MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2002
5:00 p.m. – Hayes Hall 137
1900 SE Pioneer Way
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Mr. Jess del Bosque, Chair
Dr. Barbara Andersen
Ms. Elizabeth Hancock

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:
Mr. George Smith, Executive Vice President of College Affairs
Ms. Lisa Radeleff, Administrative Assistant/Executive Secretary to the President

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Mr. Jess del Bosque, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

The Chair recognized that a quorum of Board members were present. He stated that Mr. Tom Moser and Mr. Mel Takehara were not present due to personal obligations.

The Chair introduced Mr. George Smith as the Executive Vice President of College Affairs. He stated that Mr. Smith will become interim president in July.

The Chair stated that Dr. Ledemsa-Reese would not be at the meeting as she was interviewing in California.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

It was moved by Dr. Barbara Andersen and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Hancock to approve by consensus the meeting minutes of March 11, 2002, March 13, 2002, March 21, 2002, and April 3, 2002.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Recognition of Recently Tenured Faculty

Ms. Mary Darden, Director of Student Services at the Whidbey Island Campus, presented information on Mr. George Thomas, Spanish/Humanities Instructor, who was recently granted tenure. Mr. Thomas was unable to attend the meeting as he was in class.

Ms. Darden introduced Ms. Jan Helm, Nursing Instructor, and Ms. Debra Hanson, Biology instructor, both of whom were also recently granted tenure. The Chair and Mr. Smith congratulated both instructors.

2. Presentation of Resolutions

Ms. Elizabeth Hancock read the resolution naming the new building on the Whidbey Island Campus as Oak Hall. The resolution was approved by the Trustees at the February 11, 2002 Board meeting.

WHEREAS, the Whidbey Island Campus is located in the City of Oak Harbor, and

WHEREAS, oak trees are unique to this part of the State of Washington, and represent historical significance, and

WHEREAS, oak trees will be planted as landscaping around the building, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Community College District 4, that the name of the planned new building at Whidbey Island Campus be known as Oak Hall.

Ms. Darden accepted the resolution and thanked the Trustees. Ms. Darden then introduced Dr. Brinton Sprague, former Dean of the Whidbey Campus. Following Ms. Darden’s introduction of Dr. Sprague, the Chair read the resolution naming the science building on the Whidbey Island Campus as Sprague Hall. The resolution was approved by the Trustees at the February 11, 2002 Board meeting.

WHEREAS, Dr. Brinton Sprague served as Dean of the Whidbey Island Campus for a period of five years, and as the district’s Vice President of Educational Services for five years, and

WHEREAS, he provided the leadership necessary to develop the Whidbey Island Campus from a remote site into a respected campus, and
WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the building of Hayes Hall and in the remodeling of Old Main, and

WHEREAS, he is greatly respected and held in the highest esteem by faculty, staff, and colleagues, and

WHEREAS, his service was performed with distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Community College District 4, that the Science Building will hereafter be named Sprague Hall.

Dr. Sprague thanked the Trustees and introduced his family members and friends in attendance at the meeting.

3. Presentation of Portrait of Dr. Harlow Hayes

The Chair introduced Mrs. Jan Hayes. Mrs. Hayes stated that she had the portrait of Dr. Hayes commissioned shortly after his death four years ago. She stated that she was very pleased with the portrait and was happy and proud to present the portrait to the Whidbey Island Campus. The Chair thanked Mrs. Hayes for her generous gift to the College.

The Trustees and the audience then moved into the Library for the unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Hayes. Following the unveiling, the Trustees and audience returned to the meeting room.

4. Public Comment

No report.

5. Correspondence

No items to report.

6. All Washington Academic Team Member

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Janis Leslie, the All Washington Academic Team member from the Whidbey Island Campus. He presented Ms. Leslie with a medal and certificate of achievement. The Chair congratulated Ms. Leslie on her academic accomplishments.
VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of Revised Student Rights and Responsibilities Code

Mr. Alan Muia, Director of Student Activities and Auxiliary Services stated that the revised Student Rights and Responsibilities Code had been distributed to the Trustees for review at the March Board meeting. Mr. Muia said that the revised code was now being brought forward for the Board’s approval.

It was moved by Dr. Barbara Andersen and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Hancock to approve the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. COLLEGE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. SVCFT Report

Mr. Jim Reddin, an instructor at the Whidbey Island Campus, presented the SVCFT Report on behalf of Ms. Trish Barnes. He read the following report:

“SVCFT would like to add our congratulations to the faculty on the Whidbey Island Campus who have been granted tenure: Debra Hanson, Jan Helm, and George Thomas.

On behalf of the faculty of SVC, SVCFT also would like to express our appreciation to you as members of the Board of Trustees for the many, many hours that you have put into the hiring of an executive vice president for Skagit Valley College.

We are looking forward to working with George Smith in collegial and collaborative ways on the challenges that community colleges face: the challenges of maintaining excellence in teaching and learning; recruiting and retaining students; responding to the changing needs of the communities we serve; finding alternative funding sources, especially in tight budget years.

We know that you as Board members are now beginning work on the presidential search, and we look forward to participating with you in the search process.

For the past several months, the SVCFT salary committee has been working on our proposal for negotiations for faculty salary for the 2002-2003 academic year. The proposal was brought to the membership today for a vote and we will be ready for negotiations as soon as the budget information from the State is available.
2. WPEA Report

Mr. Mike Merrill, Vice President of WPEA, reported that the WPEA annual convention will be held in April. He stated that WPEA is continuing to work with HeadStart and ECEAP on establishing separate bargaining units.

Mr. Merrill reported that Governor Locke has signed the Personnel System Reform Act of 2002. The Act provides full scope collective bargaining to community college classified employees, civil service reform and contracting out of services historically performed at the community colleges by classified employees. To effect the necessary changes, the bill will be implemented in stages over the next four years.

Mr. Merrill reported that WPEA is looking forward to the budget process and the hiring process for the new president when that gets underway.

3. ASSVC REPORT:

Mr. Gil Ventura, ASSVC Whidbey Island Campus Chair, reported that Program Board has held the following events: College Bowl, Kid's Craft Fair, Spring Swing Dance, and has scheduled an arts and crafts event for later in the year.

Mr. Ventura stated that student government provided three holiday baskets for three needy families, held a September 11 presentation, and members attended a conference at Mount Hood Community College. He reported that renovation of the student lounge has begun—painting walls, new carpet, and furniture. Mr. Ventura stated that student government plans to observe Earth Day by planting trees around the Whidbey Island Campus. He then introduced other members of student government at the Whidbey Island Campus and Ms. Penny Perka their advisor.

VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT:

Ms. Hancock stated that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a presidential search firm has been mailed to prospective search consultants. She said that the next step will be to review the RFPs that are submitted, this will occur approximately during mid-May.

Dr. Andersen stated that she wanted to extend to Mr. Dick Geier, Vice President of Administrative Services, her best wishes as he leaves Skagit Valley College. She said that he has been efficient and helpful in allowing the Trustees to understand the budget.
IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. Update on Whidbey Island Campus

Ms. Darden presented a report on the Whidbey Island Campus, highlighting the fact that their enrollment is up 11% for spring quarter.

Ms. Darden displayed the Business of the Year award that was recently presented to the Whidbey Island Campus. Ms. Darden distributed copies of an excellent article on the Marine Tech Program. The article was printed in the April 2002 edition of 48° North, a major sailing magazine. Ms. Darden also distributed copies of an assessment survey that the Whidbey Island Campus Human Services area completes each year.

The Chair thanked Ms. Darden for her report.

X. NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 13, 2002, 5:00 p.m. – Board Room, Mount Vernon Campus

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Chair stated that the Trustees would need to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. They would adjourn for approximately 10 minutes.

CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:55 P.M.
RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 6:03 P.M.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, and no action taken during Executive Session, this meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Jess del Bosque, Chair

Lydia Ledesma-Reese, President
Executive Secretary to the Board
Lisa Radeleff, Secretary to the President