



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 17, 2021

3:00 P.M. – 3210, Wenatchee Hall/Zoom

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address the board must sign up and limit their remarks to three minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: An Executive Session may be called for any reason allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30)

BOARD MEETING: **November 17, 2021**

AGENDA ITEM : **#1 - Action**

CATEGORY: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Minutes of October 20, 2021

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes from the October 20, 2021 regular board meeting for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes from the October 20, 2021 regular board meeting be approved.

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**Regular Board Meeting**

October 20, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

Board Room/Zoom

MINUTES**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Paula Arno Martinez

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****1. September 8, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION NO. 2376

Steve Zimmerman moved that the minutes of the September 8, 2021 board of trustees meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS**2. Washington State Pharmacy Technician of the Year**

An enthusiastic congratulations to Pharmacy Technician Program Director **Amanda Stringham**. She was selected as the Washington State Pharmacy Association Pharmacy Technician of the Year. She will be awarded on Oct. 30 at the WSPA Awards Luncheon. Amanda was nominated by Confluence Health Pharmacy staff, Skillsource, and WVC coworkers.

Here is what The Washington State Pharmacy Association had to say about Amanda:

Amanda is the director of the Wenatchee Valley College Pharmacy Technician Program that launched in 2019. Many of Amanda's colleagues marveled at her determination and success as her first class of students started in January 2020. She didn't miss a beat as she pivoted to a (majority) virtual-based education model on top of successfully launching the program. She has had an outstanding pharmacy technician career and is highly involved with promoting the advancement of pharmacy technicians.

Amanda attended Western Washington University in 1997 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. After working as a chemist for several years, she found inpatient pharmacy better fit her interests. She became a Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician in 2002. In 2007, she assisted in converting the

chemotherapy infusion center into a pharmacy-led program, where she continued to work as a chemo certified technician until 2019. After a year working with the advisory board for the pharmacy technician program at Wenatchee Valley College, she applied for and was selected as the instructor and coordinator.

Under the supervision of the director, Amanda has developed a robust, comprehensive four-quarter technician training program that prepares students to sit and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

3. Mental Health Pilot Program

WVC was selected to receive Mental Health Counseling and Services (MHCS) grant this year as part of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) grant pilot program.

WVC is one of four Washington colleges selected for the pilot program. The college will receive \$250,000 over the next two years to expand student access mental health counseling and services. The program is [part of a bill](#) passed by the Washington state Legislature during its 2021 session.

Through the pilot grant WVC will hire a full-time Faculty Counselor and half-time College Navigator. These positions will allow for an additional one or two days of counseling services on the WVC at Omak campus. The navigator will work to establish partnerships with community resources and support the counseling department with triaging and appointments.

“We understand that the need for mental health counseling for college students is more pressing than ever,” said Dr. Chio Flores, vice president of student services. “This grant will allow us to more effectively serve students who are struggling.”

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

4. Introduction of New Omak Employees

Dr. Tod Treat introduced Gina Graham, Director of Tribal Relations and Kim Belgarde, Running Start Educational Planner. Both Gina and Kim are members of the Colville Tribe.

SPECIAL REPORTS

5. Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President

Mason Renslow introduced the newly elected ASWVC positions. ASWVC October events include a pumpkin carving contest, Halloween event, rock climbing intermural and Dias de los Muertos.

6. Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President

ASWVCO held their first cabinet meeting and are actively seeking students to fill government positions.

7. Patrick Tracy, AHE President

Patrick Tracy was not present to provide a verbal report.

8. Mike Nelson, WPEA Chief Shop Steward

Mike Nelson was not present to give a verbal report.

9. Omak Foundation Report, Livia Milard

The foundation continues to provide book funds through the David Lindeblad Memorial Book Fund. The amount was increased from \$50 per student to \$75.

STAFF REPORTS

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

Brett Riley did not add to his written report.

11. **Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**

Victor Mendez, WVC Omak student was highlighted in the OK Cope site. Kudos to the Omak staff, weekly staff meetings are going well and a lot of great things are happening.

12. **Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**

Dr. Chio Flores did not add to her written report.

13. **Dr. Jim Richardson, President**

Dr. Richardson thanked Ty Jones for leading the college through the NWCCU Ad Hoc visit and Dr. Flores and Dr. Treat for their involvement. President Richardson recognized the hard work of the human resources department during the vaccine verification and exemption process.

ACTION

14. **2021-2022 Operating Budget: Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services.**

The Wenatchee Valley College 2021-2022 Operating Budget was reviewed in detail during the board work session.

MOTION NO. 2377

Paula Arno Martinez moved that the 2021-2022 Operating Budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

(Exhibit A)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:25 P.M.

Secretary

Chair

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AGENDA ITEM: **#2 - Information**

CATEGORY: **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

WVC Among Aspen Institute's top 150 Community Colleges

BACKGROUND:

WVC was named this week to the Aspen Institute's College Excellence Program list of top 150 community colleges in the nation.

The honor allows WVC to compete for \$1 million in shared prize funds to be awarded in 2023. The Aspen Prize recognizes community colleges for outstanding student outcomes in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

"It is an honor to be included in the list of the Aspen Institute's top 150 community colleges," said WVC President Jim Richardson. "Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to remove barriers, prepare students for careers or transfer, improve student success and achieve equitable outcomes for all students."

The Aspen Institute selects the top 150 colleges from more than 1,000 public community and technical colleges nationwide. The Aspen Prize was established in 2011 and is awarded every two years. Nine other Washington community and technical colleges were nominated this year.

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AGENDA ITEM: **#3 – Information**

CATEGORY: **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Introduction of New Employees: Reagan Bellamy, Human Resources, Executive Director

BACKGROUND:

Reagan Bellamy will introduced new employees.

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AGENDA ITEM: **#4 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President

BACKGROUND:

CURRENT MEMBERS:

President: Mason Renslow
Vice President: Ariana Villalobos
Treasurer: Katie Moore
Secretary: Stacey Menley
Director of Campus Activities: Alexis Morales
Director of Diversity: Kelvin Ramos
Director of Public Relations: Genesis Fermin-Hernandez
Director of Social & Civic Responsibility: Riley Lamb
Director of Health and Wellness: Eleno Mendez
Student Ambassador: Jordan Tidwell
Student Ambassador: Xitlali Solano
Student Ambassador: Miriam Rivera

Two new senate members added: Miriam Rivera and Jordan Tidwell. Team is now full.

EVENT UPDATES:

- ☞ The Pumpkin Carving Contest went great. There were approximately 35 participants with 6 competitors, two of which won prizes.
- ☞ The Intro to Rock Climbing Intramural was good. Roughly 10 students participated.
- ☞ The Halloween Event was successful. It consisted of a movie, food, and a costume contest. We had approximately 20 students participate.
- ☞ Dia de los Muertos went great. Students had the opportunity to learn about this holiday with speakers, paper flower making, and sugar skull painting.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ Nov. 9th Rock Climbing Intramural
- ❖ Nov. 10th Veteran's Day Ceremony
- ❖ Nov. 12th Student Senate Hangout
- ❖ Nov. 17th Turkey Bowl Event Intramural
- ❖ Nov. 19th Bowling Event
- ❖ Nov. 29th Virtual Pie Eating Contest

SENATE ACTIONS AND APPROVALS:

- ❖ Senate approved employees using Rec Center for free for the remainder of Fall quarter
- ❖ Senate approves \$50 for Kenneled for a cause partnership
- ❖ Senate approves \$1,000 for Virtual Pie eating contest
- ❖ Senate approves \$2,700 for t-shirts and jackets as Senate gear.
- ❖ Senate approves \$200 for the Student Senate Hangout.

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AGENDA ITEM: **#5 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak Vice President

BACKGROUND:

Current cabinet: President: Abigail Steinshouer, Vice President: Monique Samuels, Treasurer: Vincent Adolph, Advisor: Livia Millard.

October:

- Student government voted on using up to \$100 on snacks for FASFA Night. .
- FASFA workshop- Student Government put on a FASFA workshop on the 26th of October, there was low attendance, but we helped the people who came through.
- Student Government voted on using \$500 to help support Native American Heritage month event about boarding schools. Red Road Association also is supporting with \$500.
- David Lindeblad Memorial-Student government is financing the installation of metal artwork for a memorial of David Lindeblad, we are planning to use up to \$3500 from Campus Projects account.
- Movie tickets- We voted on spending up to \$65 on movie tickets to give out as attendance rewards for any events we are holding.
- Student Hangout- there was low attendance for the first one and no attendance for the second event. We will be doing better at advertising our event next time.
- New member-We hired a new ASWVCO senate member Vincent Adolph as the treasurer; we had an interview on the 29th of October and hired him soon after!
- Inter-Council meeting: first one was on Wednesday, October 27th. Vice-president Monique Samuels and our Adviser Livia Millard and two club members showed up, Heather Coffman, president from Snow at O, and Stephanie Carter from the Science Club.

November:

- Student Government training- Livia Millard will be doing a small training for the new student government members.
- Annual Thanksgiving baskets- Student government is going to send out an email about the baskets to see how many baskets are wanted/needed. This is our annual Thanksgiving Food Basket for our students.
- We are planning a small ASWVCO newsletter where each officer will write a little bit about themselves and information about the college and what is happening in student government.

Other:

- Possible November Event- Student Government is in the tentative planning stage of holding a flu vaccination clinic. We have reached out to the Health Director of Okanogan County and to the Program Assistant of the nursing program to see if we could get the involvement of nursing students.
- Possible November Event- Student Government is planning to set up a once-a-month zoom event where we bring in professionals to talk about their jobs. Livia has started speaking to WorkSource and Abigail has started to reach out to professionals.
- November 17 and 18 ASWVCO is co-sponsoring a Native American Heritage Month event: The Indian Boarding and Residential School Experience: Healing in a Time of Truth and Justice with guest speakers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail Steinshouer

ASWVCO Student Body President

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AGENDA ITEM: **#6 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Patrick Tracy, AHE President

BACKGROUND:



Board of Trustees,

I will deliver my report in person.

Sincerely,

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AGENDA ITEM: **#7 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services

BACKGROUND:

Administrative Services

- Administrative Services staff continue to participate in statewide COVID meetings as well as weekly Business Affairs Commission (BAC) meetings.
- WVC also closed on a refinance of the MAC, which will save the college \$262,000 or 15.49% over the life of the loan.

Budget & Internal Auditing

- The budget office is wrapping up a baseline 2022-23 operating budget that will kickoff the budget development season for next year.
- Budget staff continue to prepare for the new budget software that is set to launch in January.

Fiscal Services

- Fiscal Services continues to redistribute workload in response to staffing changes and to better align with ctLink workflows.
- Fiscal Services is also working with IT to establish a more robust online presence. When the project is complete, Fiscal Services will have all department forms, trainings, policies and procedures consolidated under the Business Office page on our website.
- Per board request, Fiscal Services and Facilities are working on their biennial inventory report. The report will be presented to the Board once complete.

Facilities and Capital

- Mish ee twee- Two of the three outstanding items that have been delaying occupancy have been completed. First, the ADA issues related to the parking lot have been addressed and paving has been completed. Second, movers have been rescheduled and will begin the week prior to Thanksgiving. Finally, the last major issue related to fire rated walls has been discussed with the city and a remediation plan has been accepted. The work is in progress.
- Facilities are moving forward on a number of projects that include the following:
 - Sexton PRR (Project Request Report)
 - OHSC (Omak Health Sciences Center) pre-design
 - CWETI (Center for Workforce Education Technology and Innovation) pre-design
 - Minor Works

- ESCO Project
- Wing 5 Theatre Improvements
- Science Lab Improvements

Safety and Security

- SSEM and Administrative Services staff submitted our annual Security and Fire Report to the Department of Education (per Clery Act) and the reports are now posted to our website.

Information Technology

- IT staff continue to work on operational improvements and contract evaluation throughout the college's IT infrastructure resulting in reduced costs and reduced data demand.
- IT staff are working through a migration of files to One Drive. Once complete, the college will have fewer redundant files, lower storage costs, and more efficient support from IT staff.

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AGENDA ITEM **#8 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction

BACKGROUND:

Educational Achievement

Sompheng Batch and Hart Johnson have volunteered to serve as “Co co chairs” for Curriculum Committee. Both are also serving as Assessment Coordinators and bringing great insights to how Curriculum Committee and Assessment Committee goals around great instructional design and pedagogy and documenting student learning are aligning at WVC!

Support for Learning

Peer mentorship program within the math department is taking shape, employing two peer mentors. Mentors are working with faculty in the math department to identify students in need. Mentors reach out and establish a connection with the students and offer various support resources from tutoring in the math center to support and guidance from the mentors.

The Agriculture department successfully hired a Temporary Full-time instructor to replace the vacancy left by Leo Garcia. We have hired former WVC student senate member and alumni Francisco Sarmiento-Torres. Francisco brings a vast knowledge of agriculture and industry experience to his new role.

A partnership between the Music Department and Continuing Education has started to meet a community need. A local music academy closed recently, and students of all ages who want private lessons lost the centralized service for connecting with teachers. The WVC effort to recreate that is in its pilot phase. Once it is at full scale, community members seeking private lessons will be able to go to the Continuing Education website, pay for a package of classes, and meet their instructors for lessons in the MAC. In the current pilot, Kerry Travers is the violin instructor, and Amy Edwards voice and over 20 students have already enrolled. Wenatchee Valley College is meeting a need created when COVID pressures forced the Columbia River Music Conservatory to suspend its long standing services.

Transitional Studies is developing an English Language Learner lab class for application of the skills and concepts learned in the ABE ELA classes.

Professors Angie Redmon and Tria Skirko have provided a great start for faculty professional development in 2021-22.

Launch Week, Sept: What’s Going on with PD (~60 attendees)

Oct 13: Post-Tenure Convo (~25 attendees), lots of appreciation for support in this process, 9 members this year completing their first review

What the Covid Series: Student Engagement and your Winter Quarter schedule. Series will continue, tackling issues raised in the faculty survey about teaching in Covid

Faculty FAQ Canvas Shell: 194 members, lots of appreciation from faculty for the one-stop shop of information

ProDev Canvas Shell: 17 members

New Faculty Academy: 29 members, all actively working through learning materials and acquainting themselves with WVC

4x4 self-development course: 4 members

OER self-development course: 5 members, 3 faculty actively working on OER adoption

These professional development efforts represent a continuation of work initiated in 2019-20 (Faculty Interest groups or FIGs), continuing into 2020-21 (ReconFIG, 4x4) and continuing into 2021-22 as part of Wenatchee Valley College's emerging Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology that is providing faculty driven session and self-directed opportunities with an ultimate goal of increasing equity in the student experience at WVC.

Diversity and Cultural Enrichment

The MAC Gallery is open again after closing for the pandemic. The Gallery opened with a show of work by WVC instructor Henry Stinson, with the opening happening on the First Friday Art Walk for October. The Gallery serves both as a place for exhibitions open to the public and WVC students, faculty and staff, and as a learning space for WVC art students. Campus COVID restrictions apply.

Responsiveness to Local Needs

Wenatchee Valley College continues exploration of offering a Certified Nursing Assistant class through Continuing Education in Nespelem. Logistics such as identifying a qualified regional instructor, establishing facility contracts and recruitment plans are currently underway.

Transitional Studies (TS) doing some visioning around providing alternative onboarding and better, more equitable access for students who come to WVC for High School completion (in HS+) or Basic Education in the Transitional Studies department. The concept is for all students presenting for a TS program to go through an intake process with a Student Navigator in Workforce Grants. The benefits of this approach are:

- Student can be registered immediately into an ABE Orientation class.
- Immediate registration means the students can be retained instead of being lost while they wait for the next quarter to start.
- In the Orientation class, students
 - start to work in Canvas
 - work on other digital skills
 - are introduced to basic student skills and expectations
 - are assessed for ABE English and math levels
 - learn about campus resources
 - take a career assessment
 - start planning an education and career pathway
- In the course of the intake, students eligible for the financial and wraparound services of a Workforce Grant program can be identified without having to self-refer or be referred by another office.

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AGENDA ITEM **#9 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services

BACKGROUND:

The featured area this month is **Campus Life, Equity and Inclusion** which encompasses Campus Life (i.e., Wenatchee & Omak student senates and organizations), Residence Life, Student Recreation Center, International Programs and Outreach & Recruitment. This great team of staff, led by Erin Tofte, Associate Dean, have done an excellent job recruiting, engaging and supporting students as we adjust to delivering services in person.

New Staffing:

The team was very excited to have welcomed Roberto Villa, Oscar Licon -Eusebio and Aaron Vaughn. Oscar started July 1st as our Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator. Roberto started August 2nd as the new Leadership and Engagement Coordinator. Aaron Vaughn started August 16th as the Assistant Rec Center Manger and Head Baseball Coach. Also, Michelle Cannaday moved from her role as Leadership Coordinator into the role of Residence Hall Manager. Lastly, Marichuy Alvizar has taken over international enrollment until International coordinator position can be filled.

New Mission Statement:

Campus Life team retreated during the summer to brainstorm ideas to include into a new mission statement. After 4 consecutive staff meetings, they finalized the statement and are excited to share it:

Campus Life exists to engage and empower our diverse and intersectional student population by fostering a community that values social justice, equity and inclusion. We strive to support Latinx students, and students of every background, to achieve their current and future goals.

Updates:

- Van Tassell is open, Campus Life providing student IDs and in person services.
- New Senate team has been hired, 11 Wenatchee Senate members and 2 Omak senate members. They participated in a three-week training in September and have started providing events.
- S&A budget update – Funds have been allocated, this year paid off the activities deficit and the bus and are starting the year with extra funds in contingency, campus projects and vehicle replacement budgets. This is a huge win, in three years students paid off \$275,000 dollars in deficit.
- New Student Orientation was a success with 120 people attending the main virtual orientation session and between 6 to 45 people attending all of the other virtual sessions. Over 200 people attended the in-person dinner, campus tours and outdoor movie event. Received really good feedback on the event evaluations. Huge campus wide effort that paid off. Created Canvas page to hold all of the videos from the sessions so students can still access them. Cohort of close to 40 students who attended 6 or more sessions who will be tracked throughout the year to have data on efficacy of NSO.

- First Interclub Council meeting held. Five clubs active so far this year.
- Campus Life websites up to date with new members, handbook, S&A budget and all other information.
- Handbooks purchased and handed out to students.
- Campus Life events webpage to help collect all Campus Life events in one central location for students to connect easily online, updated daily.

Equity & Inclusion:

- President's Advisory Council on Equity & Inclusion created to address creating an equity strategic plan, implementing an equity audit, outreach to communities of color, survey for campus climate and to collaborate and communicate about equity initiatives across Campus. This Council will also oversee the new state equity funding initiatives provided by SB 5194 and 5227.
- Hispanic/Latinx Heritage month 4 events were held. Ritmo y Sabor, Loteria, Movie Stolen Education and speaker Maria Hinojosa. Events were well attended with 10-30 participants at each. Also partnered with the library for a Latinx Heritage book display.
- Dr. Gina Garcia presented at President's Day on Transforming Hispanic Serving Institutions. 85 of her books were also given out to employees.
- Facilitating quarterly anti-racism discussions to the President's cabinet. Next discussion will be on implementing the equitable decision-making tool.
- Disability awareness month – Book club reading Demystifying Disability.
- Working on continually updating the diversity and equity resources page on the website.
- Facilitated SSLT training on the equitable decision-making tool.
- Held an equity 101 training with the Foundation Board members in September.
- Dia de los Muertos event coming up Nov. 1st.
- Working on HSI Title V grant and College Spark grant opportunities with Jennifer Hadersberger.

Residence Hall:

- Currently at around 75% capacity. More male identifying students living there than female identifying.
- Implemented an entirely new setup in the Residence Hall with barriers at the entrance and kitchen to limit people in the spaces. Students also have to fill out a COVID 19 housing supplement and contract sheet prior to moving into the hall. Strict rules about guests and social distancing in place and posted at the Residence Hall.
- New rotation of on-call people during the weekends. Those who will rotate being on call are Erin Tofte, Marichuy Alvizar, Chio Flores, Danny Zavala, Michelle Cannaday, Oscar Licon-Eusebio and Joe Gerak.
- Key system is being updated to work in sync with the rest of campus.
- New Resident Advisors have been hired and are working on setting up the Hall and planning student events.

Recreation Center:

- The Rec Center opened in September for the first time in a year and a half. Around 50 people using the facility per day. Open hours are M-F 8:00am-5:00pm due to limited staffing.

- Motor pool is sending out vans and the bus for many athletic events and some student clubs/activities.
- Partnership with rock climbing gym to get students interested in the sport who wouldn't usually have that opportunity.
- Intramural events this fall; Dodgeball Tournament and Flag Football Turkey Bowl.
- Working on hiring more work study students to increase staffing, it has been a slow start with losing staff in Student Services.

Recruitment:

- Campus wide recruitment team re-instated. Consists of around 25 individuals from across the district, they have met twice and will continue to meet monthly to brainstorm and support recruitment efforts.
- Oscar has attended various fairs, college info sessions as well as weekly tabling at local high schools.
- Creating partnerships with the Tonasket and Omak schools as well as Eastmont, Wenatchee, Cashmere and Leavenworth. Continually reaching out to set up times to visit all of the district High Schools.
- In August provided tabling at Pybus multiple times a week for the month.
- Partnering with Parque Padrinos and Café to attend local Latinx outreach events.
- Creating virtual information sessions and participating in virtual events.
- Attending parent nights at Wenatchee schools.
- Researching digital platforms for marketing.

International Programs:

- Vacant Position: International Coordinator - need to hire a replacement. This is very necessary for the wellbeing of current International students as well as for recruiting new students and sustaining summer programs.
- Working to enroll new international students but proving very difficult with limited staffing capacity. No international recruitment occurring at this time.
- Not able to offer specific international tutoring.

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AGENDA ITEM **#10 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Jim Richardson, President

BACKGROUND:

- WVC’s Incident Command team is now meeting once a month as issues with COVID arise, but since the deadlines for vaccinations have passed, there is so far less urgency. As you know students had to be vaccinated and attest by November 1. Student Services staff is working with those students who had not attested and were attending classes on campus. Staff had to be vaccinated by October 18 and we have worked through that deadline.
- WVC continues in a “high-flex” mode which includes face-to-face, hybrid, and remote classes, but there will be more face-to-face classes offered winter quarter. We are still encouraging students and staff to get the vaccine. The mask mandate also continues to be apply, where masks must be worn by everyone inside buildings.
- After Mish ee twie ran into issues with a carpenters’ strike, fire rating issues, and product availability, its opening and occupancy was delayed, but hopefully we will soon be moving instructors and others into the building. It has been difficult to find fully vaccinated contractors (per the Governor’s mandate) for the pavement needs and moving needs. We now expect to receive occupation permit in early December.
- I continue to attend the SBCTC’s now bi-weekly presidents’ updates on COVID, budgets, enrollment and state and national directives that we have held since the beginning of March, 2020. Our most recent meetings have been centered on the Governor’s mandates and the Governor’s supplemental budget.
- The Foundation executive committee and full board have continued meeting and I have attended and updated them on the situation at the college. Rachel and I have (and continue to) presented about the college and the Foundation at service clubs around the region.
- Omak foundation board meetings are now in person, and Livia Mallard is their president this year.
- WVC continues to deal with glitches in the ctclink management software, but people are doing well with it generally. It does take more time to do many procedures in the new system, so can be frustrating at times, but the further along we get the better we are doing overall. We are using it for both student and staff attestations about vaccination status.
- I have continued to meet with Erin Tofte and Reagan Bellamy to have conversations surrounding equity and inclusion at WVC. We held an antiracism training with cabinet.
- Have met with Gina Graham, the new Director of Tribal Relations, and she has helped organize the Native American Month events the college and campus life are presenting. She continues to work with the Tribes for educational needs and solutions.

- Have been meeting with the education subcommittee of Our Valley Strong during their fifth year refreshing and refocusing of the region's strategic plan (Educated and Inspired People Action Team). Our final subcommittee meeting is November 10.
- We are offering campus meetings every Monday by zoom and also initiated office hours for all cabinet members. We have held two "Coffee with Cabinet" listening sessions and had quite a few people show up to talk with us.
- Attended Veterans Day celebration around the fountain put on by the Veteran Knights.
- Held an all-district meeting where topics included PACE, the budget, enrollment, and other updates.
- Attended a KOHO radio interview answering questions about how the Governor's Vaccine Mandate is being handed for staff and students, and the consequences of the new rules for a vaccinated campus.