**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Board Meeting**

May 28, 2024

Lucy Covington Government Center, Auditorium - Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair

Paula Arno Martinez, Vice Chair

Wilma Cartagena

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Zimmerman (excused)

Phylicia Hancock Lewis (excused)

Also Present:

Cabinet Members

Faculty and Staff

**BOARD WORK SESSION – 10:10 am**

**Welcome:** Kacey Palmer, College Administrator for the Colville Tribe welcomed the board of trustees. Also, in attendance, representing the tribes, were Samantha Turner and Mel Tonasket, a Business Council member. Mr. Tonasket thanked WVC for extending services to Nespelem.

**Program Data:** Samantha Turner presented tribal student data for the following programs: American Indian Indigenous Studies, Early Childhood Education, High School+, and Language/College in the High School.

Hilary Martinez, WVC Early Childhood Education Director shared that in-person instruction for the program is highly successful and they have made curriculum adjustments to serve the population. High School+ has an age requirement of 18 years or older however, exceptions can be made down to 16 years of age.

**Updates:** President Harrison provided updates on the strategic plan. Sage Consulting hosts listening sessions as well as community surveys. There is a lot of intentionality to ensure that more voices are included throughout the region WVC serves. Also, looking at the opportunity to have a tribal liaison and faculty combined position, some tribal members are qualified to serve in the role.

**Next Steps**: Need to renew the MOA, currently working with an expired one. Commitment is important to both the college and the tribes.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**REQUEST TO AMEND AGENDA**

Paula Arno Martinez moved to amend the meeting agenda to table the following action items for the June board meeting: 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees Waivers, 2024 – 2025 Student Fee Schedule, ASWVC Financial Code Revision, 2024 – 2025 Service & Activity Fee Budget. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2358

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**April 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of the April 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2359

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**High School+**

High School+ Program is a collaborative offering between the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Wenatchee Valley College. It is designed to assist adults in completing required credit hours and coursework to earn their Washington state high school diploma.

Local classes are offered at the Agency Campus in the Employment & Education Resource Center in Nespelem.

Students who completed the program are recognized by the Tribes during the WVC Board of Trustees work session gifting the graduates a Pendleton blanket. Since its inception, the program has graduated close to 20 students.

**BAS in Teaching**

On Friday May 17, the BAS-Team of Dr. Marie Rose-McCully, Dean Yuritzi Lozano (on her last official day), Nayeli Cabrera, and Katie Peet presented a Focused Follow-Up to the PESB Board (the teacher educator licensing body).

Educator preparation programs (EPPs) are initially approved to serve and instruct candidates for 27 months. Before the 27-month period ends, the Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB)

conducts a site visit to determine if the program complies with state requirements based on standards alignment, demonstration of annual indicators, and continuous improvement. Following an initial program review, Board members make an approval decision regarding the program.

The Focused Follow-Up from last year’s initial program review addressed several areas WVC needed to improve upon before the program could be considered fully approved. Dr. Rose-McCully and her team worked on the areas over the last year and addressed progress that resolved each concern fully. At the conclusion of their presentation, the PESB Board unanimously approved full approval for WVC’s BAS in Teaching!

I am very proud of the team’s professionalism, thoughtfulness, and preparation in meeting this important milestone. Congratulations, Dr. Rose-McCully and all!

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Keilahni Pelton, ASWVCO President**

Keilahni added that May Fest was a success; students look forward to the end-of-year trip and graduation.

**Lexie Fennell, ASWVC President**

Lexie Fennell was not present to provide a report.

**Sharon Wiest, AHE President**

AHE President, Sharon Wiest provided a written report.

**Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**

Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a report.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Riley’s 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 was not present to add to her written report.

**Dr. Faimous Harrison, President**

Dr. Harrison added that he wants to move forward with a vision aligning with the college mission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

**ACTION**

**2025-2026 Student Calendar**

The Academic Calendar Committee began meeting in late 2023 to develop the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar, as outlined in Academic Calendar Procedure 1400.600. Drafts went out to all campus for review and comments were received from faculty and staff. The final draft was reviewed in April by the cabinet and presented to the board for review.

Trustee Paula Arno Martinez moved to approve 2025-2026 Student Calendar. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2360

**New Policy 000.370 Campus Security Authority**

The proposed new policy 000.370 Campus Security Authority was discussed during the board work session.

Wilma Cartagena moved to approve new policy 000.370 Campus Security Authority. The motion was seconded by Trustee Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2361

**Resolution No. 2024-02 Cell Tower Expansion**

Wenatchee Valley College has been approached by our contracted cell tower operator requesting to install additional infrastructure at the current location. Wenatchee Valley College is seeking Board approval to enter contractual negotiations with the operator through the Department of Enterprise Services to expand our existing contract to include this additional infrastructure.

Trustee Paula Arno Martinez moved to approve Resolution N. 2024-02 Cell Tower Expansion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2362

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:11 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair