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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 13, 2022 4:30 p.m.

West Campus Conference Center 038-122, Meeting Room D

1704 W. Nob Hill Blvd, Yakima WA

Chair Arteaga called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees

Board of Trustees Present

Cus Arteaga, Chair

Patrick Baldoz

Dr. Sara Cate

Neil McClure

Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair

Others Present

YVC Students

YVC Faculty & Staff

Dr. Linda Kaminski

Introduction of Guests and New Employees. Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, introduced; Kelly Rae, Program Coordinator; Lance Myler, Biology Instructor; Dr. Joanna Fischer, Veterinary Instructor; Brian Lewis, Parking Guide; Cara Warren, Allied Health Instructor; Sam Faulk, Reference Librarian Instructor; Karyl Johnson, Reference Librarian Instructor; Stephanie O’Brine, Allied Health Instructor; Peter Udo, Information Technology Instructor; Mary Dewitt, Education/Early Childhood Instructor, and Kayo Nakamura, Arts/Humanities Instructor.

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

C. Approval of Minutes: Trustee McClure moved that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2022 and the Special Meeting of September 29, 2022 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Ortega and passed unanimously.

D. Action Items:

1. Modification of President’s Contract to Provide Salary Increase

Steve Sloniker stated that the 2022 Legislature authorized salary increases of three and one quarter percent (3.25%) for Administrative and Non-Represented Exempt employees effective July 1, 2022. Article IV of the President’s contract provides that the Board may provide increases to the President’s salary during the term of agreement. This action item would extend the same percentage increase to the President’s salary as that provided to other Administrative & Non-Represented employees.

MOTION 22-10-01: Vice Chair Ortega moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to amend the President’s contract to provide a three and one-quarter percent (3.25%) increase effective July 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baldoz and passed unanimously.

E. Communications: There were no communications.

F. Reports

1. **Board of Trustees.** Trustee McClure thanked the technology staff for their assistance in enhancing the technology for the board meetings.
2. **Students:** Yadira Chavez, YSC Vice President, introduced herself to the Board and discussed some past events. Yadira introduced Sonia, who shared about her experiences at YVC including participating in running start. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.
3. **Classified Staff** – No Report
4. **Professional Staff** – Ms. Hillary Emerson, AFT-YPS Professional Representative. Stated that she did not have a great update, AFT has been trying for months to settle their contract. Need fair wages to recruit, retain and support workers. Ask YVC to respect union workers and call on the Board to bargain a fair contract.
5. **Faculty** – Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President read a prepared statement about Tenure and Special Faculty at YVC. Rachel provided the Board with copies of letters from individual faculty members. Rachel discussed requesting more communication and more transparency about how decisions are made. She discussed that tenured faculty have job security but Special Faculty don't know about their job security and don't feel comfortable speaking out about issues that impact the college. A copy of the statement is filed with these minutes in the president's office.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** – Dr. Teresa Rich introduced Brady Mugleston.
Brady Mugleston, Interim Directory TS presented his annual report to the Board. Brady discussed technology services role in supporting the implementation of ctcLink, operations, and asset management. Brady discussed some challenges for Tech Services with a growing list of equipment that is at end of life and prioritizing replacements. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

Dr. Rich complimented Brady on the work he has been doing as the Interim Technology Director. She indicated that the 1st quarter fiscal report was included in the board meeting packet that shows the \$427,000 from SBCTC for a nursing simulation lab. Dr. Rich provided the Board with a ctcLink update, Pillars report that we are making progress streamlining processes. Dr. Rich stated that the City of Grandview was able to hire a new credentialed librarian who will start on October 17th. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** – Dr. Jennifer Ernst provided the Board with a brief update on enrollment, our FTE is at a 7.5% increase over last year. Dr. Ernst complimented Admissions, Financial aid and Student Services staff who worked so hard to get our students enrolled. She also thanked Mark Fuzie and the Pathway Navigators; Brenda Montoya-Roman, Bertha Gonzalez, Karla Rabadan, Vanessa Tucker and Alex Bazan. Dr. Ernst thanked Diana Jennings and the folks from the Grandview Campus for their work on improving enrollment and providing more in-person back to campus events. She reiterated that this is good news; however, we are still down more the 25% from pre-COVID FTE and it will take work to regain everything we've lost. Jennifer congratulated Libby McRae and her Allied Health colleagues for putting together a stellar Sterile Processing Program. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president's office.

8. President

Community Relations Report – Mr. Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations discussed the recent positive media coverage regarding the start of Fall quarter. Dustin highlighted the media coverage of YVC’s Vineyard and Winery Tech Program by Seattle’s KING5 news. Mr. Wunderlich also discussed that the YVC Drama Department will present “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” this fall. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the president’s office.

Human Resource Activity Report – Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services indicated that HR was busy the last month or so working on the ratified contract with the Classified Staff, it has been submitted to OFM. He indicated HR is still in negotiations with the AFT-Y regarding nursing funds and next will be the high demand negotiations. There are still some outstanding issues with ctcLink, SBTCT will be meeting with YVC in November. Steve indicated that he has been working with Laura Yolo, Coordinator of Student Life to meet with YVC students regarding DEI, to find out what we are doing well and where we may need improvement. HR is busy processing lots of open positions; some positions are not attracting many applicants.

President’s Report – 1) Dr. Kaminski discussed the State Board’s legislative agenda and that she would be arranging meetings with our local legislators and our ASYVC / GSC to discuss YVC’s legislative priorities. 2) She discussed the latest statements made by Chris Reykdal regarding running start. 3) Dr. Kaminski discussed a webinar from the President’s Alliance with over 488 participants to discuss DACA. Jim Yockey stated he does not anticipate any changes as this works its way through the Supreme Court. 4) She discussed the NWCCU mid-cycle accreditation. 5) Dr. Kaminski attended a meeting with the President of Horizon Air and other Yakima businesses to discuss the negative impact to Yakima with the reduction of flights out of Yakima to one flight a day. The change is due to a national shortage of pilots and they do not anticipate any changes in the near future.

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

H. Date of Next Meeting— The next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2022.

I. Executive Session – No executive session was called.

J. Action Items. N/A

K. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

CUS ARTEAGA
Cus Arteaga, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary