



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 20, 2022

3:00 P.M. – The Lucy Covington Government Center, Nespelam, WA

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Persons wishing to address the board must sign up and limit their remarks to three minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: An Executive Session may be called for any reason allowed under the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30)

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#1 - Action**

CATEGORY: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Minutes of March 16, 2022

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes from March 16, 2022, regular board meeting and March 31, 2022, Special Board meeting for approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes from March 16, 2022, regular board meeting and the March 31, 2022, Special Board Meeting be approved.



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

March 16, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.

WTI 2310/Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

Tamra Jackson, Chair
Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Wilma Cartagena
Paula Arno Martinez
Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Paula Arno Martinez moved that the meeting agenda be amended to include the President's contract as an action item. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2383

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 16, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Wilma moved that the minutes of February 16, 2022, regular board meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2384

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. Women's and Men's Basketball

Wenatchee Valley College's basketball teams have a lot to celebrate. Both are headed to the NWAC playoffs this season. However, their successes did not come easily.

2021-22 Wenatchee Valley College Women's Basketball

The team enjoyed a respectable 7-4 pre-season record while proving they could be competitive against some of the traditional power teams throughout the NWAC. Unfortunately, the team of seven became a team of six in December.

Enter the “Super Six.” This determined group of women took the court in January and battled their way to a second-place, 12 win – 4 loss record against a strong Eastern Region schedule. The Knights wind down the 2021-22 season with a 19 - 8 season record, a second-place finish in the Eastern Region and a trip to the NWAC tournament on March 19 and 20 in Everett.

The team featured returners Maddie Godwin, Katie Fleming and Ruby Murdoch and newcomers Loy Waid, Monica Miller and Alyssa Barnufsky. While their individual stats are impressive, they will forever be known as the “Super Six” in Wenatchee Valley and NWAC basketball history.

2021-22 Wenatchee Valley College Men’s Basketball

The 2021-22 WVC Men’s Basketball team, under the guidance of head coach Jeremy Harden, has proved to be one of the great WVC teams. With very real aspirations of bringing home WVC’s third-ever NWAC Championship.

Led by returners, Isaac Jones and Nian Allen, the Knights finished as Eastern Region champions with a school record of 15 wins and 1 loss. The Knights are currently ranked #1 in the last NWAC Coaches Poll. Their overall record of 16 wins and 13 losses would have been a record-setting 26 and 3, but for the inadvertent use of an ineligible player during the first 10 games of the season resulting in the forfeiture of all 10 games. Jones and Allen were joined by returner Isaac Brown, brilliant newcomer Anthony Roy plus additional newcomers Bryson Faison, Sam Phillips, Amari George, Sam Wenkheimer and Joseph Elliot.

Their excellence goes beyond the current season. The Knights, under Coach Harden, also won the East Region title in 2020-21 and posted a school record of 24 wins and 5 losses in 2019-20. These past three seasons have provided eight NWAC Academic Excellence recipients, four NWAC All-Conference selections and three straight NWAC Sweet 16 appearances.

3. Knights Kupboard Food Drive

The 5th Annual Knights Kupboard Drive was a tremendous success! Over 4100 items were donated, a significant increase compared to the 634 items donated during the 4th annual food drive.

The third floor of Wenatchi Hall was this year’s winner, donating 1142 items. A proud moment for all involved! Thank you for your generosity!

Food insecurities affect our students daily and the generosity of WVC’s employees and the community makes a huge difference in supporting their needs! The Knights Kupboard has moved to a larger location (formerly the Running Start Office) in Van Tassel. Special thanks to the facilities crew for their help in re locating the pantry and the Foundation (Rachel Evey and board members) for organizing and stocking the shelves. Here is a before and after picture of that captures the impact of these donations.

Last but not least, many thanks to the Counseling & Support Services Team (Bertha Sanchez, Lucero Martinez, Ryan Poortinga and Ayla Medina-Ulloa) for organizing the food drive. This wouldn’t have been possible without their hard work and drive, particularly Lucero, who coordinated most of the details!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

4. Introduction of Employees

Regan Bellamy, Executive Director of Human Resources introduced Jose Rios from Transitional Studies, Patricia Zavala from Student Development, and Nayeli Cabrera from Early Childhood Education.

SPECIAL REPORTS

5. **Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President**
Mason Renslow provided the board with an update on ASWVC events.
6. **Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President**
Abigail Steinshouer provided the board with an update on ASWVC Omak events.
7. **Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**
Wendy Glenn Chief Steward of WPEA did not have any concerns to share.
8. **Patrick Tracy, AHE President**
Patrick Tracy was not present to provide a verbal report.

STAFF REPORTS

9. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**
Mr. Riley did not add to his written report.
10. **Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**
Dr. Treat reported that Dean's Day was successful, the focus of the day was on pedagogy and how to truly become a Hispanic Serving Institution.
11. **Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**
Dr. Flores did not add to her written report.
12. **Dr. Jim Richardson, President**
In addition to Dr. Richardson's written report, he thanked those who attended the successful meeting with Colville representatives regarding the partnership with WVC. The April trustee meeting will be in Nespelem with the Tribal Business Council.

ACTION

13. Tenure

All tenure files were reviewed by the board of trustees and the files were discussed during the executive session.

Paula Arno Martinez moved that Rochelle Riling be granted second-year probationary status after the successful completion of three quarters. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2385

Phylcia Hancock Lewis moved that Meleah Butruille, Natalie Dotzauer, Tina Gadeberg, Shannon Rodman, Marie Rose-McCully, Amy Snively-Martinez, and Claire Tompkins, be granted tenure status after the successful completion of nine quarters. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2386

Steve Zimmerman moved that Anya Belcher not be granted tenure status. The motion was seconded by Paula Arno Martinez and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2387

Wilma Cartagena moved that Ranis Ibragimov be moved to a fourth-year probationary status. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2388

14. Presidential Search Firm Contract

Reagan Bellamy, HR Executive Director, presented the board with a contract for Academic Search as the firm to conduct the presidential search. The contract was reviewed during the executive session.

Paula Arno Martinez moved to contract with Academic Search for the presidential search. The motion was seconded by Phylicia Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2389

15. President's Contract

President Richardson's contract was discussed during the executive session.

Wilma Cartagena moved that President Richardson's contract be extended until December 31, 2022, unless a successful candidate is granted the position prior to December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Phylicia Hancock Lewis and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2390

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:39 P.M.

Secretary

Chair



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

March 31, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present (virtually):

Tamra Jackson, Chair

Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair

Wilma Cartagena

Paula Arno Martinez

Phylicia Hancock Lewis

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered into Executive Session to discuss items related to RCW 42.30110(1).

ADJOURNMENT – 12:00 P.M.

Secretary

Chair

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**
AGENDA ITEM: **#2 - Information**
CATEGORY: **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**
Livia Millard

BACKGROUND:

Livia Millard will retire at the end of this academic year. She has been a faculty member at Wenatchee Valley College at Omak for 28 years.

Livia was raised in Omak and grew up on the Colville Indian Reservation. She is a descendant from the Wenatchi and Entiat bands of the Colville Tribe and Umatilla Tribe. As a first-generation college student, she understands the importance of higher education and how to help students on their educational journeys.

In addition to her role as faculty, she also served as multicultural coordinator, student government advisor and academic advisor. Her work has helped bring diversity, equity and inclusion to the forefront of WVC at Omak and within the local community.

Today, we would like to honor her years of service by looking back at “*some*” of her many contributions and accomplishments.

Teaching

Livia taught many classes at WVC at Omak including:

- Effective Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- Career and Life Planning
- Study Skills
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Events

Livia has helped coordinate countless educational and cultural events that bring together students and the community. She helped develop, publicize and supervise speaker events, music events such as Jammin’ Against Hunger, the former Omak Film Festival, Cinco de Mayo events, Native American Heritage Month events, Black History Month events, Women’s History Month events, Pride Month events and the spring graduation.

Additional events include:

- Co-Coordinator of the yearly Omak United Pow Wow and Omak Stand Against Racism events.
- Co-Coordinator of the region’s Mourning Dove Symposium about one of the first American Indian novelists and Colville tribal member Christine Quintasket.
- Co-Coordinator of the Washington state Indian Education Summer Teaching Institute held in Omak, Washington. Attendees from all over the Pacific Northwest participated in this one-of-a-kind event.
- Co-Speaker at Hate or Heritage: A Discussion about the Confederate Flag and Confederate Memorial to both Omak and Wenatchee campuses.
- Coordination the film events United by Water, The 5th Wave and Older than the Crown by Indigenous film director and producer Derrick LaMere.
- Coordination for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women event in collaboration with the Colville Tribe’s Diabetes Program.

- Coordination for the Human Trafficking in Indian Country community event on the Omak campus.
- Presenter at two Equity in Education Summits for the larger region.

Student Leadership

Livia developed leadership models to work with student government and build upon their leadership skills.

Some of her notable activities include:

- Club advisor for the WVC at Omak Red Road Association
- Student leadership opportunities such as yearly fall leadership institutes, state capitol trips, Students of Color Conferences and student government retreats.
- Coordinator of Civic Engagement Week including many visits by former Washington State Secretary of State Sam Reed.
- Helped establish the Native Plant Garden with the 2004-05 student body including a memorial bench and metal art.

Community

Livia works closely within Omak and greater community serving on various boards including:

- WVC at Omak Foundation board (chairperson)
- Omak PAC Foundation (past president)
- Innovation Human Trafficking Collaborative (secretary)
- Methow Arts Alliance boards (vice president)
- American Indian Indigenous Studies (AIIS) Advisory board member
- Wenatchee Valley College-Confederated Colville Tribes (WVC-CCT) Advisory board member

Spirit of WVC Award

In 2017, Livia received the Anna Pieratt Spirit of WVC Award from President Jim Richardson. President Richardson stated the award honored her enthusiasm and positive influence on those around her at the college and in the greater community. The award acknowledged her positive influence on the many students and community members she has impacted.

In conclusion, the Wenatchee Valley College Board of Trustees are incredibly thankful for Livia's years of service to students, the Colville Confederated Tribes and the greater community, and her work to elevate diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#3 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President

BACKGROUND:

BOARD REPORT

CURRENT MEMBERS:

President: Mason Renslow

Vice President: Ariana Villalobos

Treasurer: Katie Moore

Secretary: Stacey Menley

Director of Campus Activities: **Vacant**

Director of Diversity: Kelvin Ramos

Director of Public Relations: Genesis Fermin-Hernandez

Director of Social & Civic Responsibility: Riley Lamb

Director of Health and Wellness: Eleno Mendez

Student Ambassador: Xitlali Solano

Student Ambassador: Miriam Rivera

EVENT UPDATES:

- ❖ Mar. 12th Acrylic Painting Class went great. A majority of the students who RSVP'd were able to make it and paint Reflections, have lunch, and a great time with Class with a Glass!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ Apr. 16th Easter Event
- ❖ Apr. 21st – 22nd Students of Color Conference
- ❖ Apr. 26th Stand Against Racism Event
- ❖ May 7th Outdoor Movie
- ❖ May 11th Lazer Tag Event
- ❖ May 28th Ice Skating Event

SENATE ACTIONS AND APPROVALS:

- ❖ Senate approves \$7,500 for Conference Room tables.
- ❖ Senate approves \$7,000 for the Drive-In movie event.
- ❖ Senate approves \$200 for the Ice Skating event.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#4 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President

BACKGROUND:

Current cabinet: President: Abigail Steinshouer, Vice President: Monique Samuels, Treasurer: Vincent Adolph, Secretary: Sara Perkins, Advisor: Livia Millard.

Upcoming Events:

- On April 27th, in coordination with the NCW YWCA, we are having the 6th Annual Stand Against Racism event.
- April 18th to the 21st we are having a spring-related Grab and Go for Earth Day. We are planning to give out seeds, gloves, gardening tools, and a gift card to a local nursery.
- On April 20th the Red Road Association is having the Washington State Poet Laureate Rena Priest in Hazel Ellen Burnett Building from 4 pm to 5 pm.
- May 14th is when the Omak campus Fun Run which is co-sponsored by both Omak WVC Foundation and the WVC Foundation. We are having it at the Omak Eastside park, and are now in the process of getting more sponsors.
- On June 18th we will help with the Omak campus graduation. It is going to be at the Omak Performing Arts Center
- We are working on doing a partnership with the counseling department to make the WVCO pantry better in the fall quarter.
- We are working on the ASWVCO Student and Activities 2022-2023 spring budget.
- We are looking into doing a Zoom event for team building with Dave Kelly sometime this quarter.
- Snow at O Nursing Club is planning a Nurses Week Luncheon. They are also planning some guest speakers.

Expenses and Approvals:

- We have ordered a subscription to Poster My Wall which is a poster-making tool. Which was \$130
- We have spent \$500 on repairs for the three vans from their gas lines being cut.
- We are spending \$200 on the Earth day Grab and Go.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abigail Steinshouer
ASWVCO Student Body President

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#5 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Wendy Glenn, WPEA Chief Steward

BACKGROUND:

Wendy Glenn did not provide a written report.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**
AGENDA ITEM: **#6 – Information**
CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**
Patrick Tracy, AHE President

BACKGROUND:

Patrick Tracy did not provide a written report.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#7 – Information**

CATEGORY: **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Livia Millard, Omak Foundation President

BACKGROUND:

Our group continues to meet via zoom and at the Magoo’s Restaurant the 3rd Thursday of each month at noon. This forum continues to work fairly well for most of the board members.

New WVC at Omak Foundation Board Member Officers:

Livia Millard-President

Tara Miller- 1st Vice President

Evelyn Van Brunt – 2nd Vice President

Jennifer Short (Treasurer) and Teresa Myers (Secretary) continues with their officer positions.

Foundation emergency support of students – The Board continues with gas cards to students in need.

The financial investments for the Foundation have remained healthy with good overall growth. Funding of various ongoing student classroom expenses – nursing student kits.

Scholarships – a total of \$20,000 has been awarded this year to 7 enrolled students, amounts varied per student. The David Lindeblad Memorial Book Fund continues and has helped many students during the school year.

FUN RUN- The Foundation board voted in support of the 2nd Annual Fun Run and assist in this event which is a fundraiser that is coordinated by the ASWVCO students. The Board’s fundraising committee has met with WVC Foundation Executive Director Rachel Evey to discuss how to support this event and she has also provided guidance in how to do a donation drive. The Foundation looks forward to furthering its fundraising efforts in the near future, since Covid-19 has significantly declined.

Changing Lives program – past students success stories which can be seen on the website and is being updated.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM: **#8 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services

BACKGROUND:

Administrative Services

- Administrative Services has agreements in principle with two community partners to provide instruction at off-site locations in our district with locations in Winthrop as well as Pateros. Administrative Services will continue to work with members of Cabinet to expand services to locations throughout the district.
- Administrative Services has requested supplemental federal funding from the Department of Education. Our request was for approximately \$500,000 under the Minority Serving Institutions program.

Budget & Internal Auditing

- Budget staff has completed the base operating budget for 2022-23. Additional changes will be made over the next month. We plan on providing the operating budget to the Board at the May meeting with action to be taken at the June meeting.
- Budget staff recently completed an internal audit of the Business Office, reviewing a number of processes, purchasing, travel, accounts payable and receivables. Minor recommendations were identified and corrective action will be taken by Business Office staff.
- Budget staff continues to lead budget committee meetings, the committee recently voted to fund two critical one-time investments designed to improve enrollment for fiscal year 2023.

Fiscal Services

- The Business Office continues to make progress on FY2021 cleanup with the assistance of SBCTC staff. Once the necessary changes have been completed, we will be able to move forward with our financial statements.
- Business Office staff recently completed the financial Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) report, which is the first time this has been completed since converting to ctLink.

Facilities and Capital

- Mish ee twee- With the weather turning, the spring work to complete Mish ee twee is about to begin, with Lydig Construction planning on being back on campus starting April 11th. Outstanding items are roof repair, landscaping, west side exterior stairs, and punch list items.
- Omak Health Sciences Center- Predesign is complete. We are now value engineering project costs to reflect the current bid environment. The initial \$2 million dollars for the project are now active, as Administrative Services has been contacted by the funding agency.

- CWETI/Batjer Replacement- Predesign continues with a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) exercise on April 14-15. Site selection is nearly complete. Preliminary plans will be shared with the Board at the next meeting.

Minor Works

- Wing 5 Theatre Improvements- Notice to Proceed given, project is in progress
- Science Lab Improvements -Planning
- Eller Fox- Facade project will need to go back out to bid due to the contractor backing out of the project.

Safety and Security

- SSEM has been working with our community partners to provide National Incident Management System (NIMS) training for campus and community stakeholders. We anticipate hosting this training in June.
- SSEM is also investigating parking management solutions. Campus representatives participated in a parking system demonstration on April 6th and will be evaluating the feasibility of the solution.

Information Technology

- IT staff are still waiting on backordered hardware to complete the IT work related to Mish ee twee project.
- In light of the recent cyberattacks at Washington state community colleges, IT staff are preparing for a major change in our IT philosophy to shift to a cloud centric infrastructure.
- IT staff are also preparing for a cyber conference bringing in representatives from colleges recently impacted by security breaches, FBI, and Washington state Department of Enterprise Services (DES) Risk Management.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM **#9 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction

BACKGROUND:

Instruction and the CCT-WVC Partnership

Given the current meeting location in Nespelem, it is worth noting the important trajectory the CCT-WVC partnership has taken over time. The CCT-WVC partnership agreement in 2000 noted the need for Tribal Language Preservation Program and initial partnership expectations. The partnership began to grow in scope and depth over time. In fall 2017, the Memorandum of Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of the Colville (CCT) and Wenatchee Valley College (WVC) focused on working “in collaboration [to bring] access to college courses at location on the Colville Reservation for community members to work toward successful certificate and degree attainment with designated scholarship funding specifically for Colville Tribal members...” Director Tammy James (Employment & Education), Director of Tribal Relations Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, and Vice President for Instruction Carli Schiffner worked to develop strong instructional programs in early childhood education, Salish languages, tribal gaming management, Running Start, degree core classes, vocational technical program development, and HS+.

When Lynn Palmanteer-Holder was serving as WVC’s Tribal Liaison, the partnership organized the Washington State Indian Education Summer Teaching Institute that expanded teacher capacity to provide a culturally responsive context in K-12 classrooms.



Out of the partnership emerged the inaugural American Indian Indigenous Studies (AIIS) program and a first of its kind partnership with the University of Washington. The purpose of the AIIS program is to provide an opportunity for Native and non-Native students to learn about the rich history and cultural heritage of the Indigenous peoples of North America. AIIS is an interdisciplinary program that draws

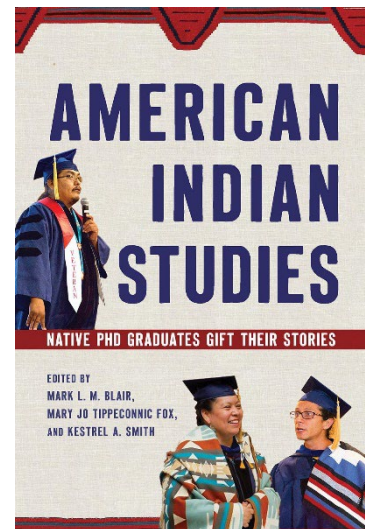
from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, among others. It also captures many WVC Student Learning Outcomes, including cultural diversity. In addition, the AIIS program syncs well with Since Time Immemorial, the Washington State mandate requiring curriculum in American Indian culture and history in K-12 public education. The AIIS program at WVC also parallels the development of the Chicano Studies program at WVC. As the first and only community college in Washington to have a full AIIS program, WVC is developing a model that ensures CCT tribal knowledge from Elders and community members is incorporated into the curriculum consistently.

The partnership resulted in the first dedicated AIIS instructor in the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, Dr. Kestrel Smith. Dr. Smith has worked with the University of Washington to ensure that all WVC courses are articulated to Washington's AIS program. As of March 2022, all nine (9) AIIS classes here at WVC have been reviewed and formally accepted by UW AIS! Only one (AIIS 150) is not a direct equivalency, but they will still accept it as elective credit. Below are the complete results of our courses' transferability to UW AIS:

- AIIS 202 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 202
- AIIS 210 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 210
- AIIS 240 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 240
- AIIS 102 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 102
- AIIS 103 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 103
- AIIS 170 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 170
- AIIS 209 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 209
- AIIS 203 from WVC as equivalent to UW AIS 203
- AIIS 150 from WVC as UW AIS 1XX credit

Other accomplishments include:

- Workforce Development Programs include Tribal Gaming Operations Supervisor Certificate 18 credits and Early Childhood Education. A third Cohort of ECE Certification for tribal head start teachers (classes taught at the tribal center)
- High School+ (HS+). WVC hired instructor to teach HS+ at tribal government center (customizing remedial and academic programs)
- A full rotation of nine AIIS Courses
(<https://www.wvc.edu/academics/AIIS/>)
- Quarterly WVC/CCT Advisory Council meetings
- Engagement with student body and community for feedback throughout development of courses
- Ongoing discussions with CCT Employment & Education to expand programs and services.
- Offering tribal languages (nxaʔamcin, nselxcin, and nimipu), including in College in the High School format.



A permanent Director of Tribal Relations position was created to maintain and strengthen relationships with WVC, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT), and surrounding

community. When Shandy Abrahamson took this position, she elevated the partnership vision beyond instruction and began to consider how Native students' experiences on WVC's campuses enhance their success, augmenting student support activities such as the Red Road Association on the Omak campus (and its soon be retiring advisor, Livia Millard). Now, Gina Graham is continuing that important evolution of the partnership.

Recently, Dr. Smith recently edited her first peer reviewed book, *American Indian Studies: Native PhD Graduates Gift Their Stories*, (2022, University of Arizona Press) with editors Mark L. M. Blair, Mary Jo Tippeconnic Fox, and Kestrel A. Smith. The book provides personal experiences from Native graduates of the University of Arizona's American Indian Studies (AIS) doctoral program which students share "stories of endurance and resiliency, hardship and struggle, and accomplishment and success."

Based upon the success of the CCT-WVC partnership, the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges is now pursuing a statewide strategy. In fall, 2021, Wenatchee Valley College's American Indian Indigenous Studies (AIIS) was highlighted as part of the Expanding WA American Indian and Indigenous Studies and Program webinar, hosted by the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges. Hosted by former WVC VPI Carli Schiffner and coordinated in part by former Director for Tribal Relations Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, President Richardson and faculty Dr. Kestrel Smith shared how WVC built a strong and sustained partnership with the Colville Confederated Tribes and established the AIIS program.

The partnership continues to strengthen with five identified goals established by Tammy James in collaboration with teachers, staff, and WVC at our most meeting in March, 2022. These include,

- Natural Resources Program
- Summer Teaching Institute
- Continuing Education- professional development
- CNA
- AIIS Learning Communities

The CCT-WVC partnership has resulted in an ever expanding impact on CCT tribal members, WVC students, the state of Washington, and indeed the nation.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**
AGENDA ITEM **#10 – Information**
CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services

BACKGROUND:

Wenatchee Valley College Athletics
By Greg Franz, Interim Athletic Director

The line from Charles Dickens' *"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"* most certainly applies to the 2021 – 2022 world of Wenatchee Valley College athletics.

Fall 2021

The Wenatchee Valley College men's soccer team tied for second place with a 7-4-1 record in the powerful East Region. Sadly they missed participating in post-season play-offs because of the NWAC tie-breaker formula.

The Wenatchee Valley College women's program was suspended for a second season because of the inability to find a coach.

WVC volleyball began the fall full of promise with nine players. The Knights ended up struggling through multiple injuries that resulted in finishing the season with only six players and a 3 win 13 loss season.

Winter 2021-22

Wenatchee Valley College women's basketball became known as the "Super Six" as they went through the entire season with only six players. These remarkable women finished tied for second place in the Eastern region with a record of 12 wins and 4 losses. Three of the losses were forfeits due to a positive COVID test or the record would have most certainly been even better. The women qualified for the NWAC Sweet Sixteen basketball tournament in Everett where they lost in the first round to Whatcom CC.

Wenatchee Valley College men's basketball won the East Region title with 15 wins and only 1 loss. The Knights entered post-season competition ranked #1 in the final NWAC Coaches Poll. In post-season play, the men reached the NWAC Final Four where they were upset by Bellevue CC.

Both women's and men's basketball teams had multiple players earn individual awards in the East Region. Both teams also have multiple players being recruited to four year colleges and universities.

Spring 2022

WVC softball currently has a record of 5 wins and 14 losses, but these 16 women are proving to be very competitive.

WVC baseball is the most pleasant surprise of the spring as they are currently in a 3-way tie for first place in the East Region with 6 wins and only 2 losses.

The greatest challenge facing Wenatchee Valley College athletics at the moment is finding an athletic director and hiring coaches for all four women's sports. A local AAU coach Jason Heinz stepped in to save the 2021-22 women's basketball season. Then a softball player's dad, who also coaches U18 in the Greater Wenatchee Girls Softball Association, stepped up to do the same for WVC softball. The community came to WVC's rescue in a big way for women's basketball and softball, but permanent coaches are needed for all four women's sports to begin the recruiting and signing of athletes for the 2022-23 academic/athletic seasons.

BOARD MEETING: **April 20, 2022**

AGENDA ITEM **#11 – Information**

CATEGORY: **STAFF REPORTS**

Dr. Jim Richardson, President

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Richardson will provide a verbal report.