



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 13, 2025

**Members Present:** Xavier Arinez, Jorden Jessup Bullock, Jennifer Faulconer, President Faimous Harrison, Brett Peterson, Joshua Wood

**Members Absent:** Don Gurnard

**Staff Present:** Rachel Evey

Call to Order at 4:04pm.

- I. Consent Agenda
  - a. No questions or changes for November 2024 minutes.
- II. WVC Update
  - a. Legislative season has started. President Harrison will have meeting in Olympia with different constituents. Some representatives from WVC (students, employees) will visit Olympia for Advocacy Day. WVC's service area has new elected officials. President Harrison will be bringing them to campus to host different activities and events. This legislative session will be interesting due to error by Office of Fiscal Management (OFM) that requires colleges to payback excess allocation and the overall state budget shortfall. As of right now, it is anticipated that higher ed will be asked to cut 3-6% from their operating budget.
  - b. President Harrison is working with K12 school districts to re-engage and re-connect partnerships and student pathways. There are some shared initiatives that will be announced later.
  - c. WVC is diversifying its revenue sources. Grants have grown by about \$2 million per year with the hiring of a grants director last year.
  - d. Discussion regarding COVID funds skewing operating budgets temporarily.
- III. Full Board Prep
  - a. Guest Presentation & Request
    - i. Guests will be presenting during February business/governance board meeting. State mandate required educators to include Native American Indigenous pedagogy in curriculum. WVC is a flagship partner for the Institute. Anticipated that guests will be requesting \$10,000 in support for the Institute. Discussion regarding target audience for Institute. Rachel will bring budget numbers to Exec next month.
  - b. Board Development
    - i. Mid-Year Engagement Check-In
      1. Each board member will receive a personal packet.

2. Reconciling ambitious goals for engagement with individual commitments. Comparing what board members have pre-committed with goals. Recommendation to make a clear way to recuse self from certain opportunities.
  3. Recommendation to notify board members ahead of time that they'll be getting an engagement check-in.
- ii. Current Board Makeup
  - iii. New Member Recruitment
    1. Gaps: agriculture industry, young professionals, Hispanic community, legal
    2. How identify: 30 Under 35 alumni, LinkedIn alumni group, Chamber Leadership FB group, PUD, Microsoft
    3. Instruction list for board members of next steps
      - a. Approach candidate
      - b. Meet with Josh & Rachel
      - c. Have the fill out the application

#### IV. Executive Director Update

- a. McArthur Estate Gift was received in November 2024. The \$3M gift is designated for scholarships and held in a Morgan Stanley account. Roughly \$560K of the gift was cash, which has been placed in a Preferred Savings account with 4% return.
- b. Office Move: Foundation is moving from Wenatchi Hall to Knights Hall on February 5. An open house to introduce the new space will be scheduled later. The move is intentional to be easily located, provide convenient parking for guests, functional office space for all employees (currently only 4 workstations in Wenatchi Hall), host a dedicated conference room for meetings and small events, establish a new "Alumni Lounge" to recognize graduates and display memorabilia, and consolidate storage space (currently spread across 6 locations on campus).
- c. Staffing: Foundation accountant Brenda Magaña-Galvan is back full-time. Ellora La Shier's last day is January 15. Current position of scholarship program manager will be updated and posted as foundation program manager. Duties will include running scholarship application cycle, volunteer management, and events coordination. Goal is to have the position posted by end of January and filled by April. Anticipated start date for new executive assistant is February 18. Mireya Sanchez has been on a special assignment contract, which will expire on January 31.

Adjournment at 5:07pm.

Minutes taken by Rachel Evey.