



District No. 15
Wenatchee, Washington

WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Board Meeting

October 20, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

Board Room/Zoom

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Trustees Present:

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

Also Present:

Cabinet Members
Faculty Members
Students

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 8, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION NO. 2376

Steve Zimmerman moved that the minutes of the September 8, 2021 board of trustees meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Wilma Cartagena and carried unanimously.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

2. Washington State Pharmacy Technician of the Year

An enthusiastic congratulations to Pharmacy Technician Program Director **Amanda Stringham**. She was selected as the Washington State Pharmacy Association Pharmacy Technician of the Year. She will be awarded on Oct. 30 at the WSPA Awards Luncheon. Amanda was nominated by Confluence Health Pharmacy staff, Skillsource, and WVC coworkers.

Here is what The Washington State Pharmacy Association had to say about Amanda:

Amanda is the director of the Wenatchee Valley College Pharmacy Technician Program that launched in 2019. Many of Amanda's colleagues marveled at her determination and success as her first class of students started in January 2020. She didn't miss a beat as she pivoted to a (majority) virtual-based education model on top of successfully launching the program. She has had an outstanding pharmacy technician career and is highly involved with promoting the advancement of pharmacy technicians.

Amanda attended Western Washington University in 1997 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. After working as a chemist for several years, she found inpatient pharmacy better fit her interests. She became a Nationally Certified Pharmacy Technician in 2002. In 2007, she assisted in converting the

chemotherapy infusion center into a pharmacy-led program, where she continued to work as a chemo certified technician until 2019. After a year working with the advisory board for the pharmacy technician program at Wenatchee Valley College, she applied for and was selected as the instructor and coordinator.

Under the supervision of the director, Amanda has developed a robust, comprehensive four-quarter technician training program that prepares students to sit and pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam.

3. **Mental Health Pilot Program**

WVC was selected to receive Mental Health Counseling and Services (MHCS) grant this year as part of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) grant pilot program.

WVC is one of four Washington colleges selected for the pilot program. The college will receive \$250,000 over the next two years to expand student access mental health counseling and services. The program is [part of a bill](#) passed by the Washington state Legislature during its 2021 session.

Through the pilot grant WVC will hire a full-time Faculty Counselor and half-time College Navigator. These positions will allow for an additional one or two days of counseling services on the WVC at Omak campus. The navigator will work to establish partnerships with community resources and support the counseling department with triaging and appointments.

“We understand that the need for mental health counseling for college students is more pressing than ever,” said Dr. Chio Flores, vice president of student services. “This grant will allow us to more effectively serve students who are struggling.”

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

4. **Introduction of New Omak Employees**

Dr. Tod Treat introduced Gina Graham, Director of Tribal Relations and Kim Belgarde, Running Start Educational Planner. Both Gina and Kim are members of the Colville Tribe.

SPECIAL REPORTS

5. **Mason Renslow, ASWVC Wenatchee President**

Mason Renslow introduced the newly elected ASWVC positions. ASWVC October events include a pumpkin carving contest, Halloween event, rock climbing intermural and Dias de los Muertos.

6. **Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President**

ASWVCO held their first cabinet meeting and are actively seeking students to fill government positions.

7. **Patrick Tracy, AHE President**

Patrick Tracy was not present to provide a verbal report.

8. **Mike Nelson, WPEA Chief Shop Steward**

Mike Nelson was not present to give a verbal report.

9. **Omak Foundation Report, Livia Milard**

The foundation continues to provide book funds through the David Lindeblad Memorial Book Fund. The amount was increased from \$50 per student to \$75.

STAFF REPORTS

10. **Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**

Brett Riley did not add to his written report.

11. **Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**

Victor Mendez, WVC Omak student was highlighted in the OK Cope site. Kudos to the Omak staff, weekly staff meetings are going well and a lot of great things are happening.

12. **Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**

Dr. Chio Flores did not add to her written report.

13. **Dr. Jim Richardson, President**

Dr. Richardson thanked Ty Jones for leading the college through the NWCCU Ad Hoc visit and Dr. Flores and Dr. Treat for their involvement. President Richardson recognized the hard work of the human resources department during the vaccine verification and exemption process.

ACTION

14. **2021-2022 Operating Budget: Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services.**

The Wenatchee Valley College 2021-2022 Operating Budget was reviewed in detail during the board work session.

MOTION NO. 2377

Paula Arno Martinez moved that the 2021-2022 Operating Budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

(Exhibit A)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADJOURNMENT – 3:25 P.M.

Secretary

Chair