



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

November 18, 2020 – 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. October 21, 2020, Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION NO. 2351

Wilma Cartagena moved that the minutes of the October 21, 2020 board of trustees meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Tamra Jackson and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. Knights Care Fund

The Wenatchee Valley College Foundation is committed to removing barriers to academic success for WVC students. Through the generosity of donors, the foundation awarded over \$18,000 in support to the Knights Care Fund in 2019-20.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- A total of 43 Knights Care fund requests were received.
- A total of 39 Knights Care fund requests were approved.
- A total of \$18,052.41 was awarded to students.
- The average GPA for 2019/20 of students served through the Knights Care Fund was 2.73.

STUDENTS SERVED:

- Out of these 39 students served
- Fall 2019 – 13 students served
- Winter 2020 – 11 students served
- Spring 2020 – 14 students served
- Summer 2020 – 1 student served

STUDENT PROFILES:

- 1st year Early Childhood Education student – (3.36 GPA) 29-year old part-time student from Brewster whose husband is undocumented and whose work was reduced to half-time due to COVID. He is the sole provider for the family while she is in school and caring for their two young children. With the loss of income from her husband's employment, they cannot cover food, diapers and tuition. The Knights Care fund assisted with \$446.78. She was referred to Brewster food banks and Opportunity Grant to help with future quarters.
- 1st year student – (3.57 GPA) 37-year old student working on her nursing prerequisites. She is a first-generation student with two young children. This student was going to school and working full-time. Due to COVID, her work was reduced to half-time and she was struggling to pay for food, daycare, rent and books. The Knights Care Fund was able to provide \$500 to assist with books and food, as well as provided her with food and hygiene products through the Knights Kupboard. She was referred to Community Action for rental assistance and to DSHS.

3. **Running Start**

- Fall quarter enrollment: up 14.8% as of 20th day: This year's increases are a product of a strategic focus on retaining and recruiting Running Start students. This was accomplished through the incredible efforts of the Running Start Office, a focused web and social media (geofencing) campaign, and providing a solid alternative to the uncertainty of K-12 plans for fall. New Running Start students and parents cited it as a smart choice during the pandemic: the ability to earn both high school and college credit in an all-virtual environment, saving money and WVC's experience in the Canvas learning management platform.
- Maria Christina Monroe, Ben Sorensen, and Talia Barajas Gonzalez of the Running Start team worked tirelessly all summer to onboard and enroll new and current students as well as manage the mountain of paperwork that comes with the job. They have been working on building relationships with their students and earning their trust. They increased their retention through best practices such as focused advising and the creation of two-year plans for each student. On the Wenatchee campus alone, Ben and Talia advise over 600 students! The team models a student-centered culture.
- Maria Christina Monroe co-hosted a workshop with the Aspen Institute and Community College Research Center (CCRC) during the virtual National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) conference in October about their work to close equity gaps. WVC's Running Start program and College in the High School program were featured in "The Dual Enrollment Playbook: New Research Findings to Advance Equity" book published by the Aspen Institute and CCRC. NACEP gave a shout-out on social media to WVC's Running Start office for their innovation in the last two years and the near-peer mentoring approach they use with students, as well as WVC's commitment to rural outreach with tribal communities. Maria Christina Monroe and Talia Barajas Gonzalez manage WVC's mentoring program.

SPECIAL REPORTS

4. **Lina Mercado-Tejeda, ASWVC Wenatchee President**

Lina Mercado-Tejeda reported on the success of the virtual game night and the sold out drive-in movie event at Town Toyota Center.

5. **Belinda Brown Raub, ASWVC Omak President**
Belinda Brown Raub reported on the post-election hangout event where students gathered virtually to talk about any topic. Planning a cooking show for the holidays.
6. **Heather Ryan, AHE President**
Heather Ryan was not present to give a verbal report.
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 will be meeting with the city to bring forward the proposal of a college district.
9. **Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**
Tod Treat congratulated Dean Joey Walter for his new position at Tallahassee Community College.
10. **Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**
Chio Flores thanks the WVC Foundation for their contribution and support of the Knights Care Fund.
11. **Jim Richardson, President**
President Richardson recognized Tod Treat and his team for the board development presentation during the board work session.

ACTION

1. **2020-2021 Revised Operating Budget**

The WVC 2020-21 revised operating budget was reviewed during the board work session.

MOTION NO. 2352

Steve Zimmerman moved that the 2020-2021 Revised Operating Budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

(Exhibit A)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:20 P.M.

Secretary

Chair