



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 22, 2025

MINUTES

Members Present: Jorden Jessup Bullock, Jennifer Faulconer, President Faimous Harrison, Ron Lodge, Lyle Markhart, Brett Peterson, Cathy Rixey, Joshua Wood

Members Absent: Brenda Alcala, Xavier Arinez, Bianca Ebreo, Don Gurnard, Jessica Gilmore, Steve Wilkinson

Staff Present: Lupe Brito, Rachel Evey, Brenda Magaña-Galvan, Emily Scovill

Guests: Ana Maria Spagna, Holly Thrope

Call to order at 12:01 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

No changes or questions. Brief overview of recap reports for the Piatigorsky Foundation Concert and Headshot Day.

II. Guest Presentation: Mirror Northwest

Ana Maria Spagna and Holly Thorpe, WVC English faculty, shared information about the literary journal Mirror Northwest and invited board members to attend LITerary Knight on May 15. The event is a part of Alumni Week and will relaunch Mirror Northwest after its last publication in 2017.

Mirror Northwest started in the early 1960's and is the oldest campus affiliated literary journal in Washington State. The publication is student run (art editor, text editor, etc.) and overseen by faculty advisors. The 2025 edition is 90 pages and features 17 written submissions and 13 art submissions. The journal and associated costs (e.g. editor stipends) were funded through English course fees.

Submissions for the 2026 edition will open in spring. Submissions are open to students, alumni, and the general community.

III. WVC Update - President Harrison

WVC is uncertain of budgetary impacts from state and federal budgets. The worst-case scenario is the loss of 25-30% of WVC's operating budget. President Harrison

is focused on ensuring the integrity of programs. Construction for the Center for Technical Education and Innovation has begun. A groundbreaking will be held later. Funding for CTEI is from the 2023-25 capital budget. Groundbreaking for CTEI. Discussion regarding modifications to the building to stay within capital budget allocation.

IV. ACTION: Distinguished Alumni Award

Motion by Jorden Jessup Bullock to recognize Bertha Sanchez as the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Second by Jessica Gilmore. Motion passed with no dissent.

V. ACTION: Outstanding Friend of the College

Motion by Ron Lodge motion to award the Foundation of Caring Fund as the 2025 Outstanding Friend of the College and Dr. Christopher Stahler as the 2024 Outstanding Friend of the College. Second by Lyle Markhart. Motion passed with no dissent.

VI. ACTION: Investment Services Request for Proposal

Motion by Jorden Jessup Bullock to approve the request for proposal as presented. Second by Ron Lodge. Motion passed with no dissent.

VII. Discuss: Gifts Grants and Awards

Previous recommendation from the foundation board to competitively award unrestricted funding to any WVC departments. Discussion regarding limited availability of unrestricted funds, previously funded projects, selection process, and frequency of requests. Consensus that due to budgetary constraints, should focus on increasing the impact of current projects or priorities, rather than new initiatives. Recommendation to have vetting done by college leadership to ensure foundation aligns with WVC's strategic plan. Recommendation for executive committee to determine details and bring back to full board for approval.

VIII. WVC Alumni Week

Overview of event schedule. Total of 5 events over 4 days with one on Omak campus. One goal for the program is two board members in attendance at each event. Cabinet and college trustees have been invited. Lupe Brito will share a sign-up sheet for board members.

IX. Board Development

The board identified a goal of recruiting 3-5 new members. Currently we have received two applications from members. Each applicant has met with Rachel Evey and an executive committee member.

Review of “strength board engagement and governance” strategic goal and winter quarter engagement check-in. Reminder that engagement metrics and assessment is new this year. Consensus that the quarterly, personalized check-ins are helpful for board members to track their engagement and follow through.

X. Executive Director Update

The foundation has two vacant positions: administrative assistant and communications specialist. The spring fundraising appeal mailer is going out next week. An alumni mailer is going out soon for WVC Alumni Week (May 14-17). The annual foundation celebration (June 5) invitation is going out the second week of May. Board members are encouraged to bring guests.

Adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Minutes by Rachel Evey.