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BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

9:00 a.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Rebecca Johnson officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Wendy Bohlke, Steve Adelstein, John Pedlow, and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction; Eva Schulte, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement; Terri Thayer, Interim College Equity Officer; Kerena Higgins, Assistant Attorney General; and Rafeeka Kloke, Special Assistant to the President.

## ACTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Johnson called for public comment. She announced a 15 minutes public comment period with three minutes allocated to each individual. She also shared that the Board received a public comment from Selvi Zabihi prior to the meeting sharing her thoughts about Dr. Lasana Hotep's keynote on professional development day. Zabihi's public comment statement was forwarded to all members of the board.
- Tommaso Vannelli, faculty member and union president, asked the board to receive public comments with interest and compassion.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 9:05 a.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board until 11:55 a.m. as provided in RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a), to discuss collective bargaining...and ...to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation.

Chair Johnson announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, vice presidents Ed Harri and Nate Langstraat, Interim Director for College Equity, Terri Thayer, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

At 11:55 a.m. the Executive Session was extended for another 10 minutes

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 12:10 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



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Chair of the Board

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President and Secretary of the Board

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