**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board Meeting**

March 20, 2024

Maguire Event Center - Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

 Tamra Jackson, Chair

 Paula Arno Martinez, Vice Chair

 Steve Zimmerman

 Wilma Cartagena

 Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

 Cabinet Members

 Faculty Members

 Students

**BOARD WORK SESSION – 10:10 am**

Trustees Paula Arno Martinez and Wilma Cartagena along with President Harrison attended Professor Sheffield’s creative writing class.

Professor Amanda Stringham shared about the Pharmacy Technology accreditation process, it’s the first accreditation for the Pharmacy Technology program. The accreditation is voluntary for programs and WVC’s program is 1 of 5 in the state.

The fund balance will be presented at the April board meeting. The approval of 2024-2025 budget is in June with the first read in May. CTEI project bids came in including five bid alternates one that includes the Central Building. The city has funding to do stormwater irrigation improvements – and will be doing storm rain remediation on campus.

Dr. Jenni Freeze presented options for the Omak LPN to BSN. One of the challenges for the program is hiring faculty to teach in Omak. The next step is for the trustees to review options.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**February 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of the February 21, 2024, Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2353

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**Business After Hours**

Wenatchee Valley College Foundation hosted Business After Hours on Thursday, February 29. Business After Hours is a monthly networking event organized by the Wenatchee Valley Chamber of Commerce and hosted by a different Chamber member each month. The event focuses on bringing together local business professionals.

Estimated attendance for the event was 75 people. About half of those in attendance were WVC alumni.

Lupe Brito, foundation development director, was the primary planner for WVC to be featured. The evening featured live piano music by student and scholarship recipient Tanner Burns, remarks from foundation executive director Rachel Evey, and a panel of WVC alumni moderated by Lupe Brito. The panel featured East Wenatchee Mayor Jerrilea Crawford, WVC head men’s soccer coach Lenin Guzman Sanchez, Diamond Foundry equipment engineer Pablo Cortez Gomez, and Evergreen Luxury Events owner Mayra Garcia.

Guests also got a preview of the MAC Gallery’s March exhibit by Kyung Hee "Kate" Im, a sculptor and installation artist. The exhibit highlights aspects of physical isolation and how isolation has been exaggerated.

The event would not have been possible without Karina Mendoza-Flores and Lenin Guzman Sanchez with WVC outreach and recruitment, volunteer foundation board members, foundation staff, custodial, Easton Hetterle with IT, catering by From Scratch by Us, and Scott Bailey with the WVC art department. Thank you to WVC leadership for supporting the event and Cabinet members Brett Riley and Pedro Navarrete for attending.

**Scrubs Camp**

The Central Washington Area Health Education Center (AHEC) held a Scrubs Camp on Friday, March 9 at the Omak Campus. 76 high school students from throughout Okanogan County participated in hands on exposure to Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician, and Radiologic Technician careers. AHEC Director Nancy Spurgeon and Coordinator Jordan Johnson were joined by faculty and staff from Wenatchee as well as community employers, sharing their love of helping others through health careers. The event was a wonderful success.

Survey data: 54 students turned in their pre and post-surveys. Students were asked to rank 1-4 (1-5 for one question) their knowledge about/interest in healthcare careers, with 1 being very little and 4 (5) being a lot. Some results (averages):

* How much did you know about health career choices? Pre-survey was a 2.5/4, post-

survey was 3.5/4

* How likely are you to go into a healthcare career? Pre-survey was a 4.2/5, post-survey

was 4.5/5

* How much do you know about college options for healthcare careers? Pre-survey was a

2.3/4, post-survey was 3.2/4

* Do you have an interest in a health profession career? Pre-survey was a 3.3/4, post-

survey was 3.6/4

* How did Scrubs Camp contribute to your interest in health careers? Post-survey was 3.8/4.

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**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Keilahni Pelton, ASWVCO President**

Keilahni provided a report on events that took place on the Omak campus as well as upcoming events.

**Lexie Fennell, ASWVC President**

Lexie Fennell provided a report on events that took place on the Wenatchee campus as well as upcoming events. The budget committee will convene in April and the hiring committee in May.

**Sharon Wiest, AHE President**

Faulty is working with Reagan Bellamy and Dr. Tod Treat for hiring. The financial meeting with faculty considering retirement was well attended and a second meeting was needed for adjunct faculty. The math department would like to have trustees attend their classes.

**Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**

Retention remains a significant area of focus. Would like to see compensation packages for employees - flexibility and support are taken into account as compensation.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

In addition to Mr. Riley’s written report, he shared that Cintas first aid kits were deployed, they are L&I sanction models and will be replenished as needed. Two more AED devices will be added as well as Narcan.

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

In addition to his written report, Dr. Treat thanked the faculty who served on the faculty tenure review committees.

**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**

According to Article V of the AHE contract, the tenure review committees have been established and have evaluated the non-tenured faculty members’ instructional and professional effectiveness. All tenure files were reviewed by the board of trustees and the files were discussed during the executive session.

Trustee Steve Zimmerman moved that faculty members Carolina Calderon-Martinez, Sandra Colbert, Jim Lin, Elizabeth McGregor, Jazmin Ruiz, Anna-Marie Spagna and Holly Thorpe be granted second-year probationary status after the successful completion of three quarters and faculty members Gretchen Aguilar, Kristen Baltz, Hillary Conner, Julie Fitch, Francisco Sarmiento-Torres, Branwen Schaub, Julie Smith and Nate Suhr be granted third-year probationary status after successful completion of six quarters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2354

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:12 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair