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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION

YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 10, 2022 3:30 p.m.

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Vice Chair Arteaga called the special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Trustees present were Vice Chair Arteaga, Chair McClure, Trustee Baldoz and Trustee Cate.

A. Annual Report of YVC Student Outcomes

Sheila Delquadri, Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, presented on YVC student outcomes. Sheila discussed the NWCCU revised standards and that participation in the Postsecondary Data Partnership (PDP) is not required so YVC can only compare our data to those that participate. Sheila indicated that YVC's rates are higher than our region in all categories. Trustee Baldoz inquired if there was a reason. Dr. Kaminski indicated that YVC's participation in Achieving the Dream and Guided Pathways before our peer colleges has given YVC a head start over our region. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

B. Proposed Workforce Education Division Student Fees for 2022-23

Dr. Jennifer Ernst, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, presented proposed WED student fee increases. Dr. Ernst indicated that increase in cost of materials and the current supply chain complications are the driving force of the fee increases. Chair McClure inquired specifically about the increases to VET Tech. Dr. Ernst indicated that the cost of upgrading masks, ventilators is part of the increase but also that COVID aid funds have ended. Trustee Baldoz inquired about the potential of students facing increased costs for all their classes. Dr. Kaminski indicated that students can use their Pell grants and other financial aid to pay the class fees. Trustee Baldoz asked what the total increase would be per quarter for a student who is taking VET Tech or Dental Hygiene. Dr. Ernst will get that information to the Board. A copy of the proposed fee increases are filed with these minutes in the president's office.

The study sessions adjourned at 4:03 p.m., the regular meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees

Board of Trustees Present

Cus Arteaga, Vice Chair
Patrick Baldoz
Dr. Sara Cate
Neil McClure, Chair

Others Present

YVC Students
YVC Staff & Faculty

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

Trustees Absent

Bertha Ortega - excused

Introduction of Transforming Lives Awardee and Guests and New Employees. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, introduced Mike Schantz the Transforming Lives Awardee. The Board congratulated Mike on his selection. Steve Sloniker introduced Vanessa Tucker, Learning Experience Navigator; Cristy Rasmussen, Director of STEM; and Alex Bazan, Re-Entry Corrections Navigator.

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

C. Approval of Minutes: Chair McClure moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2022 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

D. Action Items:

1. Exceptional Faculty Awards – Winter 2022

Dr. Jennifer Ernst, 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 eight (8) faculty proposals for winter 2022. The final recommendations are provided in the document submitted today for the board's approval.

MOTION 22-02-01: Chair McClure 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 Cate and passed unanimously.

2. Sabbatical Leave Recommendation for Peter Monahan

Dr. Linda Kaminski stated that in accordance with our negotiated faculty agreement, a Faculty Sabbatical Leave Committee was convened to review requests for sabbatical leave. I have met with the Sabbatical Leave Committee and the successful applicant, and I am pleased to recommend to the Board of Trustees a one quarter sabbatical for Peter Monahan.

Mr. Monahan's objective is to travel throughout Latin America to gain a first-person lens to the cultural diversity and distinct linguistic variations, as well as to the physical and political geography of places frequently referenced in his courses.

MOTION 22-02-02: That the Board of Trustees approves, for the 2022-2023 academic year, a one-quarter sabbatical leave for Peter Monahan; provided that he negotiates a contract with the college covering the time frame for the leave and the activities to be conducted during and after the sabbatical.

E. Communications: There were no communications.

F. Reports

1. **Board of Trustees.** Chair McClure will give a report on his attendance of the AACCC Legislative Summit at next months meeting.
2. **Students:** Kayla Villanueva, ASYVC Yakima President, shared current events, the Food Pantry opened on February 1st, and pre-filled bags of food items as well as diapers and other personal items are made available to students. Dr. J a nationally renowned TEDx speaker is coming Winter quarter and she discussed the Virtual Game Wednesdays, which is a collaborative effort between five other Washington colleges to provide virtual trivia, bingo and other creative events.

Lily Villa, ASYVC Grandview President, discussed the Happy Hugging Blog Post and a meeting with President Kaminski and members of ASYVC on January 26th to discuss legislative priorities for the 2022 legislative session. Lily introduced Amanda Lawson a representative of the STEM club. Amanda shared about her experiences at YVC and a recent STEM workshop. A copy of the full report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

3. **Classified Staff** – No one present

4. **Professional Staff** – No one present
5. **Faculty** – Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President presented on Status of Full-time, Adjunct and Tenure Track Faculty at YVC. The presentation contained information about Full-Time to Part-Time ratios, Full-Time vs. Part-Time faculty on campus, Loss of Full-Time and Tenured/Tenure-Track Positions, Pay Rate Comparisons, SB 5194 Relating to equity & access in higher education, Funding Gap and Request for more Funding. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes in the president's office.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** – Dr. Teresa Rich shared that ctcLink go live is only 12 weeks away. User acceptance testing is ongoing.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** – Dr. Jennifer Ernst discussed a new partnership with ESD 105 called Transitions. ESD received a grant to provide support to their developmentally challenged students while they access YVC classes through our College and Career Readiness division. She thanked Dean Marc Coomer for his leadership in developing the partnership. Dr. Ernst discussed the restructure of administration to better support STEM programs. Dr. Ernst introduced Cristy Rasmussen the new STEM Director and Vanessa Tucker First Year Experience Navigator. Dr. Ernst discussed looking toward new plans for post-COVID, to continue to our process of improving our students' educational experience. She thanked Kevin Hager and the eLearning committee for working on a grant-funded project to improve our facilities. A copy of the full report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.
8. **President**
Community Relations Report. Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations, discussed the positive media response to the ASYVC Food Pantry, the recently launched social media campaign for Running Start and that National Community College Awareness month is in April. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

Human Resource Activity Report – Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, discussed the Campus Climate Survey that was recently sent out. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

President's Report. 1) Dr. Kaminski discussed her presentation to Sunrise Rotary on February 2nd. 2) President Kaminski thanked Vice Chair Arteaga for attending the state auditor's financial audit entrance conference on February 3rd. 3) Dr. Kaminski thanked the Board for their support of the recent letters to our legislators. 5) Dr. Kaminski discussed the recent enrollment numbers showing an overall decline of 18%, with Fall quarter down 11%. We do still have some federal money but that will come to an end and we have to be realistic how we spend it. Additionally reserve funds are also temporary money and tenured faculty are permanent positions.



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- 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 Thursday, March 10, 2022.
- I. **Executive Session.** No executive session was called.
- J. **Action Items.** N/A
- K. **Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

NEIL MCCLURE

Neil McClure, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI

Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary