve the meeting agenda as proposed. It was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the **motion was approved unanimously**.
- Chair Tim Douglas announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT

- Sharalyn Sentinella, WCC student, was introduced. Sentinella is one of 90 recipients in the nation to receive 2015 Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship from Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. This is the largest private scholarship for students transferring from two-year community colleges to four-year baccalaureate institutions in the country. The Foundation provides up to \$40,000 a year for up to three years. Sentinella has also been selected as this year's Student Commencement Speaker.
- President Kathi thanked the WCC Foundation, John Baker, and Rafeeka Kloke for supporting efforts to enable Sentinella's mother to attend commencement.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

➔ 2015-16 Operating Budget Update – Nate Langstraat

Langstraat noted that the legislature did not approve a state operating budget at the conclusion of the regular legislative session and is currently in special session. He presented Whatcom's estimated operating budget for 2015-16 which is based on conservative projections for revenue and expenses. If the legislature is unable to approve a state operating budget by the June board meeting, the board will have options to pass a resolution authorizing continuation of the 2014-15 WCC Operating Budget or approve a proposed budget based on estimates and authorize the president to make adjustments if necessary based on the approved state operating budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

➔ Consent Agenda (Calendar)

a. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)

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

ACTION

➔ Proposed 2015-16 and 2016-17 Academic Calendars (1st reading, possible Action)

- Trustee Rofkar moved to approve the proposed 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic calendars. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cole and the **motion was approved by a vote of four ayes and one nay.**

➔ Proposed DTA/MRP Associate Business (1st reading, possible Action)

- Trustee Chuck Robinson moved to approve the Direct Transfer Agreement / Major Related Program (DTA/MRP) – Associate in Business. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rofkar and the **motion was approved unanimously.**

➔ Proposed DTA/MRP Associate Nursing (1st reading, possible Action)

- Trustee Steve Adelstein moved to approve the Direct/Transfer Agreement / Major Related Program (DTA/MRP) – Associate in Nursing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rofkar and the **motion was approved unanimously.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ➔ Congratulations to the team of Corrine Sande, Janice Walker, Ed Harri, Allison Scherer and Ron Leatherbarrow for their hard work in preparing and presenting our application for the Applied Baccalaureate degree in Information Technology. It was approved by the State Board in May.
- ➔ The College submitted a Hospital Employee Education and Training (HEET) grant.
- ➔ Dr. Luca Lewis has accepted the offer to serve as WCC's next Vice President for Student Services and will begin on July 1. President Kathi thanked Nate Langstraat and the Search Committee for identifying a strong group of finalists. She also thanked John Baker for stepping in as an interim.
- ➔ Campus interviews have commenced for the Vice President for Instruction and will continue for the next two weeks. There was great participation in the public forums by faculty and staff.
- ➔ WCC hosted a Celebrating Diversity in Education Conference in partnership with Western Washington University, Skagit Valley College and the Center of Excellence for Careers in Education. Congratulations to Amy Riedel and her team for a successful conference.
- ➔ WCC is seeking endorsement from the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) Board to offer a LLLT training program.
- ➔ Representative Jeff Morris will be speaking to Bob Reisenberg's sustainability class at WCC on June 9.
- ➔ Representative Luanne Van Werven toured WCC campus last week and was impressed by physical beauty of the campus and WCC's focus on students success and access.
- ➔ President Kathi is chairing the WACTC Critical Issues Committee and spent significant time on developing a recommendation on how international students should be counted.
- ➔ President Kathi attended the White House Summit on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in Washington DC, organized and sponsored by Kran Ahua, the executive director on White House Initiative on AAPI. President Obama's Cabinet members: Arne Duncan, Sally Hewell, Jeh Johnson, Tom Perez, and Maria Contreras-Sweet with the US Small Business Administration were in attendance. Several community college presidents, trustees and staff were in attendance as well. President Kathi along with several community college presidents met with Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, to discuss ways to promote more diverse leadership among community colleges.

REPORTS

- ➔ **ASWCC** – Fahren Mansour, President
 - ASWCC Services & Activities Fee Budget is posted for review and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the June meeting.

- WCC students will be participating in the Ski to Sea Parade on May 23.
- Student Leading Change Conference is scheduled on May 30.
- WCC student, Sukhdip Singh, is assisting with a Turban Awareness Day event at BTC on May 21.

➔ **WFSE – Michelle North, Representative**

- North reported that staff participated in the Unity Break, a walk out by state employees over stalled raises at noon. She noted it was nice to see members of administration attending the walk out.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➔ **ACT (TACTC) Conference**

- Chair Douglas attended the ACT Spring Conference. It was a good program which included a national speaker presenting information on generational research.

➔ **Upcoming Events**

May 28	Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony	6:00 pm	Heiner Theater
May 30	Student Leading Change Conference	8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Syre Student Center
June 9	Running Start Graduate Reception	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Heiner Theater
June 11	Annual Honors & Awards Ceremony	6:30 pm	Heiner Theater
June 12	Retiree Recognition Event	2:30 – 4:00 pm	Syre Student Center
June 18	Student Leaders Recognition Banquet	6:00 pm	Bham Cruise Terminal
June 18	2015 Pinning Ceremony	6:00 pm	Syre Student Center
June 19	WCC Open House	11:00 am 2:00 pm	Syre Student Center
June 20	2015 Commencement	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Civic Field
June 22	NWCCI Farewell Celebration	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Squalicum Boathouse
June 26-27	Chuckanut Writers Conference		Syre Student Center

PUBLIC COMMENT

- ➔ Chair Douglas called for public comment. There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

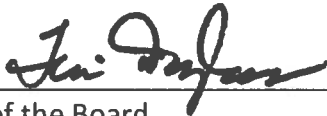
- ➔ At 3:19 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately 53 minutes to “(g) ... discuss collective bargaining and (i) ... discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions...”

Chair Doulgas announced that no action was anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Melissa Nelson.

- The Executive Session adjourned at 4:12 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:12 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

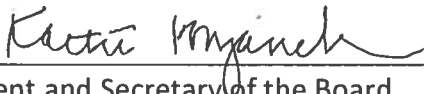
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.



Chair of the Board

6/10/2015

Date



President and Secretary of the Board

6/10/2015

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