



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

January 18, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

Wenatchee Campus

Wenatchi Hall 2310/Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Paula Arno Martinez
Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and December 6, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of November 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting and November 7, 2022, Special Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Phylicia Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2418

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Athletic Department

Wenatchee Valley College's Athletics has had a transformative year. The 2022-2023 year is proving to be a period of rebirth, a time of considerable change, growth and excitement. The department is honored to be recognized and for the opportunity to showcase the hard work of our incredibly talented student-athletes and staff who support them.

WVC recently invested in athletics in a meaningful way by investing in a new staffing model: pairing head coach positions with part-time positions throughout campus.

Aaron Vaughn, Baseball Head Coach/Assistant Recreation Center Manager, was the first hire in July 2021. Since March 2022, WVC has hired six new head coaches in the following positions:

- **Felix Son Vu**, Men's Soccer / Student Employment Coordinator

- **Guilherme Ferreira**, Women's Soccer Coach / Recruiter-International Programs
- **Kris Groce**, Women's' Basketball Coach / Assistant Athletic Director
- **Matthew Vargas**, Men's Basketball Coach / Enrollment Services
- **Iris Rodriguez**, Softball Coach / Navigator
- **Maria Adams**, Volleyball Coach / Outreach and Marketing Specialist

WVC's Athletic Director, **Lance Lavetter**, hired in July 2022, is leading the department into a new era and creating new energy for the future of athletics at WVC.

In addition to focusing on fundraising and strengthening community relations, he will be leading efforts to improving climate, culture and the student athlete experience.

Director Lance thanked Dr. Chio for her vision, retention of students.

LPN to BSN

Nursing, welcomed 15 Licensed Practical Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (LPN to BSN) students this week to the Omak campus. They are an eager and grateful group of students that come from all over the state. We have one student that has been an LPN for 20 years and another that has been an LPN for 3 months, so the cohort is rich in diversity of experience.

With the financial support of a two-year Premera grant, WVC developed the LPN to BSN over the last two years. WVC is proud of the nursing programs and the impact these programs have on North Central Washington. We estimate upwards of 85% of nurses in the region have been trained at WVC, and the community support is great. Recently we have received requests to increase our enrollment from Confluence Health, and we have heard similar requests through our advisory committee over the years. The LPN to BSN program will be another opportunity for introducing more nurses to our desperately under-resourced healthcare system.

The LPN to BSN students also represent WVC's first cohort of AHEC Scholars as they learn more about rural healthcare disparities and their transformative role in mitigating these gaps.

Congratulations to WVC's full-time faculty, all of whom were deeply engaged in this work!

Brigid Chvilicek, Gretchen Aguilar, Jaime Minnock, Jennifer Capelo, Julia Robinson, Julie Smith, Kristen Baltz, Kristen Hosey, Mary Wolcott, Meleah Butruille, Susan Yale, Tina Gadeberg.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Reagan Bellamy, Executive HR Director introduced the following employees: Hillary Conner, Exercise Science Faculty; Adamari Hernandez, HR Assistant; Laura Guillen Reyes, CAMP Recruitment and Outreach Specialist; Ben Reagan, Catalog Librarian.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Arturo Mayo Lopez, ASWVC Wenatchee President

In addition to Arturo's written report, he shared that Student Senate traveled to Georgia for a conference.

Although the conference was canceled, they had the opportunity to sightsee. Senate currently has 10 members, down from 14. Part of the funds from the ticket sales from Knight at the Wild on Feb 10 will benefit WVC.

Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President

Held a tubing event, providing free tickets and free transportation for club members and students. Roller skating event is scheduled for on Feb 17. Mercedes Weeks is the new director of campus activities and Keilahni Pelton is serving as the secretary and treasurer.

Patrick Tracy, AHE President

Pat Tracy, Sharon Weist, and President Harrison will be meeting with Mike Steele and Keith Goehner and other representatives on Jan 26 during the faculty lobby day in Olympia. They will be advocating for an additional increase plus the COLA and full funding increases in the college system. There is a concern for the college district and WVC that positions are going unfilled because of the increase in the cost of living. Hoping that the next round of contract negotiations goes smoothly. Patrick would like to see the communication between the faculty and the board improve and he would like to better understand the function of the board.

Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA

Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a verbal report.

STAFF REPORTS

Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services

BAC meeting, legislative update: off to a good start, positive.

Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction

In addition to his written report Dr. Treat pointed out that based on the quarter 10-day census, two years ago the melt was 400 this year it's around 275. He is proud of the faculty and staff for their work on retention.

Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services

Dr. Flores did not add to her written report.

Dr. Faimous Harrison, President

Dr. Harrison did not add to his written report.

ACTION

Sabbatical Leave Requests

Recommendations for sabbatical leave follow the process outlined in AHE Contract, Article VII, Section H.2. The professional development committee received two applications from faculty seeking professional (sabbatical) leave during the 2023-2024 academic year. The applicant is Christa Cacciata, math instructor, requested leave during the 2023-2024 academic year and Peter Donahue, English instructor for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The committee carefully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the applications according to the guidelines of the sabbatical leave. The committee came to a decision to recommend a full-year sabbatical leave for Christa Cacciata beginning fall quarter of 2023, ending spring quarter of 2024 and a full-year sabbatical for Peter Donahue beginning fall quarter of 2023, ending spring quarter of 2024.

Paula Arno Martinez moved that the board approve a full-year sabbatical leave for Christa Cacciata for the 2023-2024 academic year and a full-year sabbatical leave for Peter Donahue for the 2023-2024 academic year. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2326

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:39 P.M.

Secretary

Chair