



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

January 19, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.

WTI 2310/Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Paula Arno Martinez
Phyllis Gleasman

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 17, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION NO. 2379

Phyllis Gleasman moved that the minutes of the November 17, 2021 board of trustees meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. Transforming Lives Nominee

The Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) created the Transforming Lives Awards program in 2012 to recognize current or former students whose lives have been transformed by pursuing higher education at a community or technical college.

Wenatchee Valley College student Stacey Menley was selected by the Board of Trustees as the WVC nominee for the ACT Transforming Lives Award. Stacey was nominated by TRIO Student Support Services Director Sandra Villareal.

Menley is a business computer technology student and serves as the secretary for the Associated Students of WVC. She expects to graduate with an associate degree in business computer technology in summer 2022.

“I’ve lost family members and have had to face breast cancer on my own. My support system fell apart after my mother passed and I have been bouncing around from state to state seeking purpose and building my support network,” Stacey wrote in her application. “Last October, my 154-pound Great Dane, Zoey passed away. She

was the love of my life and my biggest support. It was a difficult loss for me while battling cancer and taking classes online.”

Once she graduates, Stacey plans to earn a bachelor’s in the cybersecurity program at Central Washington University. She currently volunteers at the Wenatchee Humane Society and donates regularly in honor of Zoey.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

3. Introduction of Employees

Regan Bellamy, Executive Director of Human Resources introduced Jill Leonard, Foundation Events and Communication Coordinator.

SPECIAL REPORTS

4. Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President

Mason Renslow provided the board with an update on on-campus and virtual events. The January 22, 2022, in-person senate retreat has been postponed to February due to safety concerns. ASWVC purchased Mission Ridge corporate ski passes to allow students to ski at no cost.

5. Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President

Abigail Steinshouer updated the trustee on events that happened at the Omak campus. ASWVCO provided three students with holiday baskets.

6. Wendy Glenn, WPEA

Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a verbal report.

7. Patrick Tracy, AHE President

Patrick Tracy shared concerns about enrollment at WVC and the impact it is having on the college and students. Based on the PACE survey, progress has been made with faculty having access to cabinet, currently working on an MOU, this is a step forward at improving communication. Patrick asked the trustees if they would be interested in individual faculty presentations to hear about faculty programs, challenges, success, etc. The trustees agreed that they would like to visit classes on board meeting days and also attend face-to-face lab courses.

STAFF REPORTS

8. Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services

Brett Riley did not add to his written report.

9. Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction

Dr. Treat’s expressed gratitude to the faculty as he recognizes that the term between fall and winter quarter is always challenging.

10. Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services

In addition to Dr. Flores’ written report she shared that graduation planning will commence in February, this year’s graduation will be in-person.

11. Dr. Jim Richardson, President

In addition to Dr. Richardson’s written report, he notified the board of trustees that he will be retiring as president of Wenatchee Valley College effective June 30, 2022. President Richardson has served as president for seventeen years and expressed his gratitude to the Board of Trustees and the entire WVC Community.

The Board of Trustees will hold a special board meeting on January 25, 2022, at 10:00 am to discuss the next steps in the presidential search.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:30 P.M.

Secretary

Chair