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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham

Pavilion 201

Wednesday, November 9, 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; Drew Nishiyama, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

## ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

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

## INTRODUCTION OF 2023 WCC TRANSFORMING LIVES AWARD NOMINEE

- ➔ Chair Bohlke introduced Eva Brown, 2023 WCC Transforming Lives Award Nominee. Eva is a single mother raising a 8-year old daughter with the goal of becoming a nurse. Eva overcame many obstacles and managed to become a licensed massage therapist and EMT. She will be graduating with an associate in arts and science at the end of this quarter. Eva has already completed 1000 hours of work in the medical field for nursing school prerequisite and plans to apply for WCC's nursing program after graduation.

Chair Bohlke also thanked Trustee Pedlow for reviewing the nominations.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- ➔ **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the October 12, 2022 Board of Trustees Retreat.

Chair Bohlke stated: “If there are no objections, item in the consent agenda will be adopted.” As there was no objection, this item was adopted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Chair Bohlke called for public comment. She announced a 15-minute public comment period with 2 minutes allocated to each person.
- Kaajat Kraft, full-time faculty, commented on housing challenges for students
- Anna Wolff, full-time faculty and WCCFT president, commented on faculty representation on strategic planning core team.

## **STRATEGIC CONVERSATION**

- **Open Meeting Act and Public Records Act Board Training – Drew Nishiyama, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)**

Nishiyama shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of Open Meeting Act and Public Records Act. This is a required training for the Board.

## **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- The Strategic Planning Core Team met on October 27, 2022. The meeting was facilitated by Stephen Shields, strategic planning consultant. The team reviewed timeline and tasks. Highlights/takeaways included:
  - COMMUNITY | a notion that encompasses the duality in meaning of that word – namely the campus community and the broader community.
  - ACCESSIBILITY | the notion that WCC is a uniquely accessible place for students and others that need or want something and for which they believe WCC might be able to deliver
  - GATEWAY TO A BETTER LIFE | the notion that WCC provides a reliable path for meeting people where they are and moving them to a better place regardless of whether they know or do not know exactly what that isSimilar themes emerged from board discussions at the summer Board of Trustees Retreat.
- Allyson Knox, senior director of education policy for Microsoft’s US Government Affairs division gave a closing plenary talk on October 28, 2022 during the annual ATE principal investigator’s conference. Knox made numerous references to the “fantastic work” that Corrinne Sande and the NCyTE Center have done to help colleges improving their cybersecurity programs. President Kathi thanked Corrinne Sande and the NCyTE staff for their work.
- The College will be hosting an education summit on December 8 and 9, 2022 with key focus on

growing cybersecurity workforce. This is a collaboration between National Science Foundation and the Office of the National Cybersecurity Director. Invitations have been sent to presidents of community colleges with cybersecurity programs, as well as tribal colleges, and business and industry.

- ➔ The WCC Foundation's Donors Appreciation breakfast was well attended. The event featured three student scholarship recipients and a special recognition to Steve Shropshire for his leadership in creating the Thank you for your service endowment to support veteran students.

## **DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD**

- ➔ **AACC Leadership Congress**

Chair Bohlke recently attend the AACC Leadership Congress. She shared a few highlights of the conference.

- ➔ **ACT Fall Conference – November 17-18, 2022**

Chair Bohlke, trustees Johnson and Pedlow will be attending the conference.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ➔ At 3:35 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed session of the Board for forty minutes as provided in RCW 42.31.110, to discuss collective bargaining and a closed Executive Session immediately after the closed session, an executive 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; and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase...;

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 Drew Nishiyama.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

➤ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.



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Chair of the Board

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President and Secretary of the Board

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