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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE
November 12, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

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Chair Baldoz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees

Board of Trustees Present

Dr. Sara Cate
Patrick Baldoz, Chair
Neil McClure, Vice Chair
Rosalinda Mendoza

Others Present

YVC Students
YVC Faculty & Staff

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

Board of Trustees Absent

Cus Arteaga, Excused

Introduction of Guests and New Employees. Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, introduced Marivy Vasquez, Retention Specialist; Myra Hernandez, HR Consultant Assistant 1; Miguel Martinez, Assistant Director of Business & Accounting Services; Hector Saez-Nunez, Economics Instructor.

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

C. Approval of Minutes: Trustee McClure moved that the minutes of the Special Meetings of October 8, 2020 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

D. Action Items:

1. **Exceptional Faculty Awards – Fall 2020.**

Mr. Tomas Ybarra, stated that the Washington State Legislature under RCW 28B.50.835 authorized an exceptional faculty award program to “foster partnerships by creating matching grant programs to assist public community and technical colleges in creating endowments for funding exceptional faculty awards.” In 1992, Yakima Valley College and the YVC Foundation agreed to participate in the program for exceptional faculty.

In 2001, in accordance with RCW 28B.50.843, the college negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the faculty union regarding the process for determining local awards from the Exceptional Faculty Awards fund invested by the YVC Foundation. The MOU reflected the division structure in place at that time.

The faculty union executive board and the college have agreed on a Faculty Development Committee that reflects the current division structure. The committee is composed of one dean, one Arts & Sciences faculty, one Workforce Education faculty, one College and Career Readiness faculty, one faculty counselor, and one librarian. This committee has received and reviewed one (1) faculty proposal for fall 2020. The recommendation is provided in the document submitted today for the board's approval.

MOTION 20-11-01: Trustee Mendoza moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the recommended award amounts to the recipients as submitted by the Faculty Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee McClure. Trustee Mendoza inquired about the low number of applicants compared to the past and if it was related to COVID. Vice President Ybarra confirmed that COVID concerns over public health and travel were a factor. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Communications. There were no communications.

F. Reports

1. **Board of Trustees.** Dr. Cate discussed her involvement with ACT's By-Law Committee and their focus on looking at the by-laws through the lens of equity. She also discussed attending today's ACT legislative action committee meeting. Trustee Mendoza discussed her participation in ACT's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee, there will be a long meeting tomorrow about how to infuse diversity in the onboarding of trustees.
2. **Students:**
 - Penny Tahmalwash, ASYVC President,** discussed the October 12th Native fry bread live cooking demonstration to celebrate Indigenous People's Day.
 - Abraham Lopez, GSC President,** discussed the October breast cancer awareness blog that mentioned how people can donate to the Susan G. Komen Puget Sound Foundation. A copy of the full student report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.
3. **Classified Staff** – No report
4. **Professional Staff** – Ms. Hillary Emerson, AFT-YPS Professional Representative shared that the professional staff contract has been ratified and signed and is done. She thanked everyone for their participation and indicated it went smoothly.
5. **Faculty** – Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President, discussed the recent changes to advising week and talked about getting ready for the end of the quarter.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** – Dr. Teresa Rich indicated that there was one change to the operating budget report. In the third allocation from SBCTC, YVC received \$90,315 for our aerospace apprenticeship program, bringing our current state allocation total to \$24,156,692 which includes our one time money. Dr. Rich provided an update on ctcLink, staff are working diligently through the first round of ctcLink training and that we are seeing good progress. Dr. Rich shared that on October 27th work began on the Grandview Campus lab renovation project.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** – Mr. Tomás Ybarra indicated that the tenure review process is underway, there are five 2nd year and four 3rd years with no 1st year reviews so this year will be easier than in the past. Tomás thanked Rachel for her remarks on pathway advising. Without the leadership of the faculty we would not have such a robust system.

The facilities for this meeting are free of mobility barriers. Interpreters for deaf individuals and taped information for blind individuals will be provided upon request when adequate notice is given.

Student Services Report. Dean Leslie Blackaby provided the Board with an update on how the student services division has adapted to providing services online. Dean Blackaby discussed Counseling and Advising, Disability Support Services, Financial Aid and Running Start. A copy of the full report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

8. President

Community Relations Report – Mr. Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations, discussed the upcoming virtual grand opening of West Campus. He indicated that the next addition of the Campus Update will be coming out in mid-December. Dustin talked about the recent media coverage of grants to launch the CAMP program and to extend TRIO support services. Dr. Kaminski reminded the Board of the upcoming filming of the ribbon cutting on December 7th at 12. A copy of the full report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

Human Resource Activity Report – Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, discussed the recent uptick in retirements and resignations. He and his staff are watching staffing levels closely. Mr. Sloniker took the opportunity to remind everyone that we are currently in open enrollment for any changes to medical plans. Steve indicated that there will be an Equity in Hiring meeting tomorrow with a focus on faculty hiring.

President's Report – 1) Dr. Kaminski thanked Trustee Cate for attending the ACT LAC meeting today and discussed the conversation on the State's budget deficit and how the legislature will be meeting i.e. virtual or hybrid. 2) President Kaminski discussed attending a WACTC webinar on 11/10 and the Hispanic Chamber meeting on October 28th. 3) She talked about an October 16th meeting with college and university presidents to discuss ways to build effective, sustainable programs and initiatives focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. 4) She reminded the Board that she had sent them a link to a WSU webinar on Dismantling Racism: The Game of Change.

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

H. **Date of Next Meeting**— The next Special meeting will be **January 14, 2021**.

I. **Executive Session.** No executive session was called.

J. **Action Items.** N/A

K. **Adjournment.**

PATRICK BALDOZ
Patrick Baldoz, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary