



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting
April 21, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE via Zoom

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Vice Chair
Steve Zimmerman
Wilma Cartagena

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **March 17, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION NO. 2358

Steve Zimmerman moved that the minutes of the March 17, 2021 board of trustees meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. **Audit**

Recently, the WVC Fiscal Services department was called out in a campus recognition email, called the Friday Kudo's. In light of recent success and triumphs, Cabinet has determined that a kudo's did not adequately recognize the achievement of Fiscal Services, more specifically, their Director Janice Fredson.

What warrants celebration is that through budget cuts, loss of personnel, ctcLink link preparation, transition and implementation, COVID 19 pandemic, and a gauntlet of audits (5 audits over 18 months) Janice and her team have kept us all on a principled fiduciary path. WVC has successfully completed each financial statement audit with consistent and marked improvement, with each of the last four audits being clean and finding free (three financial statement audits, one accountability). At a recent audit exit meeting, the State Auditor's Office made a point of thanking and recognizing Janice's work on the recent audits as well as noting the tremendous improvement in the college's financial condition in such a short period of time.

As stated in the kudo's, "what has been truly astonishing is the caliber of work our Fiscal Services team was able to accomplish amidst the noise of ctcLink." It is worth noting that not all audits are created equal, while financial statement audits evaluate the accuracy of an institution's financials, an accountability audit evaluates the legal and ethical use of our resources. When we ask ourselves as an institution if we are doing our work ethically and accurately, the results of the last four audits tell us, **Yes**. For that, we owe Janice a tremendous amount of appreciation.

3. **First Generation Banquet**

On April 8, 2021 the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion celebrated its 3rd annual, First Generation Celebration. This event helps celebrate and create community among our first-generation students, staff, and faculty. We showcased profiles that students, staff, and faculty shared with us.

As first generation college students, they face certain challenges. When a student chooses to attend college, they can experience a shift in identity, leading to a sense of loss. Not prepared for this loss, many first-generation students may come to develop two different identities — one for home and another for college. Although perhaps supportive of higher education, their parents and family members may view their entry into college as a break in the family system rather than a continuation of their schooling. Campus Life at WVC recognizes the importance of sharing the stories and successes of our students, staff, and faculty past and present.

The guest speaker was Analee Calvillo. She is a WVC alumna. Analee is the Program Manager/Latinx Outreach for the non-profit GWATA rebranding to NCW Tech Alliance located in Wenatchee. She earned her Master's degree in Public Administration from Eastern Washington University, where she studied public and non-profit management with an emphasis on serving Latinx students in higher education. As a first-generation student, she spoke about her obstacles and what it took to overcome them. Analee finds in her community mentors, leaders, and advocates that helped shape her into the strong, resilient Latina she is today.

4. **One College, One Book**

This winter, WVC announced the One College, One Book program. The aim of this program is to create a space for the WVC faculty and staff community to gather and discuss big ideas that affect all of us here in North Central Washington. With the help of an interdisciplinary committee of our peers, we selected *The Book of Unknown Americans* because it centers on communities and topics central not only to our service district, but to our country as a whole. As a Hispanic Serving Institution that offers programs and grants to immigrant and undocumented students and their families, the characters in this book are fictional, but not unreal. Their experiences are real and reflective of the experiences of our friends, family, neighbors and colleagues.

The WVC Foundation generously contributed funds toward bringing the book's author, Cristina Henríquez, in for a virtual visit on April 15, 2021 at 7 pm PST. [Registration for this event](#) was open to the public, as the WVC Libraries proudly partnered with NCW Libraries for this event. President Richardson contributed funds toward the purchase of 50 copies of the book, which were distributed to program participants.

The faculty and staff discussions on April 13 were lively and meaningful. Participants expressed that they were extremely interested in continuing this program as a twice-yearly event!

5. **All-Washington Academic Team**

The All-Washington Academic Team program recognizes and honors our state's finest higher education students. The students who make up the All-Washington (All-WA) Team reflect the diversity of the state, maintain high standards of excellence, and contribute positively to the community.

Wenatchee Valley College students **Heather Coffman** and **Kaila Harmier** were recognized as members of the 2021 All-Washington Academic Team during a virtual ceremony on April 15, 2021.

After waitressing for years, Heather made the decision to switch careers to something she is passionate about. By earning her Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing, Heather hopes to provide a more comfortable life for her children while showing them the importance of doing work that is meaningful to them. Heather plans to help deliver babies and comfort new mothers by continuing her education and becoming a Certified Nurse Midwife.

When Kaila dropped out of college eight years ago, her mother was disappointed. Her mother had always been very supportive and wanted Kaila to get her education. Four years later, her mother died of cancer and Kaila made a commitment then to get her nursing degree. By keeping the promise she made to her mother, Kaila hopes to show her two daughters that they can accomplish anything they set their mind to.

SPECIAL REPORTS

6. **Lina Mercado-Tejeda, ASWVC Wenatchee President**
Lina Mercado-Tejeda was not present to give a verbal report.
7. **Belinda Brown Raub, ASWVC Omak President**
Belinda Brown Raub added that they had a successful Green Campus event with speaker Dr. Janet Armstrong, an Okanogan native who spoke about sustainability and the importance of native people to be true to the land.
8. **Heather Ryan, AHE President**
Heather Ryan was not present to add to her written report.
9. **Mike Nelson, WPEA Chief Shop Steward**
Mike Nelson was not present to give a verbal report.
10. **Livia Milard/Jennifer Short, Omak Foundation**
In addition to the written report Jennifer Short, Treasurer, reported that the foundation has donated over \$10,000 in relief funds to the Omak Knights. They also continue to support internet and connectivity access in Nespelem.

STAFF REPORTS

11. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**
Brett Riley added that he and Dr. Flores met with Columbia Valley Community Health to discuss Telemedicine around mental health.
12. **Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**
Tod Treat shared that the Basic Food Education and Training program received 100 accommodations, he thanked Riva Morgan, Erika Schenkvonstauffenberg, Tina Gavin, Nayeli Cabrera and Andrew Behler for their hard work.
13. **Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**
Chio Flores did not add to her written report.
14. **Dr. Jim Richardson, President**
President Richardson did not add to his written report.

ACTION

1. 2022-2023 Academic Calendar: Dr. Chio Flores

MOTION NO. 2359

The Academic Calendar Committee began meeting in October 2020 to develop the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar, as outlined in Academic Calendar Procedure 1400.600. Drafts #1, and #2 went out to all campus for review and comments were received from faculty and staff. Draft #2 was reviewed in March by cabinet and presented to the board for review.

Steve Zimmerman moved to approve the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:28 P.M.

Secretary

Chair