

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS GP-8

POLICY TITLE: *MEMORIALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS*

Skagit Valley College and the Board of Trustees shall encourage and promote the receipt of memorial contributions to the college in the name of people who have made significant contributions to the college and the community. In receiving contributions, the Board of Trustees believes it is appropriate to encourage the direction and focus of creative memorial giving and to develop a unified program that will benefit students at the college. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Trustees to encourage memorial contributions that fit into a pattern and strategy of memorial giving to better assist students and honor the traditions that have developed at the college over the decades.

The Board of Trustees shall have the discretion in acceptance of memorials. It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to encourage memorial giving in the following priority:

1. Scholarship Funds. The Board believes that the best way to directly benefit students and honor the contributor or memorial is to make contributions to student scholarships in the name of the person to be honored.
2. Endowments. The Board believes that significant contributions can be put in an endowment fund, through the Skagit Valley College Foundation, that will contribute to ongoing programs of the foundation.
2. Purchase of Equipment for the College. The Board encourages people to consider purchasing equipment (such as computers, athletic equipment, etc.) that will be used directly by students at the college.
3. Landscape Work. The Board encourages creative design of landscape, trees, fountains, and projects that would beautify the campus and honor the memory of the donor. Landscaping could also incorporate small plaques that have the name of the person being honored or the donor being recognized. The Board encourages the current concept of creating a memorial garden on campus as a place to locate memorial contributions.
4. Art Work. As a last priority the Board may consider artwork (such as portrait paintings) to honor faculty, administrators, and community members who have made significant contributions directly to the college. The artwork should be of a size, scale and style that is approved by a committee selected by the President. One member of the committee may be from the community. The donor should solicit approval before the artwork is created.

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