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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

2:00 p.m.

- **CALL TO ORDER** Chair Rebecca Johnson officially called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Present in addition to the chair were trustees Wendy Bohlke, Steve Adelstein, and John Pedlow, constituting a quorum. Trustee Teresa Taylor 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 Adelstein moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Trustee Pedlow and the **motion was unanimously approved.**
- Chair Johnson announced that there is a designated time for public comment on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

➤ Consent Agenda

Minutes of the December 8, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Chair Johnson called for public comment. She announced a 15 minutes public comment period with 2 minutes allocated to each person.
- Nathan Hall, faculty, shared comments regarding student vaccine verification.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ➔ President Kathi shared the latest COVID planning efforts and VPI Search timeline. She also shared her appreciation for the contribution of Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction, during his tenure at WCC.
- ➔ President Kathi asked Ed Harri, Vice President for Instruction, and Luca Lewis, Vice President for Student Services to provide updates on enrollment and initiatives to support students.

Highlights included:

- December 2021 enrollment was down about 40%; however, due to the tremendous efforts from staff in reaching out and working with students; the college's overall enrollment in January 2022 was down 15%
- Instruction modality: 36% of all course offerings has an in-person component (24% hybrid and 12% face to face).
- Instruction continued to gather information on student attendance on a daily basis to make necessary adjustments.
- Student Services continued to adapt and adjust services to students in response to changes and challenges presented by ctclink, inclement weather, etc.
 - Continue to review and improve entry and onboarding process
 - Orca Central offers a one-stop center to serve new and returning students
 - Financial aid/emergency funds: \$7 million awarded with an additional \$2 million available
 - ctclink – staff made 1300 phone calls to students to help them set up ctclink accounts.
- ➔ Accreditation – Mid-cycle visit is scheduled in May 2022. This is a great opportunity to get early feedback from visiting team in preparation for WCC's seven year visit.
- ➔ President Kathi invited Arlen Harris, SBCTC Legislative Director, to provide a legislative update. Harris noted Senator Simon Sefzik appointed to fulfill late Senator Doug Ericksen's term. He encouraged the college to connect with the new senator. He also thanked President Kathi's leadership and WCC's initiatives both at the local and national level to advance cybersecurity workforce education.

REPORTS

➔ WCCFT – Anna Wolff, President

Wolff shared the following information in response to information shared by President Kathi at the previous board meeting.

- Wolff clarified that she responded to Invitation from cabinet to meet on behalf of faculty who spoke at previous board meeting so they did not feel singled out.

- The meeting referenced where there was a lack of invention included members of administration who were in attendance.
- The DEI work among faculty referenced in the report was not new.

Legislative report: WCCFT is working with Washington American Federations of Teachers (AFT) in preparation for Annual Lobby Day on February 2, 2022.

On behalf of faculty, Wolff extended her gratitude to Ed Harri for his services in different roles serving as faculty, dean and VPI at the WCC.

➔ **Instruction – Ed Harri, VP**

Harri expressed his gratitude to the board. He stated that he has always felt supported by the Board.

DISCUSSION/ITEMS OF THE BOARD

➔ **ACT Winter Conference**

Chair Johnson reminded board members that ACT Winter Conference scheduled on January 25, 2022 was recently changed from in-person to virtual.

- ➔ Chair Johnson thanked Ed Harri for his leadership and years of services. Other board members also shared their appreciation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ➔ At 3:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned for a closed Executive Session of the Board to approximately forty-five minutes as provided in RCW 42.30.140 and 42.31.110, 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 President Nate Langstraat, Vice President Ed Harri, and Assistant Attorney General Kerena Higgins.

The Executive Session was extended for an additional fifteen minutes. The Executive Session was adjourned at 4:00 pm p.m. and the Board reconvened into open session at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



2/16/2022

Chair of the Board

Date



2/16/2022

President and Secretary of the Board

Date