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**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE**  
October 14, 2021, 4:30 p.m.

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Chair McClure called the regular meeting to order at 4:33pm. Trustees present were Chair McClure, Trustee Sara Cate, Trustee Bertha Ortega, Trustee Cus Arteaga and Trustee Patrick Baldoz.

**A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees**

**Board of Trustees Present**

Mr. Neil McClure, Chair  
Mr. Cus Arteaga, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick Baldoz  
Dr. Sara Cate  
Ms. Bertha Ortega

**Others Present**

YVC Students  
YVC Staff & Faculty

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

**Introduction of Guests and New Employees.** There were no introductions.

**B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda.** There were no changes to the agenda.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** There were no minutes to approve at this time.

**D. Action Items:**

**1. President's Contract Extension**

Chair Neil McClure stated that the Board of Trustees has completed a review of the college president's performance and found it exceeding expectation and performance goals. The board chair has negotiated, on behalf of the board, a renewal contract that the president has accepted, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION 21-10-01:** Trustee Baldoz moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the negotiated agreement offering the President an additional three years on her employment contract, through September 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cate and passed unanimously.

**E. Communications.** There were no communications.

**F. Reports**

1. **Board of Trustees.** Trustee Cate shared that we have previously had a Board Representative at the Foundation meetings. Previously 1 trustee went to all the foundation meetings as the board representative, but that trustees could rotate between members. The foundation meets monthly in person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Trustee Ortega motioned for rotating who attends, Chair McClure seconded. Chair Cate and Vice Chair Arteaga are not able to attend on Tuesdays. Chair Baldoz shared that he attended in September and Chair McClure would attend in November. The Board asked that Amanda get schedule for the foundation meetings for the board.

It was suggested that a study session for Trustees prior to another meeting to schedule which trustees can attend as representative to state and federal meetings. Upcoming meetings are Action Committee Retreat and ACT Fall Conference.

2. **Students:**

Lily Villa, GSC President

Kayla Villanueva, YSC President, discussed past events and upcoming events. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

3. **Classified Staff.** No Report
4. **Professional Staff.** No Report
5. **Faculty.** Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President, talked about nurse educator funding MOU. Shared that after Dr. Kaminski's email about winter quarter 30% return, some faculty are concerned with being on campus with unvaccinated students.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services.** Not present, No Report.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services.** Dr. Ernst shared that YVC received a \$1.9M federal grant to mitigate college expenses through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. Thank you Oscar Verduzco and Wilma Dulin for securing the grant. Thus far over \$143,000 has been distributed to 119 students.

Vanessa Tucker and much of our classified staff, we will be recommitting to our Caring Campus campaign. This will be good for welcoming back students, especially those that have never attended YVC in person.

Dr. Ernst shared that our BAS in Agriculture degree is in the final stages of state approval. She thanked Ag faculty members, Trent Ball, Stacy Gingras, and Holly Ferguson as well as English faculty member Julie Swedin who coordinated the writing of the proposal.

YVC has been invited to apply for a state grant that will allow us to hire a Re-Entry Coordinator who will work closely with peers and the Washington Department of Corrections to help people who have served their time re-enter society.

8. **President**

**Community Relations Report.** Mr. Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations, shared that the YVC ad campaigns have performed well. Dustin shared that the Grandview virtual tour is live and has over 1,000 visitors. Community Relations is raising awareness of the college's work with Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and National First-Generation College Celebration (Nov.8). A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.



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**Human Resource Activity Report.** Mr. Steven Sloniker, Executive Director of Human Resources, discussed some of the items on the HR Activity Report. He shared that HR staff have been very busy with hiring and ctcLink training. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

**President's Report.** 1) Dr. Kaminski shared that YVC is one of only a couple "unvaccinated" campuses, and that means that while we do not require our students to be vaccinated we do require mask wearing and social distancing. 2) She shared that items being discussed as a part of the operating budget is funding for cyber security workforce, more access to financial aid, Climate Science – climate change education and training, expand assistance for homeless students, support refuge education – mainly for afghan refugees. 3) YVC's major project items is #13 of 14 in the queue. 4) Our most recent enrollment report has enrollment down 9.8%, all community colleges are down. WED is up 2% and CCR is up 1% from last year. We hope with in person expanding our numbers will improve. 5) Dr. Kaminski shared a PowerPoint with the board about COVID in our community from Yakima Memorial. 6) Dr. Rich attended the foundation meeting in September and Dr. Ernst will be attending in October. 7) She shared that there was supposed to be allocation model changes, but due to the current economic situation and the pandemic, the BAC group did not recommend doing that now, but to look again in 1-2 years.

**G. Call to the Public.**

Dr. Guzman, Grant Director, shared that the CAMP program would be having a drive thru resource fair in October. Many other colleges would have a spot at the fair, including WSU, UW, Eastern, Heritage, Western Washington, Central and Gonzaga. All attendees will stay in their car and wear a mask at all times.

**H. Date of Next Meeting—** The next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, via Zoom.

**I. Executive Session.** No executive session was called.

**J. Action Items.** N/A

**K. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

**NEIL MCCLURE**

Neil McClure, Chair

**LINDA KAMINSKI**

Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary