

MINUTES

WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 17 BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Present: Patty Shea (chair), Greg Bever, Ben Cabildo, and Carol Landa-McVicker. Also present were Gary Livingston, Joe Dunlap, Mark Palek, Scott Morgan, Linda McDermott, Greg Stevens, Anne Tucker, Jim Minkler, Maureen McGuire, Pam Praeger, Carla Naccarato-Sinclair, Greg Richards, John Hernandez, Mary Ann Nardecchia, David Cosby, Kathy Rynning, Dawn Chavez, Oscar Ocaña and Christine Pearl (recorder)

Guests: Mark Mattke, Jason Nix, Dan Wenger, Ginny Powers, Geri Swope, Don Brunner, Jocelyn Fitzgerald, Scott Satake, George Suttle, Shirley Vines, Madison McCord, Hilary Vandebark, Heather Jackson, Brittnee Sanchez

Excused: Don Cox

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOURNALISM PROGRAM

Dean of Arts and Humanities Dan Wenger introduced the presentation by advising the Board the SFCC student newspaper, The Communicator, placed eighth nationally in Best in Show/Two-year College Newspaper at the Associated Collegiate Press National College Newspaper Convention in San Francisco in February 2008. This honor and advancements to the paper he attributed to Journalism Instructor Jason Nix.

Since his arrival in 2005, Mr. Nix reported his goal was to modernize the newspaper production process and increase the Communicator ad revenue. In addition the newspaper is now available online, relationships have been strengthened with other academic programs, and curriculum has been updated to meet new employment goals. A proposal has been sent to the state board for an AAST degree in Digital Media Production. It is envisioned one day the Communicator will encompass a news lab, which will include seamless integration of photography, journalism, graphic/web design, video production, etc.

Also in attendance for the presentation were Madison McCord, Communicator Editor-in-Chief, and Hilary Vandebark, Communicator Managing Editor, who shared from the student perspective the experiences and benefits they have received from their association with a student newspaper.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees of Washington State Community College District 17 held a regular meeting in the Falls Conference Room at Spokane Falls Community College, 3410 W. Fort George Wright Drive, Spokane, Washington, on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Chair Patty Shea called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OPEN MICROPHONE

No introductions were made and no one requested to speak at open microphone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carol Landa-McVicker moved and Ben Cabildo seconded that the minutes of the January 20, 2009, regular meeting be approved as presented.

No. 09-02; motion carried.

REPORT: ATHLETICS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION

District Director of Physical Education, Athletics and Recreation Ken Burrus reported to the Board of Trustees an overview of the 2007-2008 annual report for the Physical Education, Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Department. It was another successful year for the intercollegiate athletic teams; the Men's Cross Country, the Women's Cross Country, the Men's Track and Field, the Women's Track and Field, and the Men's Tennis Teams were all NWAACC Champions. In addition, Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) had four coaches voted as NWAACC Coach of the Year in their respective sport: Erik Anderson, Mike Burns, Wally Heidenson, and Larry Beatty (who received two awards: one for Men's Track and Field and one for Women's Track and Field).

Student athletes also had another successful year. The NWAACC Academic Leadership Award, which recognizes outstanding academic achievement, was awarded to sixteen CCS student athletes; seventeen CCS student athletes were awarded the NWAACC All-Academic Sports Team Award

Information also contained in the report provided an accounting for the Intramurals Program, the District Wellness Program, equity in the CCS sports programs, and fiscal information for the athletic programs.

Student athletes Heather Jackson, CCS women's softball team short stop, and Brittnee Sanchez, NWAACC Cross Country Champion and CCS women's track athlete, shared with the Board their experiences as athletes at Community Colleges

of Spokane, noting especially the amount of support they have received from the coaches and staff.

STATUS REPORTS: CAPITAL PROJECTS IN PROGRESS, BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES, AND HEAD START

These standing reports are provided for the information of the Board. District personnel were available to answer questions and/or provide details.

Greg Stevens, on behalf of District Director of Facilities Greg Plummer, reported the Community Colleges of Spokane stimulus package projects are moving forward.

Interim District Director of Head Start/ECEAP/Early Head Start Patty Allen reported the federal stimulus package includes an additional \$1 billion for Head Start and an additional \$1.1 billion for Early Head Start, totaling a \$2.1 billion increase. These funds should provide services for 110,000 additional infants and children. ECEAP is in a "waiting mode" to see what the state legislature finally approves.

REMARKS FROM THE WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVE

David Cosby provided the following report:

- The Federation has sued Governor Gregoire with breach of contract and unfair labor practice for not including a funding request in her budget proposal for the pay raises negotiated between the union and her office
- Locally, the layoff procedure is being reviewed
- Dr. Livingston met with the facilities department to extend his, the Board of Trustees' and the administration's appreciation for all of their extra efforts during the recent snow storms

REMARKS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PRESIDENT

Carla Naccarato-Sinclair provided the following report:

- She has been traveling to Olympia on behalf of AHE
- Noted several legislative bills of interest to community and technical colleges:
 - SB 5264, providing for academic employee salary increments for community and technical colleges
 - SB 5460, reducing the administrative cost of state government during the 2007-2009 and 2009-2011 fiscal biennia
 - HB 1025, requiring disclosure of certain information relating to higher education course materials
 - HB 1643, regarding harassment, intimidation, and bullying policies and practices at regional universities

- She has been in conversation with legislators regarding minimizing budget cuts to community colleges, stressing we are the solution to the economic crisis

REMARKS FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR EXTENDED LEARNING

Mary Ann Nardecchia provided the following report on behalf of faculty:

- The IEL faculty has begun a conservation committee to explore ways in which to economize on the supply budget; the goal is to save 20%
- Crosswalk students had a collaborative art project on display in a recent First Friday Art Walk at the Raw Space exhibit
- IEL College Prep Instructor Jenny Houck reports almost 300 students have been served by the program, which is in its 15th quarter of existence; of those students who transition to CCS, 75% attend SCC and 25% attend SFCC
- The Annual IEL Career Gear Fashion Show and Luncheon was held on February 12 at the IEL Lodge; it was preceded by the AEC Career Day event at which 70 students attended

Dawn Chavez provided the following report on behalf of classified staff:

- The University Center saw 15 students complete their GED
- The size of the ESL classes have doubled during the current quarter

Chief Executive Officer Scott Morgan provided the following report:

- Thanked Trustees Carol Landa-McVicker and Ben Cabildo for their participation in the Bowling for Literacy event
- Thanked Trustee Greg Bever for attending the IEL Fashion Show and Luncheon
- Reported that for the first time in the history of the IEL, enrollment has been closed for the Adult Basic Education program; he explained it was a difficult decision, but those students that were closed out would be welcomed back in spring quarter

DISCUSSION/ACTION: APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR SUCCESSOR MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE AND THE CCS ASSOCIATION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Chief Human Resources Officer Greg Stevens advised meetings were held between representatives of Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) and the CCS Association for Higher Education for the purpose of negotiating a successor bargaining agreement. As a result, the parties have agreed to extend the former master contract through June 30, 2009. Several letters of agreement have tentatively been agreed upon; task forces will be established and charged with working on specific

projects (security; faculty performance appraisal system; study abroad procedure; workload determination process) during the term of the agreement.

CCS Association for Higher Education President Carla Naccarato-Sinclair reported there was 80% AHE participation, with 97% voting in favor of ratification.

The tentative agreements were presented to the Board for consideration of approval and for signature by all parties; Mr. Stevens stated the signature pages would become part of the contract. The final draft agreement will be returned to the Board for consideration of approval on or before the June 2009 Board of Trustees meeting.

Carol Landa-McVicker moved and Greg Bever seconded that the Board of Trustees of Washington State Community College District 17 approve the tentative agreements for a successor Master Contract between Community Colleges of Spokane and the CCS Association for Higher Education, effective as indicated and through June 30, 2012. The administration is directed to return the final contract for Board consideration and signature by not later than June 16, 2009, and the Chancellor is authorized to sign the letters of tentative agreement initiating the various task force projects.

No. 09-03; motion carried.

REMARKS FROM SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Greg Richards provided the following report on behalf of faculty:

- He attended the Greater Spokane Inc. State of the City event at which the CCS Entrepreneurship Program was featured
- SCC environmental sciences students claimed honors at the 2009 Washington State PAS Conference in January, in some cases sweeping the top spots in their competitive category
- South Pole adventurer Todd Carmichael will speak at the Lair Student Center Auditorium on February 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Rynning provided the following report on behalf of Camey Anderson, representing student government:

- During the past month the Student Activities Council brought to campus diversity speaker Eric Davis, musician Dominique, Michelle B and the Music Comedians, and the African dance group Adefua
- Work has been taking place by the technology fee committee; each division has received an award during the contingency round
- SCC student government is working with the SFCC student government to provide pizza for the home basketball games
- It is planned to send those interested in student government officer positions for next year to a leadership conference in Washington, D.C.

Kathy Rynning provided the following report on behalf of classified staff:

- There was a great turnout for the January Classified Staff Council meeting, with three new people in attendance
- Classified staff participated in the recent FERPA regulation training

President Joe Dunlap provided the following report:

- Dr. Cheri Osler has been selected as Alumni of the Year for Seattle Pacific University
- The SCC theater production “Frankenstein” will be February 20 through March 1 in the Lair Student Center Auditorium
- Three events will be taking place at the Hagan Center:
 - A slide presentation entitled: *Fast Moving Water: The Hoh River Story* on February 23rd
 - On March 4th the Avista Center for Entrepreneurship will present a program entitled: *Entrepreneurship as a Sustainable Career Choice*; there will be several speakers including CCS Trustee Ben Cabildo
 - “Stories from a Holocaust Survivor” with Pete Metzelaar will be presented on March 12th
- Reported that at this point in the winter quarter, SCC is considerably overenrolled

REMARKS FROM SPOKANE FALLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

John Hernandez provided the following report on behalf of faculty:

- Registration for spring quarter began on February 11 and seems to be going very well
- Spring quarter classes begin on Monday, April 6th; schedules have already been mailed

Robin Cunningham, on behalf of the classified staff, invited everyone to the Classified Staff Council Winter Luncheon on Wednesday, February 18th, at which Mary Ann Sanger will be the featured speaker.

Oscar Ocaña, representing student government, provided the following report:

- The Martin Luther King Luncheon was held on January 21; he thanked Dr. Livingston and members of the Board for attending
- The SFCC Jazz Festival was very successful; the theater was completely full and the music was amazing
- Intercultural Week will be take place February 23 through 27 with three events taking place each day
- Celebration of the Sexes, organized by SFCC Associated Men and Women Students, will take place March 2 through 6

- Work is taking place on student government elections; there is also a committee reviewing proposed changes to the student government constitution
- S&A fees are being reviewed; the focus of the discussion regarding S&A fees is “necessity”
- Tom Sherry is the planned speaker for graduation

President Mark Palek provided the following report:

- Poet Li-young Lee was on campus February 4th
- A sustainable food teach-in event was held on February 9th; SCC Culinary Arts Instructor Pete Tobin was a presenter
- February 27th is SFCC Night at the Spokane Chiefs game
- Author Jess Walter, who wrote “Citizen Vince” will be on campus on March 4th
- Dr. James Waller has accepted the position of Dean of Instruction for Social Sciences and Cultural Studies; Dr. Waller was recently chosen as one of 20 people nationwide to be named a Carl Wilkens Fellow by the Genocide Intervention Network
- The SFCC sn-w’ey’-mn Building has been certified gold LEED
- Noted the accreditation standards have changed somewhat radically

REMARKS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Chancellor Gary Livingston reported from his conversations with legislators, it is very concerning what is happening during this legislative session. The revenue forecast expected later this week could be \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion below the governor’s projected budget deficit. The numbers don’t look encouraging and there is an expectation that a supplemental budget could be forthcoming as early as February 19th; given that more information will be available in March, it is not unlikely that a second supplemental budget could be put forth at that time. To try to adjust this year’s budget that late when staffing for spring quarter has already taken place would be very challenging, if not impossible, and could require the use of reserves at a much higher level than the administration would be comfortable with.

In his conversations with legislators, Dr. Livingston’s theme has been that the investment in community colleges is imperative to help turn around the economy in our region. It is his belief that they do understand the role community colleges play and the differentiation between two-year and four-year colleges.

At CCS, the budget development process is moving forward planning for possible reductions at the 5%, 7% and 10% levels. In his conversations with legislators, Dr. Livingston has stated if reductions approach the 10% level, there has to be serious

conversations regarding enrollment expectations. The same outcome expectations cannot be expected with cuts at the 10% level.

REMARKS FROM THE BOARD AND BOARD CHAIR

Trustee Ben Cabildo reported he met with students of color at SFCC, noting how proud he is of these students and how they are positioning themselves to be successful. He has been reviewing tenure files and thanked the members of the tenure committees for their work. He participated in Bowling for Literacy and thanked those who organized this very successful event.

Trustee Greg Bever reported attending the District Administration Winter Blues Break, the Greater Spokane Inc. State of the City event, the IEL Fashion Show and Luncheon, and the SCC Orlando's Wine Dinner.

Trustee Carol Landa-McVicker reported attending the TACTC and WACTC meetings and the ACCT Conference in Washington, D.C. At the TACTC meeting there was a report on the EMSI study regarding the return on investment of Washington community and technical colleges. She attended the ACCT Legislative Summit as TACTC president, noting the Washington state senators are very supportive of workforce and education issues. In addition, she attended the Orlando's Wine Dinner, the Bowling for Literacy event, and reviewed tenure files.

Trustee Patty Shea reported attending the TACTC Winter Conference, noting the agenda was particularly good thanks to Carol Landa-McVicker's role as the state president; she commended Carol on all the extra time and effort she puts into her duties as TACTC president, noting Eastern Washington couldn't be more well represented.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. No further action was taken.

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Chair, Board of Trustees