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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham

Pavilion 201

Wednesday, October 12, 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 Taylor moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson 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 August 29-30, 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.
- ➔ There was no public comment.

STRATEGIC CONVERSATION

➤ The State of Mental Health & Counseling at WCC – Paul Curd, Faculty, Counseling

Curd shared a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the state of mental health and counseling at WCC. He began with introduction of other counseling team members: Dawn Gallardo and Margaret Vlahos. Curd shared counseling services and resources available to students, and counseling team's participation on key governance committees such as the Behavioral Intervention Team. He also highlighted recent and upcoming events, and future plans for counseling services.

ACTION ITEM

➤ Board of Trustees Resolution 2022-01 – A resolution by the Board of Trustees in appreciation of Steve Adelstein

Trustee Pedlow moved to approve the resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Johnson. The motion was unanimously passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi introduced Kerri Holferty serving as the Acting Vice President for Student Services.
- On October 11, 2022, President Kathi, Chair Bohlke and Trustee Johnson along with cabinet members met with members of the Washington State House of Representative College & Workforce Development Committee. It was a great opportunity for the College to meet with committee members, engage in discussion and hear different perspectives from legislators who are outside of our districts. Two key focus areas of discussion included Center of Excellence for Cybersecurity Education and guided pathways initiatives at WCC.
- Services Awards were presented during Opening Week. It showcased the longevity of services for a number of employees including Leah Thompson and Lana Frazier who have been at WCC for over 30 plus years.
- On June 17, 2022, the College celebrated the achievements of its graduates at the 2022 commencement ceremony held on Whatcom's Orca Field. It brought a record number of students—262 walked, and over 2,600 attendees in total. This ceremony was a testament to WCC students' perseverance, dedication, and resilience in navigating the challenges of the last few years.
- Tim Douglas, former trustees, will be serving as the WCC Foundation board chair.

- President Kathi shared the following financial aid data for 2021-22:
 - 1128 students received Pell grants totaling \$3,738,056
 - 259 students received federal student loans totaling \$1,469,738
 - Washington College Grant awards totaled \$3,128,161 average of 884 students
 - College Bound Scholarship awards totaled \$70,883 average of 135 students
 - Passport to College awards totaled \$19,500 average of 4 students
- Strategic Planning is underway with the confirmation of core team members closed to completion. Additional information will be shared in the near future.
- WCC hosted the Indigenous People’s Day event on campus. President Kathi thanked Tanya Zaragosa-Rosas for serving as WCC representative on the planning group.
- A meeting has been scheduled with Bellingham School District representatives to discuss Community Transitions program and collaboration opportunities.
- WCC’s NyCTE will be hosting a Cybersecurity Summit on WCC campus in December. This by-invitation only summit will convene regional leaders and stakeholders in cybersecurity education to discuss strategies to address current and future national cybersecurity workforce needs.
- Rotary Club of Bellingham is hosting its weekly meetings on WCC campus. President Kathi thanked Ward Naf for working with the Rotary Club to host the meeting on campus.
- President Kathi presented at T3 Tribal Technology Training on September 15, 2022; highlighting WCC’s cybersecurity initiatives and programs.

REPORTS

- **ASWCC – Josha Norton**
Norton noted the Grand Opening of Orca Food Pantry on September 22, 2022 and expressed appreciation for Heidi Farani for her leadership and work.
- **WCCFT - Anna Wolff, President**
Wolff shared the list of WCCFT Union Executive Committee members:
 - Kirsten Egerstrom, VP for Full-time Faculty Affairs
 - Colleen McGoff, VP for Part-time Faculty Affairs
 - Tara Hughes, Secretary
 - Jim Drinkwine, Treasurer
 - Seth Greendale, Membership Chair
 - Erin Graham, Bargaining Chair
- **Administrative Services – Nate Langstraat**
Langstraat shared that the College has been in discussion with KMRE radio station to locate the radio station on WCC campus. The concept was shared with the College’s Campus Planning Committee and received support to continue the discussion. Additional information will be provided at future meetings.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➔ Chair Bohlke welcomed trustee Jeff Fairchild to the Board. She also shared that Trustee Rebecca Johnson will be serving as the trustee liaison to the WCC Foundation Board.

➔ Proposed 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting schedule

Chair Bohlke asked board members to review the schedule and send feedback to Rafeeka Kloke. The final schedule will be presented to the Board for approval in November.

➔ AACC Leadership Congress

Members of the board asked Chair Bohlke to serve as the board's voting delegate at this national meeting.

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 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.

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 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.



Chair of the Board

11/9/2022

Date

Kristi Myanek

11/9/2022

President and Secretary of the Board

Date