

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 4
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
Tuesday, May 9, 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
Dr. Christopher Villa, President & Executive Secretary to the Board

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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.

RECOGNITION OF TENURE FACULTY

Dr. Villa introduced the following instructions who were awarded tenure at the March Board of Trustees Meeting: Rocio Herrera, Counseling; Denise Jones, Nursing; Alexis Meyers, Early Childhood Education; Allen Paz, Nursing; Karen Schaewe, Nursing; Andrew Vinyard, Chemistry; and Kasey Williamson, Nursing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allan Olson, Andy Pitz, Dave Prutzman and Terry Williams, shared their concerns with the Board about the tennis pavilion being used for anything besides tennis.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Board Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2023
2. Skagit/Islands Head Start Report
3. Exceptional Faculty Awards, 2023-24

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation of Revision to WAC 132D-150-050

It was moved by Mariko Doerner and seconded by Kathryn Bennett to approve the recommendation of the revision to WAC 132D-150-050.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Recommendation of Approval of Early Head Start and Head Start Continuation Grant Applications

It was moved by Ozell Jackson and seconded by Mariko Doerner to approve the recommendation of approval of Early Head Start and Head Start Continuation Grant Applications.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. COLLEGE REPORTS

1. ASSVC – Haeun Kim

Applications are currently being accepted for 2023-24 student government positions. There are positions at the Mount Vernon campus and 5 at the Whidbey Island Campus. It is expected that a few current board members will apply to continue, however, most positions will be filled by new candidates.

The Services and Activities Fees committees have completed decision making and draft budgets have been forwarded for review.

The student committee members have decided to increase the fee to the state max allowed and allocate at a projection that is based on a 5% enrollment increase.

The Mount Vernon ASSVC has made decisions to support some student travel opportunities.

National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) will be in New Orleans at the end of the month. Four students will be traveling with Rick Flores and Blake Smith.

National Restaurant Association Show will be in Chicago May 20-23. Gil Rodriguez will travel with two students.

Students had the opportunity to hear from and speak with Secretary of State Steve Hobbs on April 25th. Secretary Hobbs shared about role and responsibility of the office, along with some of his priorities and projects. The event was attended by about 30 students and staff. Secretary Hobbs shared interest in returning to campus again.

2. SVCFT – Kip Zwolenski

2023 Legislative Session

Advocacy Efforts

- Our efforts and collaboration during this legislative session paid off
- Recognition of students, faculty and staff unions, college presidents, and SBCTC staff

Events

- Mid-March Townhalls
- April 11 Day-of-Action: Walkout to Olympia (organized by AFT-WA)

Outcomes

- COLA for faculty:
 - 23-24—8.9%
 - 24-25—5.87%
- High-Demand/Nurse Educator continued funding
- Many bills related to dual-enrollment and student support

Part-time Faculty Pay Parity

- SB-5557 did not make it out of committee
- Elements of the bill were included in the budget (see excerpt below)

Institutional Day, May 8

- Presentation on Program Review
- Reviewed and Updated Degree Maps
- 22-23 Exceptional Faculty Awards

3. WPEA – Lance Levenson

No report at this time.

4. President – Christopher Villa

Budget:

We are so proud of the collaborative work demonstrated by the SBCTC, College Presidents, College Board Members (including our own), Faculty and Classified Staff Union Leaders, and Students for their advocacy that resulted in closing the “leaky pipe” (the 17% college COLA contribution). Due to our efforts, SVC will save about one million dollars in the 23-25 biennium in addition to receiving additional DEI funding.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK):

I had the opportunity to represent SVC at the National PTK Conference in Columbus, Ohio on April 21st to receive the Paragon Award for new College Presidents, in recognition of

outstanding support of student success and for providing high-quality learning environments both inside and outside the classroom.

Court of Appeals Event:

We encourage members of our community, including Board members, administrators, faculty, staff, and students to attend the remote argument for Division 1 of the Court of Appeals at the Tarro Theater on Thursday, June 1st from 8:30am-3:30pm, hosted by SVC. We have been collaborating with Washington State Court of Appeals Judge Cecily Hazelrigg, who is a proud alum of SVC and Mount Vernon High School. A breakfast social will be held in the morning followed by oral arguments, a time for Q & A and an afternoon panel with SVC students.

Building Community:

We hosted social potlucks at the Whidbey Island and Mount Vernon campuses in our continuing efforts to build community at SVC. Both events were very well received as attendance has approximately 40 at WIC and 100 at MVC.

Latinos in Action:

We were honored to have former NASA Astronaut, Jose Hernandez as the keynote speaker of Latinos in Action Conference. About 300 students from multiple school districts attended and participated in workshops and cultural performances. The day began with a VIP Breakfast where we heard from the LIA Founder, Dr. Jose Enriquez and our Consul Titular from the Seattle Mexican Consulate Ivan Godoy Priskey about Hispanic heritage and pride and careers in STEM.

Office of Equity and Inclusion:

OEI attended the Alliance for Hispanic Serving Institution conference in San Francisco, CA. As a new initiative, SVC will have *HSI Leads* implemented at the college, where staff from Instruction, Student Services, Foundation and Marketing and Administrative Services will review and recommend strategies to sustain and increase Latinx enrollment as well as develop a plan for when we are eligible to apply for Title V grants. The report will be completed Fall 2023.

Summer Bridge Program:

We are currently recruiting for the Pa' Delante Summer Bridge program which will begin July 31st- August 30th. The program is built to serve recent graduating seniors from high schools in our service area who will be attending SVC in the Fall of 2023. The program will include a College Success Course and enrichment activities to support students to prepare to be ready for college in the fall. The program is available to all first-generation, low-income students.

Government-To-Government (G2G) Summit:

Skagit Valley College will be hosting the Government-To-Government (G2G) Summit between Regional Federally Recognized Tribes and Leaders of the Northwestern Colleges on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. This is a collaborative event with WA SBCTC Executive Team and Tribal Government Affairs Office Director Lynn Palmanteer-Holder and local Swinomish

Education Director Michael Vendiola. We will listen to, and learn from each college leader as they determine how they can be more effective community partners in improving access and support to each Tribal community's post-secondary education, career, and technical training needs.

5. Vice President's Report

Anne Clark, Vice President College Advancement & International Program

Foundation:

The Foundation has raised \$4.2 million this fiscal year.

- This figure includes \$3.1 million from the Seattle Foundation (Sidney S. McIntyre, Jr. Memorial Scholarship).

The Foundation has awarded 350 Scholarships to 280 students for the 2023-2024 academic school year.

- \$717,000 in total awards will be distributed next academic year.

The Foundation has finalized a new scholarship with WECU to establish 8 - \$1,000 scholarships for SVC students.

The 24th Annual Champions of Diversity event was held on April 27th at McIntyre Hall.

- Trustees Megan Scott O'Bryan, Mari Doerner and Kathryn Bennett attended. Pam Allen, President of the Foundation's Board of Governors was also in attendance.
- The Foundation is supporting 10 first year students with \$3,000 in scholarships (\$30,000 total) as well as \$1,000 for each of the returning 2nd year Champions of Diversity students (\$5,000 total).

Scholarship Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at the Swinomish Casino & Lodge at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:00am).

The 35th Annual James M. Ford Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2023.

- We are back to a shotgun start at 11am - Avalon Golf Links.
- The goal is to gross \$90,000 this year, the Foundation has already received \$67,000 in sponsorships and registrations pledged or paid. Last year they grossed \$87,000, and pre-covid (2019) \$89,845.34. Top sponsors are: HF Sinclair (Presenting Sponsors - \$10K); Becht, Stronghold, and Universal Plant Services (Executive Circle - \$5K); Bragg Crane, Brand/Safway, Veca, and USW (Leadership Circle - \$3K); and many sponsors at \$1,500 (President's Club) and a few teams at \$800. In total, there are 36 sponsors so far.

Marketing/Communications/Media:

Eight front page stories in Skagit Valley Herald (March/April)

SVC Manufacturing Club presents prosthetic hand to 6-year-old:

- [FOX 13 News](#)
- [Skagit Valley Herald](#)

SVC Counselor (Rocio Herrera) gives Students a Role Model (May 5, 2023)

Advancement Specialist:

James Walters presented with Carrol Community College at the AACCC annual conference in Denver. The one-hour breakout session highlighted the excellent work that SVC is doing in retention and student success. These highlighted efforts included: FQE classes, early alert communications, and the successful formatting of SVC's Cardinal pre-flight and take off (SVC's new student orientation and advising process). The presentation was standing room only, and was attended by presidents, chancellors, VPs, deans and other student services professionals from across the country.

Claire Peinado – Vice President for Student Services

Outreach Team:

Outreach Events

The outreach team attended the NW Regional Job fair, Darrington HS Career Fair, Mount Vernon High School Multicultural night, Mount Vernon High School Transitions Fair, Marysville Pilchuck CTC Fair, and Coupeville High School Community Resource Fair. Furthermore, they collaborated with the Manufacturing, Automotive and Environmental Conservation departments to highlight their programs at the MVHS Annual Science Fair.

Try-A-Trade

The Outreach team organized and hosted more than 120 students at the Try-A-Trade event in collaboration with a number of other SVC departments. Interactive hands-on experiences allowed students to learn more about the wide array of professional technical programs that SVC has to offer.

MVHS Senior Day

The outreach team supported about 50 students at the MVHS Senior day where prospective students received help applying to the college or checking their application status; the team also welcomed 60 GEAR UP students from BEHS and MVHS to a resource fair and campus tour.

Student Support Sessions:

The Student Support Sessions were a hit! It was a cross-campus collaboration - specifically, Financial Aid, IT, Office of Student Equity and Inclusion, Enrollment Services, and Faculty, as well as our amazing Counseling and Advising team were in Lewis Hall and on zoom for our Spring Quarter students to get help in the first week.

Here is a snapshot of these sessions:

- Held three days (April 4, 5, and 6)
- Mix of Student Services, IT, and Faculty
- Drop-in help: advising, campus navigation, login support
- Served over 300 students in 4 languages
- Help on MV campus and remotely
- Faculty feedback:
The support sessions were an absolute game-changer! It was fabulous to have your support team helping our students this week, Amy, and it made things so much smoother for my class to be able to send people for tech support. Thank you so much to you and your team! Yes, the support sessions were very helpful! Thank you for all the work put into making them happen!

Athletic Department:

Athletic Development Community Partnerships

SVC Athletics is in partnership with the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club hosted over 720 Participants along with 100+ spectators for the 2023 Tulip Tussle Pickleball Tournament. This event brought people in from all over the region to our campus for a 4 -day tournament, April 27-30. SVC Athletics has created partnership with fellow departments on campus including the foundation, Maintenance and Facilities to support this event. Final Financial Amounts are expected to be announced by the 2nd week of May.

Tulalip Tribes Charity Grant (\$20,000)

- We will prioritize honoring the details of the grant that include:
- Running a Basketball camp for Tulalip Tribe kids at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Invite Tulalip Tribe HS students to SVC's Campus 2x per spring Quarter. This campus visit would include Transportation, a meal, SVC Swag, Educational Experience, campus Tour, etc.
- A large portion of the funding will go to the First Nations Club to support the Spring POW WOW
- A large portion will go to support SVC Athletic Scholarships.
- We will promote the Tulalip Tribes at our Athletic Facilities & our Athletic Auction. Also, we will have 4 seats at the 2024 SVC Athletic Auction on February 3rd

Kenneth Lawson, VP of Instruction

Community Partnerships

The SVC Biology Department was awarded the CURES grant to develop a Biology major lab series that incorporates undergraduate research experiences done in collaboration with community partners.

General Items of Interest

Skagit Valley College nursing graduates had a cumulative 93% NCLEX first-time pass rate for 2022, one of only 7 schools in the state to have pass rates in the 90s for 2022.

The Manufacturing Technology program has received “Career Launch” endorsement from the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges and Career Connect Washington. The endorsement recognizes programs that provide educational pathways that include meaningful on-the-job work experiences and paid internships. Career Launch endorsement also provides access to funding opportunities for equipment that aligns instruction with industry practices, as well as enrollment expansion.

SVC faculty continue to work on developing courses that will meet the new Equity requirement, which shall replace the current Diversity requirement by Summer of 2025.

The learning outcomes for the new requirement center around building students’ knowledge, skills, and abilities to act ethically and effectively in an increasingly diverse society by recognizing and using their own power and privilege to increase social equity. This is not easy content to teach, particularly for students who may be unaware of, or, worse, sometimes actively resistant to consider, their own biases and/or privileges, and how those biases reflect the systemic nature of racism and other forms of discrimination that make up the contours of our history and contemporary society. For this reason, courses that meet the Equity requirement will tend to be rooted within those disciplines that have explicit training related to equity and social justice and will be taught by faculty who have the pedagogical training to teach these outcomes in an effective way.

Congratulations to Nancy Bixler, Brittany Knutson, and Mariko Thomas who were recently selected by the Equity Steering Committee to participate in an intensive workshop and training to develop new Equity courses this spring. Angela Logan, the current department chair for CMST, deserves recognition as well as she has already done some exciting work to transform how CMST 210—Interpersonal Communication—can effectively teach the new Equity learning outcomes.

The Nursing Assistant Program Approval Panel (NAPAP) applauded SVC’s Nursing Assistant program, taught by Linda Foster, for pass rates above 80% for the past 2 years.

On May 18th, SVC will host a Career Fair. Big shout out to Aaron Klesick who has organized over 65 local businesses to participate in this event and raised money to provide lunch for students who attend. These businesses—many of whom are currently hiring—are integral to our student’s success and the success of our instructional programs. We are excited about this opportunity for students to participate and get to know some of the local businesses in the region.

Ed Jaramillo, VP of Administrative Services

Facilities:

Capital Projects

Library/Culinary Commons Design

- Schematic designed is wrapping up

- Engaging the city to determine the final amount of code changes and requirements (currently \$1.8 million)

Operational:

Business Office

The Business Office is currently reorganizing the Business Office. New position for a grants office has been approved. AVP of Grants and Enterprise Services will be announced soon.

IT

The IT Department will be participating in a ctc-wide Cybersecurity Attack Exercise.

Security

Successful test of all alert systems showing integration of phones, computers, phones (landline and cell), texting, and social media at Whidbey and Mount Vernon. Next will be integration of San Juan Center.

VI. BOARD OF TRUSTEES/ACT

Board member Mariko Doerner attended the SVC Foundation's Board of Governors retreat on May 3, 2023, the retreat was held at PACCAR. They received a tour and learned about the program. Board members attended the Head Start Accreditation on May 2, 2023.

VII. STUDY ITEM

1. Recommendation of Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024
2. Election of Vice Chair for 2023-2024
3. Recommendation of Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 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 6:40 pm

XI. OPEN SESSION

The Chair reconvened the meeting into open session at 8:31 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Megan Scott O'Bryan, Vice Chair

Dr. Christopher Villa, President
Executive Secretary to the Board