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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE

July 22, 2024, at 2:00pm

West Campus Conference Center Meeting Room D

1704 W. Nob Hill Blvd Yakima WA 98902

A. Roll Call

Board of Trustees Present

Patrick Baldoz, Chair (attended by ZOOM)
Laura Flores, Vice Chair (attended by ZOOM)
Bertha Ortega, Trustee (attended by ZOOM)
Dr. Sara Cate, Trustee (attended by ZOOM)
David Morales, Trustee (attended by ZOOM)

Others Present

YVC Staff & Faculty

There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

- B. Call to the Public** – Chair Baldoz stated that at this time the public is welcome to make comments on any of the action items on today’s agenda. Following the reports, there will be another Call to the Public for anyone who wishes to make comments on issues that were not action items. Ms. Sheehan let Chair Baldoz know no one signed up to speak.

C. Action Items:

1. Interim President’s Contract

Alma Ramirez presented to the Board of Trustees need for an Interim President to ensure continued leadership and stability within the college’s organization during this transitional period. As Dr. Teresa Rich has been approved by the Board of Trustees as Interim President pending contract negotiation. The board chair has negotiated on behalf of the board a contract up to a two-year term until a permanent President’s position has been filled, which the Interim President has accepted, subject to the approval of the board of Trustees.

MOTION 24-07-04: Trustee Ortega moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the negotiated agreement offering the President an Interim contract for two year(s) or until the vacant position has been filled.

Chair Baldoz made an announcement to the board that he had discussed this contract with Alma Ramirez, Chief Human Resources Officer and Dr. Teresa Rich, prior to the board meeting and all of the board members received a copy of the contract for review.

Chair Patrick asked for further discussion.

The motion was seconded Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

Chair Baldoz congratulated Dr Rich on her new appointment and contract. Chair Baldoz stated that she had a lot of work ahead of her. Dr. Rich thanked the board and shared that she would continue to do the good works that the college has previously done, and she thanked Dr. Kaminski for being her mentor and helping get her prepared for a role such as this. Chair Baldoz stated that the board was aware of the hard work that she had done previously as the Vice President working alongside Dr. Kaminski and they are confident in your abilities to be successful at her new role. Trustee Cate asked who would be taking over the Vice President of Administrative Services role? Dr. Rich stated that the college would be advertising that position nationwide and they would be hiring hopefully soon. Dr. Rich is hoping for a candidate with a strong finance background that she can help mentor.

2. Emergency Federal regulation changes regarding Title IX

Alma Ramirez presented to the Board of Trustees the emergency federal regulation changes regarding Title IX. To comply with the 2024' Amendments to the U.S. Department of Education regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Following approval by the Board of Trustees, the college will follow the prescribed procedures for an emergency revision of Title IX. In the fall, the college proposes to follow the formal procedures for permanent rule making.

Key provisions of the Department of Education's 2024 Title IX Final Rule:

1. Definitions, (§ 106.2)
2. Effect of other requirements (§ 106.6)
3. Administrative Requirements (§ 106.8)
4. Scope of Sex Discrimination (§§ 106.2, 106.10)
5. Application of Title IX (§ 106.11)
6. Sex Separation and Different Treatment (§ 106.31(a)(2))
7. Parental, family, or marital status; pregnancy or related conditions (§§ 106.21(c), 106.40, 106.57 106.44)
8. Grievance procedures for all sex discrimination complaints (§ 106.45)
9. Additional requirements for grievance procedures for sex-based harassment complaints involving a postsecondary student (§ 106.46)
10. Retaliation (§ 106.71)

The 2024 amendments take effect on August 1, 2024, and obligate recipients to apply the requirements to complaints of sex discrimination regarding alleged conduct that occurs on or after that date.

MOTION 24-07-05: Trustee Cate moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the necessary changes to ensure compliance and uphold commitment to equity and nondiscrimination.

The motion was seconded Trustee Morales and passed unanimously

Ms. Ramirez shared with the board that this is the first step in the process and that the college will be bringing the revised WACs back to the board as a separate action item in a future meeting.

Communications: Chair Baldoz reported that there will be a need for another special meeting in the month of July for WAC revisions regarding Title IX and the Student Code of Conduct that will require board approval prior to



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August 1, 2024, for Emergency Rule Filing. Chair Baldoz asked Ms. Sheehan to work with members of the board to coordinate a time for this next special meeting to take place.

A. Reports- NO REPORTS

B. Call to the Public – Chair Baldoz stated that at this- time the public is welcome to make comments. Jocelyn Sheehan let Chair Baldoz know no one signed up to speak.

C. Date of Next Meeting— The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2024. Yakima Campus, West Campus Conference Room, 038-122 Meeting Room D. 1704 W. Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima WA 98902.

D. Executive Session -NA

E. Action Items. NA

F. Adjournment. The regular meeting was at adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



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