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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Laidlaw Center Board Room

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Steve Adelstein officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Barbara Rofkar, Chuck Robinson, and Tim Douglas, constituting a quorum. Trustee Sue Cole was absent. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Curt Freed, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Anne Bowen, Executive Director for Advancement; Ed Harri, Dean for Instruction; Roger Leishman, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- Trustee Chuck Robinson moved to postpone the Introduction of Student Ambassadors to the next meeting and add "...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions..." under Executive Session. It was seconded by Trustee Barbara Rofkar and the **motion was approved**.
- Chair Adelstein announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

- New employees from Student Services and Instruction were introduced.

Student Services:

Christina Choi, Student Completion Coach

Anthony Tatangelo, Program Assistant/Curriculum Advisor

Paul Curd, Faculty Counselor

Jody Everett, Program Assistant Financial Aid

David Dunham, Pavilion & Student Rec Center Coordinator / Interim Assoc. Director Athletics

Alitzel Jimenez, Resident Advisor

Shelby Brooks, Resident Advisor

Mike Wade, Resident Advisor

Mark Lann, Student Conduct Officer (Temporary)

Instruction:

Jeanne Broussard, Visual Communications Full-Time Faculty

Paul Curd, Counseling Full Time Faculty

- Immediately following the introduction of new employees, President Kathi introduced Johnathan Tyler Gilmore. Gilmore is one of statewide recipients of the 2016 Transforming Lives Award from the Washington State Association of College Trustees.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATIONS

➤ **Foundation Update**

Anne Bowen, Executive Director for College Advancement introduced foundation staff: Gennie Clawson, Director for Foundation; Stephanie Schmidt, Operations Manager, and Kate Imus, Program Specialist.

Bowen and Clawson shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of 2014-15 funding raising activities and plans for 2015-16.

Clawson presented Trustee Robinson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of services on the foundation board.

CONSENT AGENDA

➤ **Consent Agenda (Calendar)**

- a. Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting (Attachment A)

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

ACTION ITEM

➤ **Board of Trustees Resolution Authorizing FEMA Applicant Designation (first reading, possible action)**

Trustee Rofkar moved to approve the Board of Trustees Resolution authorizing FEMA Applicant Designation. It was seconded by Trustee Tim Douglas and was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ➔ President Kathi shared her excitement in receiving the phone call from Washington Association of College Trustees (ACT) with the news that Johnathan Tyler Gilmore is one of five Transforming Lives Award recipients.
- ➔ The College received official notification from Northwest Commission on College and Universities approving WCC's Bachelor of Applied Science degree in IT Networking.
- ➔ The Biella Foundation Community and Technical College provides \$10,000 in scholarship funds for 2015-16 academic year to each of the 34 community and technical colleges in Washington State. South Seattle College Foundation is the administrator for this fund.
- ➔ President Kathi is the co-chair of the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE), housed in the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland. The other co-chair is Andre Thornton, an engineer from Lockheed Martin. The group's mission is to develop, foster, and energize a network for cybersecurity educators, trainers, and others interested in preparing a workforce in this field.
- ➔ Whatcom Community College, Bellingham Technical College and Skagit Valley College are jointly hosting a legislative reception in Olympia on January 25 for Districts 10, 29, 40, and 42 legislators.
- ➔ ACCT Legislative Conference is scheduled for February 8-11, 2016.
- ➔ There have been several campus conversations for students and staff to share thoughts on the recent incident at WWU.
- ➔ Intercultural Center staff and Ethnic Student Association plan to host constituency group meetings on campus. The first constituency group to meet was for Black, African-heritage, and Afro-American students. The purpose of the meeting is for students to meet each other and to share and listen to each other's stories and experiences.

REPORTS

- ➔ **ASWCC – Na Kim, Vice President**
 - Social Justice Committee organized the showing of two documentary films on campus.
 - The ASWCC Executive Board was handing out free healthy food to students to promote healthy eating.
- ➔ **WCCFT – Tresha Dutton, President**
 - Faculty have voted to ratify and support the contract which the board will be reviewing today.

➤ **Student Services – Luca Lewis, Vice President**

- Recruitment for 4 new positions in support of the Title III grant is underway.

DISCUSSION/TACTC/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➤ Chair Adelstein encouraged board members to attend the following events:

- ACT Winter Conference – January 24-25
- Transforming Lives Award Dinner – January 24
- Legislative Reception – January 25

BREAK

- The meeting was adjourned for a 5 minute break at 3:10 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board for approximately 45 minutes returned at 4 pm to “(g)...as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4) (a) to discuss collective bargaining...” and “(i)...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions...”

Chair Adelstein announced that a possible action may be anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, vice presidents Nate Langstraat, Curt Freed, and Luca Lewis, Executive Director Anne Bowen, and Assistant Attorney General Roger Lieshman.

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:03 p.m.

ACTION

- Trustee Robinson moved to continue the current negotiated agreement through December 13, 2015 and to approve the negotiated agreement between the Board of Trustees of Whatcom Community College and the Whatcom Community College Federation of Teachers, which is to be in effect from December 14, 2015 through August 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Trustee Rofkar and **the motion was approved unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

1/13/16

Date

Kathi Myrland

President and Secretary of the Board

1/13/16

Date