

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4  
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009  
4:30 p.m. – Multipurpose Room  
2405 E. College Way  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Don Piercy, Chair  
Ms. Debra Lisser  
Mr. Tom Moser  
Mr. John Stephens  
Dr. Gary Tollefson, President & Executive Secretary to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

The Chair recognized that a quorum of Board members were present.

III. FLAG SALUTE

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

No guests were present.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Board Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2009

It was moved by John Stephens and seconded by Debra Lisser to approve the November 10, 2009 minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. PROGRAM PROFILE: Service Learning: Local & Global

Dr. Ernest Tutt and Ted Maloney presented information on their work with service learning projects. Dr. Tutt introduced two students involved with service learning and they shared information on the projects they worked on. Jeramy Harstad directed the “Rainy Day” project—the goal was to provide rubber boots for first grade students at Washington Elementary School. She detailed information on how the project was accomplished and stated that they exceeded their financial goal by just under \$200—60 students at Washington Elementary now have boots for rainy days.

Dr. Tutt reported that there is a dual purpose to the projects; not only to get students involved on campus but also to learn how to address community needs by using skills in a real world setting. He stated that the three principles of service learning are:

- Those being served control the services provided;
- Those being served become better able to serve and be served by their own actions;
- Those who serve are also learners and have significant control over what is expected to be earned.

The second presentation was provided by student Terri Rayner. Her project was to create a DVD that could be used as an information tool and for fundraising for the group Leg Up for Kids (run by People Helping Horses). Leg Up for Kids is a certified program dedicated to serving the needs of those with disabilities through horsemanship.

Ted Maloney presented information on the service projects he has been involved with at SVC:

Law Day – Offered once per year, an opportunity for people to access free legal advice. Paralegal students coordinate the event with the Skagit Law Association, contacting the attorneys, finding a place to hold it, and advertising. Students talk with the attendees and direct them to the correct attorney for advice. This event provides learning while serving a need in the community: access to justice. He would like to eventually create a legal clinic that would provide year round service to the community.

2005 Tsunami Disaster Relief Project – Worked with students to “think globally, act locally.” This was a fundraising activity; the money raised was given to the Red Cross for tsunami relief. This was a learning process for students regarding the role NGO’s (non-government organizations) play in meeting needs.

2009 Global Service Week – Expanded on the concept of learning about NGO’s. Sold items locally for fundraising for United by Friendship an organization dedicated to providing humanitarian assistance to benefit public health, education and economic development within communities of Latin America.

Experience China, Summer 2009 – Study and service tour to the area hit by the 2008 earthquake. Assisted local villagers rebuild their homes and conducted needs assessment of items need by the village.

Ted was the exchange instructor to BFSU for 2005-06 and 2006-07. While there he organized students to work with migrant people and children in orphanages. He had 20 students that were very engaged in the project and continued to work with him on these projects for the two years he was at BFSU. Ted said that students realize they can help people and engage in society; if people do not engage in that way world problems will not be solved.

Tyler Murphy and Vanessa Scee, students who participated in the Experience China project talked about their experiences. They both stated that the experience was eye-

opening and they realized that challenges people incur in this country are nothing compared to what people in other countries have to face. They thanked Ted and all faculty and staff that work to make these experiences happen.

## VII. COLLEGE REPORTS

### 1. ASSVC

Tyler Murphy reported the following:

- Food drive competition between clubs, Phi Theta Kappa brought in 4700 lbs., total food weight for all clubs, 5100 lbs.
- Student tech fee deliberations concluded last week, \$212,000 was allocated for purchases that include ten plasma screens that will be installed at various locations.
- Whidbey Island Campus held elections last week.
- Planning is underway for a January legislative rally.
- Program Board is working on a Hawaiian theme party in January.
- In sports, the women's basketball team will be participating in a crossover tournament this weekend at Pierce. The men's basketball team won the Turkey Tournament that was held Thanksgiving weekend.

### 2. SVCFT

Ted Maloney reported on behalf of Neta Cahill:

- Faculty are also planning to rally in Olympia in January, the message will be no additional cuts to higher education. Budget concerns are important to faculty.
- State Supreme Court will visit the Mount Vernon campus February 22-23. The Court will hear cases on February 23 in McIntyre Hall. Justices also want to go into classrooms as speakers and have lunch with students on the first day of their visit. There will also be a reception with the local bar association during their visit.
- International Week will now be called Global Fest and will run from February 8 to March 5. Themes will cover global service, business, culture, travel, and food. The event will wrap-up with a focus on human rights with an international perspective.
- Planning to return to China this summer, currently recruiting students and faculty to participate. The group will go into Szechuan and Tibetan regions. Agriculture development is the area they will be involved with and he asked for the trustees help to recruit members from the local agricultural community.

Dr. Tollefson said that Ted and Ernest's presentations demonstrate some of the valuable activities that are going on in and out of the classroom.

Debra Lisser reported that the trustees are also gearing up for Olympia. Postcards will be available for students to fill in a message to be delivered to legislators. Dr. Tollefson stated that he is working with the students on plans for the January legislative day.

3. WPEA

No report.

4. Administrative Services

Mary Alice Grobins reported:

- The design process has begun for the Lewis Hall replacement project. Architect Keith Schreiber is on track with the schematic and design. The initial meeting with the occupants of the building was recently held. There was discussion about things that have changed since the pre-design meetings. On February 16 we will hold a study session on Lewis Hall for the trustees.
- November financials will not close until December 10. November information will be provided at the January meeting.

5. Instruction & Student Services

Dr. Mick Donahue reported:

- Fall enrollment numbers are very healthy; winter enrollment is also looking very strong. He commended faculty for continuing to add students to full classes.
- This is the last week of fall quarter, busy time for students taking finals and faculty grading.
- Plagiarism continues to be a problem; it has been exacerbated with access to the internet. Working on ways to handle and use as a learning experience for students.
- He and Randy Martin recently provided a presentation about the status of the San Juan Center to the Friday Harbor Town Council. They assured the council members that SVC will remain in Friday Harbor. The community is thrilled to have Randy Martin as the San Juan Center Director and Coordinator for Exploritas (previously known as Elderhostel).
- South Whidbey lease will end later next year, now exploring other location options.
- Next month will present a 2009 summary of Exploritas.

6. College & Community

Carl Young reported:

- Distributed the current edition of the Teaching and Learning newsletter. Stated that the articles clearly reflect the values of SVC.
- Distributed Business Pulse from November—SVC is highly profiled in this publication.

#### 7. President

Dr. Tollefson stated that a report of recent activities had been distributed to the Trustees. He highlighted the following items:

- On November 19 he and Carl Young met with Stedem Wood, Skagit Publishing. It was an excellent meeting and in the past couple of weeks since the meeting we have had a couple of positive front page stories.
- NCTA meetings are coming up on December 11 and 16. There are expected to be funds available to do more from the state allocation and there has been discussion about what programs might be added and if the equipment or facilities can be expanded. The Anacortes location is under construction, the walls have been raised and they are working on the foundation for the geothermal heating system. Construction of the Mount Vernon location is well underway; they will soon be sealing the walls and roof.

#### 8. TACTC

The Chair reported that he and Debra Lisser attended the November TACTC Legislative Action Committee via interactive television. He said there was good participation by the colleges. There will be a strong presence in Olympia working to keep funds for education.

Debra Lisser reported that Jonathan Kozol, founder of Education Action, will speak on poverty in inner city schools at the January TACTC Legislative Conference. She stated that work is also underway in preparation for the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington, DC. She said the Gates Foundation may make an announcement that will impact Washington State at the conference.

#### 9. Board of Trustees

The Chair reported that he attended the Champions of Diversity ceremony on December 1 and extended his congratulations to Anita Ordóñez for a wonderful event.

John Stephens stated that witnessing the personal impact of the scholarships presented at Champions of Diversity is one of the reasons he finds it valuable to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Gary reminded the Trustees of the December 10 holiday open house.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No requests were submitted.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 4:30 p.m., Mount Vernon Campus – Multipurpose Room

X. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Gordon C. Piercy, Chair

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Gary Tollefson, President  
Executive Secretary to the Board