



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

January 20, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE via Zoom

Trustees Present:

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

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Classified Employees
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 18, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION NO. 2353

Steve Zimmerman moved that the minutes of the November 18, 2020 board of trustees meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. Transforming Lives Nominee

Briana Pardo, a Wenatchee Valley College at Omak alumna, was selected as the WVC nominee for the Transforming Lives Award. She will be honored at a virtual ceremony by the Washington State Association of College Trustees (ACT) on Jan. 26. She received a \$250 award from the ACT and an additional \$250 award from the WVC president and the WVC Foundation.

At WVC at Omak, Briana completed her associate of technical science in nursing and bachelor of science in nursing (BSN). Briana graduated in 2018 as part of the inaugural BSN class. While attending WVC at Omak, Briana's mother died from terminal cancer and her brother died from a drug overdose. Her father and sister also died while she was a teenager.

“I lost my mom, but I knew she wouldn't have wanted me to quit,” Briana wrote in her application. “I graduated in 2018, fulfilling my dream of becoming a registered nurse and completing my BSN. I can now affect change at a systems-level, increasing access to care, reducing overdose deaths and changing lives.”

Despite her family losses and being a single mom, Briana became heavily involved in student government and extracurricular groups and graduated with a 3.9 GPA. She received the president’s medal award at graduation in 2018. The award is given to one student from each of the WVC campuses every year.

“Currently, I am working as the nurse care manager for the opioid treatment network at Family Health Centers in Omak. I have the privilege of working with people who suffer from opioid use disorder,” she said. “When I care for patients, I see someone's loved one — not cancer, heart disease, or substance use. I have community college to thank for my education. There is a world of opportunities in the nursing field and I can't wait to see where my career takes me.”

The ACT created the Transforming Lives Awards program in 2012 to recognize current or former students whose lives have been transformed by pursuing higher education at a community or technical college.

NEW EMPLOYEES/PROGRAM UPDATES

3. Regan Bellamy introduced new employee Luis Martinez Rocha, Financial Aid.

Dr. Flores presented the following position updates: Cheyenne Dirks, Student Employment and Career Navigator; Noah Fortner, Allied Health and Nursing Navigator; Sandra Villareal, TRiO SS Director; Maria Navarrete, CAMP Director.

Dr. Treat presented the following position updates: Yuritzi Lozano, Dean for Allied Health and Professional and Technical Programs; Julie Fitch, Transitional Studies Coordinator; Riva Morgan, Associate Dean of Transitional Studies and Workforce Grants

SPECIAL REPORTS

4. **Lina Mercado-Tejeda, ASWVC Wenatchee President**
Lina Mercado-Tejeda was not present to add to her report.

5. **Belinda Brown Raub, ASWVC Omak President**
Belinda Brown Raub reported that ASWVO has a new treasurer.

6. **Heather Ryan, AHE President**
Heather Ryan gave an update on house bills that impact faculty and shared about the work her and Dr. Treat are doing to work on faculty morale.

7. **Mike Nelson, WPEA Chief Shop Steward**
Mike Nelson was not present to give a verbal report.

STAFF REPORTS

8. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**
Brett Riley shared that slight revisions were needed in order to submit the FEMA report.

9. **Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**
Tod Treat recognized the faculty for a seamless winter quarter startup. He also acknowledged the work of Dr. Karina Vega-Villa in organizing health clinics targeting the Latinx community. He also thanked Aimee Pope for her lead with ctcLink in instruction.

10. **Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**

Chio Flores thanked Belinda Brown Raub for presenting her concerns regarding the bookstore issues.

11. **Jim Richardson, President**

President Richardson recognized Dr. Treat and Dr. Flores for their talents and leadership within their departments. He also thanked all staff involved with ctcLink.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:40 P.M.

Secretary

Chair