**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board Meeting**

February 21, 2024

Maguire Event Center - Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair (Zoom attendance)

Paula Arno Martinez, Vice Chair

Steve Zimmerman

Wilma Cartagena

Phylicia Hancock Lewis (Zoom attendance)

Also Present:

Cabinet Members

Faculty Members

Students

**BOARD WORK SESSION – 9:10 am**

* Trustee Jackson, Hancock Lewis, Arno Martinez and Cartagena will be attending the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC on Feb. 4 – 7. The Public Information Office is working on materials to share with State Representatives.
* The college financial burn rate is at 6.71%. The bidding climate continues to improve, benefiting capital projects. Getting ready to request federal funds for the Omak project through Representative Newhouse office. Ongoing issues with the dorms, including bathroom leak issues – the goal is to upgrade the facility as funds become available. Grants are up generating more cash on hand.
* Annual contract review: The board has reviewed the contract list and did not identify any conflicts of interest.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The trustees entered into an executive session for 45 minutes to discuss personnel matters under RCW 42.30. The executive session ended at 2:45.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**January 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and**

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of the January 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and the January 24, 2024 Special Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2351

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**Knight at the Wild**

The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation sponsored Knight at the Wild on Friday, February 9. The Wenatchee Wild hockey game is an opportunity to increase WVC’s visibility and engage the community. The event is a partnership between the WVC recruitment committee, WVC campus life, ASWVC student senate (Wenatchee and Omak), and the WVC Foundation.

Twenty clubs and programs tabled in the Town Toyota Center concourse to share information and provide free giveaways. Tickets to the game were sold by ASWVC (Wenatchee and Omak) and the WVC Foundation. Two sections in the “Wild Zone” were for WVC students, alumni, and employees.

The Women’s Service League of NCW also had their annual Diaper Toss during Knight at the Wild. All diapers thrown during the Diaper Toss went to the WVC Knights Kupboard. The Kupboard received 12,600 diapers and 18,204 wipes from the Diaper Toss.

**Applied Baccalaureate and Behavioral Health**

WVC is embarking on its newest Applied Baccalaureate (BAS). The BAS in Behavioral Health expands opportunities for WVC students pursuing Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, and Chemical Dependency. More than one in five adults live with a diagnosable mental health condition or addiction, yet Washington is ranked 32nd in access to mental health care for adults (38th for youth). Graduates of the BAS-BH will alleviate this shortage by delivering evidence-based interventions for common behavioral health conditions (i.e. depression, anxiety) as part of an integrated care team. WVC could not advance this work without the dedication and collaboration of Dean Yuritzi Lozano, Professor Bev Warman, Professor J’Lene George, and their Big Bend counterparts. Former Dean Holly Bringman and ASPIRE Director Cynthia Requa also supported the initiation of this work. In addition, WVC and BBCC have partnered with Thriving Together NCW, who obtained a Career Launch in Behavioral Health for a large service area inclusive of Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.

**Student Art Exhibit**

The WVC Art Department is honored by the opportunity to take over the Art Alley at Pybus for February to share works by talented students taking our art classes. These pieces represent a glimpse into the range of media being explored in the Music and Art Center, and the breadth of student types and interests studying with us.

WVC student-artists whose work is on display at Pybus Art Alley:

**Eden D’Atre, Felicia Avalos-Cruz,** **Nico Kitos,** and **Annika Ross** are Running Start students, most likely going on to degrees and professions other than art. In their art classes, they’ve earned Humanities credits for graduation and gained the skills needed to create some outstanding projects.

**Aislyn Ross** and **Sonja Knoop** are budding artists who will have taken several classes in the art department. They look to graduate from high school and WVC in the spring, and then study art at a university next year.

**Joanna Lavaun** will end up taking nearly every art class we have to offer, gaining as much experience as possible and developing an impressive portfolio before she heads off to a significant art program elsewhere.

**Ella Dickman** has focused on painting at WVC, and it shows in her highly developed skills. She is currently taking her third painting class at WVC.

**Melissa Rossato** and**Jeska Stowell,** are “non-traditional” students who have taken many studio classes through Continuing Education, with their presence in the studios making for a rich environment that benefits everyone.

**Carly Feddersen** and **Sue Edick** are accomplished artists who have returned to continue their growth and professional development as students in several of our classes, including Printmaking, Illustration, and Advanced Painting. Having them around raises the bar for everyone, inspiring students to do their best work.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Reagan Bellamy, Executive Director of Human Resources introduced the following employees: Yatzari Martinez-Guerra, TRIO Program Assistant and Magali Olguin Ramos, Benefits Navigator

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Keilahni Pelton, ASWVCO President**

Keilahni provided a report on events that took place on the Omak campus as well as upcoming events. Student Senate is doing a Black History Month book giveaway and will be going to Chelan for a retreat.

**Dania Cuevas Sandoval, ASWVC Vice President**

Dania Cuevas provided a report on events that took place on the Wenatchee campus as well as upcoming events. The Senate team was invited to Waltz (from the Wenatchee Wild) birthday party in March. S&A Fees will be presented to the board at the next meeting.

**Sharon Wiest, AHE President**

In addition to the written report, Sharon reported that the Higher Education Legislative Committee has new members. There will be a faculty social and retirement information meeting.

**Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**

In addition to the written report, Wendy reported having productive regular monthly meetings with Brett and Reagan. WPEA will have an interim representative as the previous representative resigned. A continuing concern for positions going unfilled.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**

Mr. Riley did not add to his written report shared during the work session.

**Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**

Dr. Treat did not add to his written report shared during the work session.

**Dr. Diana Garza, Vice President of Student Affairs**

Dr. Garza did not add to her written report shared during the work session.

**Dr. Faimous Harrison, President**

Dr. Harrison did not add to his written report shared during the work session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

**ACTION**

**000.280 COVID-19 Vaccinated Campus Policy**

Policy 000.280 is no longer relevant and needs to be rescinded.

Steve Zimmerman moved to rescind policy 000.280 COVID-19 Vaccinated Campus Policy. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2352

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:20 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair