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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham

Pavilion 201

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

2:00 p.m.

- ➔ **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Wendy Bohlke officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Jeff Fairchild, Rebecca Johnson, John Pedlow and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Barry Robinson, Vice President for Instruction; Kerri Holferty, Acting Vice President for Student Services; Terri Thayer, Director for Community Standards and Residence Life; Julie Nicholl, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

- ➔ Trustee Taylor moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Fairchild and the **motion was unanimously approved.**
- ➔ Chair Bohlke announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

➔ **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting and Board of Trustee Resolution 2022-2 COB Trail Easement.

Chair Bohlke stated: "If there are no objections, items in the consent agenda will be adopted." As there was no objection, these items were adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS IN STUDENT SERVICES

- ➔ Kerri Holferty, Acting Vice President for Student Services, introduced the following new directors and associate directors:
- Karl Ritter Smith, Director of Entry & Enrollment Services
 - Nubia Robles, Associate Director for Outreach

- Katie DeOrio, Director for K12 Partnerships
- Rob Pedicone, Director for Athletics & Recreation
- Adam Beals, Director for TRIO & Student Support
- Jordan Keithley, Associate Director for Student Success & Retention
- Keenan Kaemingk, Associate Director for Student Life & Development
- Jessica Larson, Associate director for Academic Advising & Career Services
- Kelly Bashaw, Associate Director for Workforce Funding Programs

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Bohlke called for public comment. She announced a 15-minute public comment period with 2 minutes allocated to each person.
- There was no public comment.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

- **Technology And Engineering Center (TEC) – Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services and Brian Keeley, Senior Director for Facilities and Operations**

Langstraat and Keeley shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the proposed project.

Highlights included:

- \$40 million state-funded project
- Three-story 52,000 gsf building with innovative basic skills learning labs and computer lab spaces as well as open study and collaborative small group workspaces
- Anticipated space for computer science, CIS, IT networking, cybersecurity engineering and transitional learning programs
- WCC TEC project is #10 on the list of 41 major projects in the CTC system
- Timeline- assumed funding approval with pre-design occurring between July 2023-November 2023 with final design and construction between April 2024-October 2025
- Planning/pre-programming team and sub-groups have met with additional meeting scheduled to discuss and document programming and design ideas to be shared with pre-design consultant once selected

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi thanked Trustees Taylor and Pedlow for attending the Community College Cybersecurity Strategic Summit on December 8-9, 2022 held on WCC campus. WCC's NCyTE hosted three summits with this being the most recent summit. The summit focused on engaging attendees in discussion to inform the development of a National Strategy for Cyber Workforce and Education by the White House's Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD). She thanked Administrative

Services staff, NCyTE staff, and many other cross campus for their hard work and support of the event.

- President Kathi shared that Dr. James Siegel will be joining Whatcom Community College on February 1, 2023 as the new Vice President for Student Services. Siegel comes to WCC with over 15 years of progressive experience in all sectors of higher education. Mostly recently, he served as Assistant Vice President of Student Services at Ocean County College. He previously served as Associate Vice President of Student Development at Rockland Community College; Assistant Dean for Student Success at Georgian Court University; and Senior Academic Advisor and Senior Instructional Specialist at University of Arizona. Siegel holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration and a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the State University of New York at Binghamton.
- President Kathi asked Barry Robinson, Vice President for Instruction to provide a brief enrollment update. Robinson shared that it was challenging to compare enrollment numbers using last year's data due to disruptions with late start and ctclink implementation. As result, they did a comparison between 2021 and this year (approx. 23 days prior to winter quarter). Compared to 2021, enrollment was down 500 FTEs (approximately 15%). Many current enrolled students (approximately 1500 students) have not registered at this time. Kerri Holferty, Acting Vice President for Student Services shared that POD leaders and advisors have been contacting students to assist them. An update on enrollment will be provided at the next meeting.
- The Strategic Planning Core Team met on November 18, 2022. The Team reviewed and discussed the list of vision statements submitted by members and concluded that as working statement for our next step and gravitated to the shortest statement to begin conversation. The team will continue to work together in preparation for a presentation and campus conversation on Professional Development Day scheduled on February 21, 2022. Regular updates of strategic planning progress will be shared with the Board and posted on Compass.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➤ **Proposed 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the [2023 Meeting Schedule of the Board of Trustees](#). It was seconded by Trustee Taylor and the motion was unanimously approved.

➤ **Community College Cybersecurity Strategic Summit**

Chair Bohlke invited trustees Pedlow and Taylor to share their thoughts on the summit. Trustee Pedlow shared that it was great to showcase the campus and our cybersecurity programs. He said that attendees were engaged in discussions to meet the cybersecurity workforce demands.

Trustee Taylor shared that she was impressed by various representation from government, tribes, industry and education with discussions focused on "motivating and sustaining a whole nation in

developing cybersecurity workforce.” She was also excited to hear from representatives from different tribes sharing their best practices.

Taylor shared that she asked staff to share Chris Inglis, director of the Office of National Cybersecurity Director, welcome message with the Board which highlighted the work of our college and the leadership of President Kathi, Corrinne Sande and Janice Walker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 3:15 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed session of the Board for thirty minutes as provided in RCW 42.31.110, to discuss collective bargaining and a Executive Session immediately after the closed session, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency;

Chair Bohlke announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, Vice President, Special Assistant Rafeeka Kloke and Assistant Attorney General Julie Nicoll.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

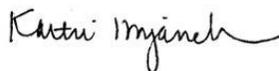
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



1/11/2023

Chair of the Board

Date



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President and Secretary of the Board

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