

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Board Meeting**

January 15, 2020 – 3:00 P.M.

Room 2310, Wenatchi Hall

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

Phyllis Gleasman, Chair  
Tamra Jackson, Vice Chair (via Zoom)  
June Darling  
Steve Zimmerman

Also Present:

Cabinet Members  
Faculty Members  
Classified Employees  
Others

**CALL TO ORDER – 3:03 P.M.**

The regular board meeting was opened with the reading of the land acknowledgement statement by Board Chair, Phyllis Gleasman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. November 20, 2019, Board Meeting**

MOTION NO. 2325

June Darling moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2019 board of trustees meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Tamra Jackson and carried unanimously.

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**2. Men's Soccer Playoffs**

The Wenatchee Valley College men's soccer team celebrated a successful fall campaign in 2019, returning the program to heights not seen in well over a decade as they advanced to the NWAC quarterfinal match following a stunning overtime victory in the first round of the playoffs at Highline College.

The Knights were led by five strong sophomores, all born and raised here in the Wenatchee Valley and surrounding areas. Nearly the entire roster was built from right here at home in north central Washington, a testament to the quality and development of our youth throughout the region.

Following a promising preseason, the Knights were strong against THE toughest region in the conference, and even had an opportunity on the last weekend of the season to contend for the region title. Ultimately,

the Knights made the postseason for the first time since 2012, and were victorious in the postseason for the first time in over a decade.

The team should retain over 85 percent of its roster for next year, a figure that bodes well for continued success on the field.

3. **Center of Excellence, Student Study Abroad: Vietnam**

Three WVC students – Alex Capi, Leslie Moreno, and Junior Ramirez – represented WVC in a summer study abroad that followed Washington’s tastiest export– the apple – from Wenatchee Valley to wholesale and retail markets in Vietnam.

WVC partnered with the Center of Excellence for Global Trade and Logistics to provide a Follow the Supply Chain short term faculty led study abroad to Vietnam. Four colleges – WVC, Tacoma, Highline, and North Seattle – provided faculty expertise and student opportunity. This transformational learning experience began in the orchards of Chelan and Douglas counties, toured one of the production facilities and then followed the apple to wholesale markets in Vietnam. Students completed associated projects in courses such as business, logistics, international communications, or related courses to further integrate the learning. Funding raising by the Center of Excellence minimized student costs and helped WVC meet its goal to provide opportunity for students who might not otherwise be able to study abroad.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

4. **Lexi Reyna-Goodman, ASWVC Wenatchee President**

A written report from Lexi Reyna-Goodman was included in the board information packet. In addition to the written report, Lexi shared that the Senate winter retreat in collaboration with Omak was a success.

5. **Adrian Carrillo, ASWVC Omak President**

A written report from Adrian Carrillo was included in the board information packet.

6. **Patrick Tracy, AHE President**

Mr. Tracy presented the board with a vote of no confidence calling for the immediate removal of President Richardson. The reasons for the request of removal:

- His failure to uphold the duties he has been tasked with in his employment contract by not behaving in a professional manner and by injuring the reputation of the college.
- The effects his mismanagement has had on the college’s mission statement, specifically related to the college now being impaired in its ability to serve the educational needs of the community and to deliver high quality education.

Mr. Tracy handed President Richardson and each trustee a packet that included an eleven page report. Mr. Tracy requested that the trustees respond by January 22, 2020 otherwise he would release the report to the public.

7. **Mike Nelson, WPEA Chief Shop Steward**

Mr. Nelson shared his concern regarding the financial wellbeing of the college and the impact on classified staff. He is worried the workload of staff laid off will be distributed among classified staff only. President Richardson has not conveyed how the problem will be fixed or how it will move forward. He requested that the trustees be proactive and engaged in the future of the college.

## STAFF REPORTS

8. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**  
In addition to Brett Riley's written report, he thanked Janis Fredson, Beth Hayes and Brenda Galvan for their work with the budget.
9. **Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**  
A written report from Tod Treat was included in the board information packet.
10. **Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**  
A written report from Chio Flores was included in the board information packet.
11. **Jim Richardson, President**  
In addition to President Richardson's written report, he shared that he would be meeting with all three representatives from District 7 and 12.

## ACTION

12. **Sabbatical Leave Requests: Jim Richardson, President**  
Recommendations for sabbatical leave follow the process outlined in AHE Contract, Article VII, Section H.2. The professional development committee received one application from faculty seeking professional (sabbatical) leave during the 2020-2021 academic year. The applicant is Amy Shank, English instructor. The committee also received one application from faculty seeking professional leave during the 2021-2022 academic year. The applicant is Angela Russell, math instructor. 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 Amy Shank beginning fall quarter 2020, ending spring quarter 2021 and a full-year sabbatical for Angela Russell beginning fall quarter 2021, ending spring quarter 2022.

Steve Zimmerman moved that the board approve a full year sabbatical leave for Amy Shank for the 2020-2021 academic year and a full year sabbatical leave for Angela Russell for the 2021-2022 academic year. The motion was second by June Darling and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2326

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Reyna – Ms. Reyna voiced her concern over the college staff losing focus as to why it exist; the college is here to serve students and provide an education. There is a need to work together to fix the problem so that it does not happen again. She expressed her respect for President Richardson and the three vice presidents.

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:40 meeting adjourned.**

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Secretary

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Chair