

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Megan Scott O'Bryan – Chair
Ms. Mariko Doerner – Vice Chair
Ms. Kathryn Bennett
Mr. Ozell Jackson III
Ms. Flora Perez-Lucatero
Dr. Christopher Villa, President & Executive Secretary to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

II. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

The Chair, Megan Scott O'Bryan, recognized that a quorum of Board members was present.

III. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022
2. Special Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2022
3. Skagit/Islands Head Start Report

It was moved by Kathryn Bennett and seconded Ozell Jackson by to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. COLLEGE REPORTS

1. ASSVC – Haeun Kim

Kevin Paul has refurbished the totem pole at the SW corner of the Cardinal Center. Kevin also carved a new orca to replace the decaying one between the Cardinal Center and Ford Hall. Conversation about Kevin carving a totem pole for the Whidbey Island Campus.

Brian Murphy and Blake Smith traveled with five students to Olympia for Legislative Advocacy Day. Students met with Rep. Dave Paul, Rep. Sam Low and Legislative Aide's from Reps. Ramel and Shavers office.

Whidbey Campus coffee show and Veteran's lounge furniture has been installed. Contracting is underway with Beaver Tales Coffee, a woman and native owned roaster and shop based in La Conner.

Mount Vernon ASSVC provided funding for Science Club, Black Student Union, Greenhouse and Garden Club, Phi Theta Kappa, Skagit Film Club, CAMP, Firefighter Club, and Auto Club.

2. SVCFT – Kip Zwolenski – No report
3. WPEA – Lance Levenson - No report
4. President – Christopher Villa

SVC raised a record \$130,000 at the 20th Annual Athletic Auction on Saturday, February 4th. Over 240 people attended the event. Many thanks go to our Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, our sponsors, and the many SVC faculty and staff who contributed extraordinary time and effort to make this a success. Special thanks to Mitch Freeman, Athletics Director, for his dedication to making this event successful.

For the first time in the history of the college, SVC meets the criteria to become a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) as our enrollment is at 26% Hispanic! In order to be eligible for HSI Title V funding, we must sustain a minimum 25% Hispanic enrollment for the next two years, and, thus we will be eligible to apply for HSI funding as early 2025.

Dr. Gabriel Mast has been appointed Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness. Dr. Mast previously served as Executive Dean of Instruction at SVC for the past several years.

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) plans to take a more regional approach in addressing workforce shortages in law enforcement. Senator John Lovick visited SVC in November and then again in December, along with Representative Sam Low and Executive Director of the WSCJTC Monica Alexander. With our support, legislation is being drafted for the 2023-25 biennium to include SVC as a future training site.

School Superintendent meetings in our district: Dr. Villa has met with Mount Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Anacortes, Oak Harbor, Coupeville, and South Whidbey. Friday Harbor is scheduled for March, working on the last two: La Conner and Concrete.

Latinos in Action (LIA) Leadership Conference - On April 10th, we will be hosting this conference in McIntyre Hall. More than 200 students from local high schools are set to be in attendance. LIA is a program currently at Mount Vernon High School that focuses on service learning, leadership and curriculum to empower young students to graduate from high school and attend school. Jose Hernandez, the only Hispanic NASA astronaut in the history of our country, is expected to be the keynote speaker at this event.

Dr. Villa attended the Winter Guided Pathways Retreat in Spokane, WA with a team of faculty and staff from SVC including Vice Presidents Claire Peinado and Kenny Lawson. The event deepened our understanding of the need to integrate equity in our Guided Pathways model.

Dr. Villa extended my thanks to board chairperson Megan Scott O'Bryan, and board members Mari Doerner, and Ozell Jackson for joining him in Olympia late last month in meeting with nine state legislators who serve communities within our SVC service area. They focused on the four priorities established by the WACTC: (1) competitive compensation for our employees and (2) increased funding for workforce education, (3) diversity, equity, and inclusion, and (4) information and learning technology. They also hosted a successful joint legislative reception with Bellingham Technical College and Whatcom Community College. Anne Clark and Marisa Pierce from College Advancement also attended.

Dr. Villa attended the National Community College Legislative Summit last week joined by 69 other Washington state community and technical college presidents, trustees, and staff. They advocated for more federal support for Pell Grants, Workforce Training, and Equity programs, including TRIO and HSI Title 5 funding. They had the opportunity to meet Senators Murray and Cantwell to articulate our priorities with respect to federal funding.

February is Black History Month at SVC. The website includes a variety of events, including movie screenings, talk circles, and presentations.

5. Vice President's Report

Anne Clark, Vice President College Advancement & International Program
Foundation

2022 Year End Appeal was a record year with a total \$325,253.80 received in donations.

Remarkable increase in Emergency/Childcare/Unrestricted donations as a result of strategic partnership in messaging between the Foundation and our media messaging.

Specifically, 2022 resulted in an overall one-year increase of 122% with a 143% increase in emergency/childcare/and unrestricted donations.

2022 Year-End Appeal - Fundraising Results – Total Year-end Appeal - \$325,253.80

2021 Year-End Appeal - Fundraising Results – Total Year-end Appeal - \$70,997.51

The Foundation continues our work with the Seattle Foundation to finalize the transfer agreement and gift agreement for the Sidney S. McIntyre, Jr. Memorial Scholarship; the transfer donation was initiated by Tessea McIntyre-Smith reflecting her deep trust and commitment to the College, and her long history of working closely with the Foundation. Seattle Foundation attorneys are reviewing documents now. The total gift is expected to be nearly \$3 million which would bring our total endowment to about \$19 million. We hope to have the funds transfer complete by the end of February.

International

Director, Adrienne Hamann will begin a recruiting trip to SE Asia from 2/27- 3/23. Itinerary includes Indonesia, Singapore Thailand, Vietnam (and 7 cities).

We currently have 22 applications for Spring Quarter from China, Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Japan, South Korea, Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, Libya, Kenya, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Gambia, and Burkina Faso.

International enrollment continues to increase slowly, but gradually. We're in the approval process with the Federal (SEVIS) system to highlight our current and upcoming accredited Bachelor of Applied Science degrees.

Media Mentions

Dec. 1, 2022 – Feb. 3, 2023 (13 general stories and 24 sports)

Ed Jaramillo - Vice President of Administrative Services and Institutional Planning and Effectiveness

Capital Projects

Fire Apparatus Building – We've had the ground breaking on the new Fire Apparatus/Classroom building.

Whidbey Veterans Lounge and Coffee Lounge – Construction completed. In negotiations with Beaver Tales Coffee from La Conner to operate the Whidbey site.

Operational Items

Radio Station - KSVR participated in the Storming the Sound conference providing sound production services. Storming the Sound is a conference for environmental educators in the north Puget Sound region. KSVR was also showcased in a press article from the Salish Current as an example of a local independent radio station that is "alive and well."

Claire Peinado – Vice President for Student Services

Intake Redesign

The Intake Redesign leadership team is hard at work developing a fully redesigned enrollment intake process. The goals are to reduce the number of steps in the process (from 7 to 2), to provide an on-ground wrap-around welcoming and support experience for incoming students, and to streamline the placement processes for Math and English so students can swiftly move toward registration.

TRIO

The TRIO program has filled for 2022-2023 with the 230 students allowed by the grant and 70 students funded by SVC. This rapid fill has been a surprise this year, when the program has not fully filled the last two years. However, many students have found TRIO through guided pathway models, with CSS 103 and CSS 110 heavily promoting support services and particularly our program. The high numbers are also likely due to a return to campus in a climate where students are needing more support with mental health challenges, financial literacy, and individualized tutoring and advising. The benefit of this rapid fill is it provide good data to support the expansion of the grant in 2025.

Another benefit of being full means midway through the year is that TRIO staff are turning their energies to program delivery rather than outreach. In addition to our packed advising schedules, we have 5 events coming up in the next five weeks: A Scholarship Workshop, Transfer Essay Writing Workshop, Financial Literacy Workshop, Stress Management/Game Time, Managing Math Anxiety Workshop We are also taking 17 students to visit Western on February 9th and we will visit WSU in Pullman the weekend of April 7-9.

Mobile Mexican Consulate Event

The outreach team in collaboration with the Office for Equity and Inclusion hosted the Mexican consulate to provide services to our members of the Skagit Valley community. We had over 400 people from the community attend to receive various services. For the first time, there was a new record established of the number of ID cards issued in the State of Washington.

Student Equity & Inclusion Programs

We had a wonderful MLK Day of Service where we watched and discussed MLK's "The Other America" and did service projects that included creating 100 hygiene kits for homeless folks, knitting hats, clothing collection and sorting, and clean-up of over 80 pounds of trash from the trails by the playfields.

Kenneth Lawson - Vice President for Instruction

SVC's Statement of Need to develop a Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education was successfully presented at the February SBCTC Board meeting. We expect to present a completed program proposal in May. The program will include a

Residency Teachers Certificate with endorsements in early childhood education (preschool-3rd grade), bilingual education, and English language learner.

The Center for Excellence for Marine Technology now serves on the Marine Trades Accreditation Program, a new commission led by the American Boat & Yacht Council. The purpose of the commission is to maintain appropriate standards so that accredited programs create well-trained entry-level technicians to enter the marine boating industry. The Marine Maintenance Technology Program has been a leading program in this national cohort of marine trades educational providers.

Garrett Kelley, Engineering faculty & PhD student, received the Advanced Manufacturing Track Best Paper Award at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Exposition for his research and paper on electron beam melting in manufacturing.

Dr. Loonat has been invited to participate at APSA annual conference on a roundtable titled "Women with Accents." The aim of this roundtable is to explore the gendered, classed, and racializing politics of 'having an accent' in academia.

We have some changes in Instructional leadership. With Dr. Mast's move to the AVP position, Gretchen Robertson is stepping in as the Executive Dean for Instruction over the Arts and Sciences area.

VI. BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ACT

Board members, Megan, Mari and Ozell, gave an update on their time in Olympia meeting with the Legislators in our district, the Legislative Reception we hosted with Bellingham Technical College and Whatcom Community College and the Transforming Lives Award Dinner.

VII. STUDY ITEM

Recommendation of the Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education degree.

Recommendation of Fee Changes for FY 2024.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests were submitted.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Mount Vernon Campus

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair announced that the Board would convene into Executive Session in order to review the performance of a public employee and to discuss matters that could lead to possible litigation per RCS 42.30/110(I)(iii). She stated that she anticipated the Executive Session would take 30 minutes and that the Board does not intend to take action when they returned to open session.

Convened into Executive Session at 5:42 pm

XI. OPEN SESSION

The Chair reconvened the meeting into open session at 8:23 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Megan Scott O'Bryan, Vice Chair

Dr. Christopher Villa, President
Executive Secretary to the Board