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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE**

April 13, 2023 4:30 p.m.

Grandview Campus, Library Conference Room, 055-0155.

500 West Main Street, Grandview WA 98930.

A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees

Board of Trustees Present

Cus Arteaga, Chair
Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair
Patrick Baldoz, Trustee

Linda Kaminski, Secretary

Board of Trustees Absent

Dr. Sara Cate, Trustee (excused)
Neil McClure, Trustee (excused)

Others Present

YVC Staff & Faculty

Introduction of Guests and New Employees. No introductions

B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda. No changes to the agenda

C. Call to the Public – No one present expressed a desire to address the Board.

D. Approval of Minutes: Vice Chair Ortega moved that the minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of March 9, 2023 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baldoz and passed unanimously.

E. Action Items:

1. Student Lab Fee Increases,

Dr. Jennifer Ernst stated general lab fees must be reassessed from time to time to determine if sufficient revenue is generated to cover operating costs unique to individual courses. Administrative staff and faculty have reviewed current lab fees and emerging needs and recommend the adjusted fees which were presented in the March study session, become effective fall quarter 2023.

MOTION 22-04-01: Vice Chair Ortega moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the proposed student lab fees as presented in the March study session to become effective fall quarter 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baldoz and passed unanimously.

2. 2022/2024 AFT-YPS Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification,

Dr. Linda Kaminski stated that the College has reached a tentative agreement on a successor collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff covering Exempt Professional Staff, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

MOTION 22-04-02: Trustee Baldoz moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion authorizing the President to execute the 2022 / 2024 collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of Teachers – Yakima Professional Staff, representing Exempt Professional Staff. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ortega and passed unanimously.

F. Communications: There were no communications.

G. Reports

1. **Board of Trustees:** Vice Chair Ortega commended Dr. Kaminski and staff for their outstanding work completing the financial statement audit. Chair Arteaga stated he attended the exit conference and the meeting was without any tension about bad news and he thanked Dr. Kaminski and those involved with the audit for keeping the college inside the lines.
2. **Students:** NO REPORT
3. **Classified Staff** – NO REPORT
4. **Professional Staff:** Ms. Hillary Emerson, AFT-YPS Professional Representative, had several members able to attend the statewide action on Tuesday. Gratifying to see all three unions support message to legislators that community colleges need to be fully funded in order to provide quality education. She mentioned there were a few errors in the initial list for the renewal and non-renewals, a new list was provided to the Board. Raised an issue about the dues that is being deducted from member paycheck and where that money is ending up. The union has been in communication with HR and hope to have it resolved quickly. Have reached an agreement with the college, took to members, unanimous ratification. Thanked the Board for approving it.
5. **Faculty:** Heidi Matlack, Counselor Grandview Campus, shared about the day of action, AFT-Y participated in a statewide day of action on Tuesday April 11th. Faculty and students on both campuses walked out of class held a march / rally and “teach in”. Shared with student about history of unions, legislative offices, how students can get more involved. Encouraged students to reach out to their legislators and to register to vote. Also sent a busload of faculty, students and community members over to Olympia to participate in the rallies over there. YVC joined 19 other colleges across the state that also held actions. All aimed to pressure the legislator to increase funding to community and technical colleges, fully funding the COLA, pay equity, financial support for students, and cost free college. AFT-Y requested a meeting with the Board to discuss an issue before sharing it publicly, request meeting before to next Board meeting in May. Heidi stated that as they aren’t able to email or call the Board, she was making the request today in hopes that the Board could reach out to them to set up a phone call or meeting with one or more of their E board members. A meeting with just one trustee does not violate the public meeting laws.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services:** Written Report Only. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the presidents office.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services:** Dr. Jennifer Ernst introduced Pedro Navarrete, Interim Dean of Grandview Campus, who will be provided the Grandview Campus report. Interim Dean Navarrete referenced his presentation that was include in the board packet; he wanted to highlight a couple items. He stated that the Grandview Campus continues to experience a growth in enrollment. College & Career Readiness has experienced the most growth over the course of the year. Arts & Sciences has also seen a growth in enrollment. Pedro indicated that Running Start is group that is making a difference. Grandview Running Start students make up 26% of the total enrollment of Running Start

students. He thanked Hillary Emerson, Maria Lund and Diana Jennings for their support of Running Start students. Pedro also highlighted the Agricultural Open House that was organized by faculty and staff to highlight opportunities in the agricultural industry. He thanked Stacey Gingras and Melissa Green for their efforts. Chair Arteaga thanked Pedro for taking time to attend the Grandview City Council meetings.

Dr. Ernst shared with the Board that as of today enrollment is up 24.7%. Acknowledge that this is due to the hard work of everyone on both campuses. We are leading the state of Washington and that is a credit to the efforts of our faculty and staff. Dr. Ernst put the numbers in context, she shared a graph showing enrollment levels for each spring quarter since 2019. The highest level was spring of 2020, we are starting to make up ground in enrollment and we are currently on track to be at -24% of that spring 2020 high. Dr. Ernst discussed a meeting with UW, Senator Cantwell's staff and the National Science Foundation to discuss the CHIPS act. Dr. Ernst shared that when she first arrived at YVC our MESA grant was not meeting objectives with fewer than 30 students participating and now we have 100 students and are a model program in the state of Washington. She thanked Cristy Rasmussen, Venessa Tucker, Emeka Udenza, Matthew Loeser and all of the STEM faculty for supporting our students. Dr. Ernst discussed the labor action day on Tuesday and thanked everyone who advocated on behalf of higher education and stated she was proud to support AFT members during their day of action. A copy of the report and handouts is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

8. **President** – Dr. Linda Kaminski presented an Information Item – Administrative and Exempt / Professional Employee Contracts. Dr. Kaminski stated our practice is to notify administrative and exempt employees if their contracts are to be non-renewed. The contract expiring or non-renewed employees on the attached lists have been notified. The contract renewed employees on the attached lists will be notified of their contract status. All reappointed positions are contingent upon continuation of funding. A copy of the information item is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

Community Relations Report – Dustin Wundelich, Director of Community Relations, discussed that at the invitation of SBCTC, YVC recently gave a presentation on the college efforts over the last year to grown enrollment. Dustin indicated he and Vice President Ernst presented just last week and took lots of questions from other colleges about what YVC has been doing over the last year. Including outreach events and advertising. He indicated it has been a lot of efforts by everyone across the institution. He shared his gratitude for the YVC Foundation who made available some additional funds in support efforts in community relations for incentive gift cards for student participation in campus life photos. He also thanked the Foundation for their recognition of YVC's All Washington Nominee Carlos Trejo-Perez and their matching scholarship.

Human Resource Activity Report – A copy of the written report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

President's Report – 1) discussed today's enrollment and a comparison of different programs and she highlighted the increase in CCR enrollment whose numbers may still increase because they are still enrolling. Kuddos to everyone at the college who are working so hard and bringing our students back. 2) Dr. Kaminski discussed that next week, we should have the conference budget. Still don't know for sure what will happen. We are working on what YVC's budget will be next year. Dr. Kaminski discussed the unfunded mandate process and current budget requests.

- H. Call to the Public** – No one expressed a desire to address the Board.
- I. Date of Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2023. West Campus Conference Center 038-122, Meeting Room D, 1704 W. Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima WA
- J. Executive Session** – No executive session was called.
- K. Action Items** – N/A
- L. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

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Cus Arteaga, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary