

# Whatcom

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Laidlaw Center Board Room**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**  
**2:00 p.m.**

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair John Pedlow officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Steve Adelstein, Tim Douglas, Wendy Bohlke, and Rebecca Johnson, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown; Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; Melissa Nelson, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ASWCC**

- ➔ Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services, introduced several members of the ASWCC Executive Board and Programming and Diversity Board .
- Mason Green, President
  - Shahrul Kamil, Vice President for Programming
  - Keenan Kaemingk, Director for Health and Wellness Programming
  - Joy Verna Kumala, Director for Academic Success Programming

## **ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA**

- ➔ Trustee Douglas moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Bohlke and the motion was approved.
- ➔ Chair Pedlow announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

## **STRATEGIC CONVERSATION**

- ➔ **Suicide Prevention and Student Wellness –Counseling Full-time Faculty Paul Curd and Margaret Vlahos; and Rebecca Butler, Director for Community Standards and Residence Life**
- Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction introduced the speakers. Paul Curd, Margaret Vlahos, and Rebecca Butler provided an overview of the activities around Suicide Prevention and Student Wellness in the past five years, and strategic plan going forward.

grant of \$100,000 and a Title III of \$2.25 million. The College also received a notice for the continuation for the Upward Bound grant that was first awarded in 2017.

- The College hosted the Bellingham Sister Cities luncheon on September 5, 2018. President Kathi participated on a panel along with Kim Perry, President of Bellingham Technical College, to discuss higher education in Whatcom County.
- President Kathi shared hard copies of several reports with the Board; including AHEC report, Guys and Guts, and Cleary Report.
- President Kathi will serve as the president of the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) the next academic year. Currently, the presidents are discussing differential pay among all colleges.
- President Kathi recently presented at the Western Regional Council of Black American Affairs (WRCCBA) conference on October 5, 2018.

## **REPORTS**

### ➤ **WCCFT – Tommaso Vannelli, President**

- Vannelli thanked the Administration negotiation team for their work on faculty contract.
- There were numerous events during opening week designed specifically for faculty.
- AFT Washington started a signing campaign for funding colleges. The union will be leading that effort on Whatcom's campus.

### ➤ **Administrative Services –Vice President Nate Langstraat**

- The Campus Safety and Security and Fire Report 2018 is available on Whatcom's website: <http://library.whatcom.edu/home/showdocument?id=2701>
- The permitting process for Student Housing project is progressing nicely with the City of Bellingham.

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

- Student Services implemented "Welcome to the Pod" in fall quarter. There were tables at various location during the first couple of weeks of the quarter to greet students and answer questions. The goal is to enhance connection with students in particular new students.

### ➤ **Instruction – Vice President Ed Harri**

- Title III grant will provide opportunities to support faculty onboarding and professional development.

Brown and Assistant Attorney General Melissa Nelson.

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

### ACTION ITEM

- Trustee Bohlke moved to approve the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the president as provided in section v of the presidential contract dated December 8, 2015 and in accordance to the cost of living adjustment (COLA) authorized by state legislature for state employees which include 2% increase on July 1, 2018 and 2% increase on January 1, 2019. It was seconded by Trustee Adelstein and the motion was approved unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Pedlow called for public comment. There was none.

### ADJOURNMENT

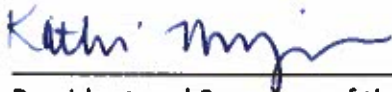
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Chair of the Board

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President and Secretary of the Board

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