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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Vice 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 Steve Adelstein, John Pedlow, and Teresa Taylor, constituting a quorum. Chair Rebecca Johnson was absent. Others present included President Hiyane-Brown; Nate Langstraat, Vice President for Administrative Services; Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction; Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services; 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 Adelstein and the **motion was approved.**
- Vice Chair Bohlke announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Consent Agenda**

Minutes of the August 19 -20, 2021 Board of Trustees Retreat.

Chair Johnson stated: "If there are no objections, item in the consent agenda will be adopted." As there were no objections, this item was adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ACTION ITEM

- Proposed revision to Policy 500 – Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programs (first reading, possible action)

Trustee Taylor moved to approve the proposed revision to Policy 500. It was seconded by Trustee Adelstein and the **motion was approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Kathi introduced Yvonne Cartwright, Interim Director for Communications and Marketing. Cartwright will serve as the public information officer and one of her priority projects is overseeing the website refresh among other duties.
- President Kathi thanked faculty and staff for all of their work in preparation for conversion to ctclink. In addition, she thanked Student Services staff for the implementation of Orca Central; Administrative Services for preparing campus for safe return and updating space in Heiner Center for Orca Central; and Instruction for fall and winter quarter planning.
- Enrollment numbers are down system wide. Colleges who are fully open and provide additional in-person classes have better enrollment numbers than those with less in-person classes.
- College's grants department has been busy with grant solicitations. The college recently received the following grants:
 - Area Health Education Center for Western Washington (AHECWW) received \$85,000 and will join Pyxis Partners' Community and Provider Gateway Initiative (CPGI) Network. Engagement activities will include informational booths and presentations at conferences; educational webinars and workshops; social media sharing; and op-eds, press releases, newsletters, and other digital media.
 - The College has been awarded a \$7.5 million grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF), elevating Whatcom Community College's (WCC) National Cybersecurity Training and Education Center (NCyTE) from a local and regional resource to a national source for nationally-recognized cybersecurity education advocacy.
 - The College is one of three institutions receiving a total of \$3 million from the National Science Foundation to fund collaborative research for embedding the use of inclusive, research-based instructional strategies within undergraduate STEM courses and departments.
- President Kathi attended a Welcome Orcas event at Cedar Hall in the beginning of the quarter and met some of our student residence who were excited to be on campus.

REPORTS

➔ ASWCC – Carlyn Finerty, President

Finerty introduced this year's ASWCC Executive Team: Kaitlyn Cox, Executive Vice President; Soren Keene-Wilson, Vice President for Programming; and Annika Jonson, Vice President for Clubs.

➔ Administrative Services – Nate Langstraat, VP

Langstraat provided an update on ctclink. The College will make the final "go" or "no go" decision on October 24, 2021 and with a "go" ctclink will go live on October 25, 2021. There have been regular communication with campus on progress and key dates.

➔ Instruction – Ed Harri, VP

Harri provided a brief update on enrollment for fall quarter. On the 10th day of the quarter, enrollment was down by 11% from last fall, which represents a decrease of 370 FTE. This was sizeable, and the enrollment levels from previous years differ significantly for various student groups. First generation students have decreased by 17%, Running Start students by 25%, students with a disability by 27%, student of color by 9%, and international students have increased by 30%.

The College offers 134 sections of in-person instruction taught by 109 faculty. 1,679 students taking at least one in-person class in fall quarter, out of a total student headcount of 4,371 students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ➔ At 2:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board to approximately forty-five minutes to evaluate the qualification of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee... 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...and to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase...

Vice Chair Bohlke announced that action was not anticipated. Guests included President Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Vice President Nate Langstraat, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

The Executive Session adjourned at 3:30 p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ➔ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



11/10/2021

Chair of the Board

Date



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President and Secretary of the Board

Date