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MINUTES
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 9, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85338964990>

Meeting ID: 853 3896 4990

Dial by location

1-253-215-8782

A. Roll Call Introduction of Guests and New Employees

Board of Trustees Present

Patrick Baldoz
Neil McClure, Chair
Bertha Ortega

Others Present

YVC Students
YVC Faculty & Staff

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

Trustees Absent

Cus Arteaga, excused
Dr. Sara Cate, excused

Introduction of Guests and New Employees, Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resources, introduced Jennifer Ernst, VPISS and Leslie Potter-Henderson, Director of Library & Media Services.

B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

C. Approval of Minutes: Trustee Baldoz moved that the minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of June 10, 2021 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Chair McClure and passed unanimously.

D. Action Items:

1. Approval of the 2019-2020 Single Audit

Dr. Teresa Rich stated that Washington state agencies receiving federal grants are included in Washington State's Single Audit. The State Board is the primary agency audited for the colleges, however, each year two Washington community colleges are selected to be included in the audit. In Spring 2020, Yakima Valley College was contacted by the Washington State Auditor's office and notified we had been selected to participate in the Washington State Single Audit for FY1920. The following federal financial aid programs: Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, Federal Pell, and Federal Direct Student Loans would be audited for compliance with Department of Education program requirements. The audit began in August 2020, and continued through April 2021. The final audit report was posted on State Auditor's Office website in June 2021. Three findings were identified during the audit. They were monthly financial aid reconciliations of direct loan disbursements not performed, lack of internal controls over verification of financial aid applicants, and inaccurate enrollment reporting due to a system configuration error. Corrective Action Plans have been implemented and provided to the State Auditor's Office.

MOTION 21-09-01: Trustee Ortega moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Single Audit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baldoz and passed unanimously.

E. Communications: There were no communications.

F. Reports

1. **Board of Trustees.** Chair Mclure asked the attending board members if either of them was available to attend the September 14th Foundation meeting. Trustee Baldoz indicated he was a tentative yes.
2. **Students:** No Student Reports
3. **Classified Staff** – Cathy Van Winsen, WPEA Representative, indicated it had been a quiet summer and she had nothing new to report.
4. **Professional Staff** – Ms. Hillary Emerson, AFT-YPS Professional Representative indicated they had a membership meeting a few weeks ago to discuss the vaccine mandates and she thanked Steve for attending at the beginning of that meeting to discuss processes. She indicated they are planning for the next round of negotiations and were working on setting up the meetings.
5. **Faculty** – Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President indicated that faculty was gearing up for the start of the new quarter, there 600 students signed up for New Student Orientation, faculty will be meeting with them via calls, email and zoom. Upcoming meeting to negotiate nurse educator funds. New faculty orientation is scheduled for tomorrow and convocation starts next week. She indicated that faculty have mixed feelings about online convocation. Rachel mentioned that some labs and classes would be coming back to campus.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** – Dr. Teresa Rich presented an information item that stated The Washington State Legislature approved an increase in tuition and fees for Community and Technical Colleges of up to 2.8 percent. At your June 10, 2021, Board meeting, due to system timing issues we asked you to preapprove the setting and use of the tuition and fee rates established by the legislature and later approved by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges at their June 2021 meeting. We additionally stated that we would provide the updated schedules once they were available. A copy of the information item and its attachments are filed with these minutes in the president’s office. Dr. Rich provided the Board with an update on ctcLink, we are just 34 weeks away from our ctcLink go-live on May 9, 2022. Dr. Rich provided the Board with a construction update, wrapping up the Grandview Lab remodel and getting ready to start the WSU Nursing building update. The information item is filed with these minutes in the president’s office.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** – Dr. Jennifer Ernst provided an update and clarification on action item 21-05-01 presented at the May board meeting that approved the use of reserve funds in the amount of \$353,500 to procure student success software. She clarified the manner in which the funds will be paid out due to restriction on paying for this type of service contract in advance, so funds will be paid on a yearly basis instead of one lump sum. Dr. Ernst congratulated Dr. Loeser and Wilma Dulin for their successful grant application for nearly \$500,000 STEM grant with the National Science Foundation.
8. **President** –
Community Relations Report – Mr. Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations was not present, his written report is filed with these minutes in the president’s office.



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Human Resource Activity Report – Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director of Human Resource, indicated that HR has been busy communicating with faculty and staff regarding the vaccine mandates. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president’s office.

President’s Report – 1) Dr. Kaminski discussed attending an in-person introduction meeting with the new president of CWU as well as members of their executive staff. 2) She discussed next week’s convocation schedule and invited members of the board to attend. 3) Dr. Kaminski discussed attending a Listening Tour sponsored by AACC. Most Washington Community College presidents were in attendance. She indicated it was a good session discussing a budget reconciliation bill that includes lots of good stuff for community colleges. As well as discussions on diversity and access to technology. 4) President Kaminski discussed her meetings with Memorial Hospital to stay up to date on local issues regarding COVID, the next meeting is tomorrow.

G. Call to the Public - No one present indicated a desire to address the Board.

H. Date of Next Meeting— The next meeting will be, October 14, 2021.

I. Executive Session – No executive session was called.

J. Action Items – N/A

K. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

NEIL MCCLURE
Neil McClure, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary