



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT VIII
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII, state of Washington, was held on January 8, 2020 at 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, WA 98007. Richard Fukutaki, Chair, presided.

MINUTES

The business session was called to order at 2:00 PM.

I. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Rich Fukutaki, Vice Chair Greg Dietzel, Merisa Heu-Weller, Richard Leigh, Jinhua Johnson, Jerry Weber, and Bruce Marvin were present.

II. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Leigh made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Heu-Weller seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Agenda (January 8, 2020) and meeting minutes (December 11, 2019) approved.

II. **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

A. Student

The student report was provided by Emmanuel Tshimanga, president of the Associated Student Government (ASG).

- ASG met over the break to evaluate the fall quarter and set goals for the current quarter. They are currently examining the impact of student fees and exploring options to make these more consistent and efficient. ASG is reviewing governing documents to insure ASG policies are up to date. In addition, they are reading the Meetings with Meals Policy closely to determine its impact on student organizations.
- ASG is setting up interviews for unfilled ASG positions. Board of Directors' meetings will be on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 PM.
- ASG is hosting a meeting with all student organizations to hear concerns and share ASG plans and initiatives. They are also engaging in activities to create and build school spirit.
- Trustee Fukutaki asked about the status of the ASG governing documents review. President Weber responded that ASG began a review last spring, but it was not finalized.

B. Classified

The Classified report was provided by Becky Turnbull, Bellevue College Chief Shop Steward for the Washington Public Employee's Association (WPEA).

- Turnbull shared that she is very happy with Suzette Yaezenko, Vice President of Human Resources, and her staff in Human Resources. She is happy that Yaezenko is engaged with Classified staff meetings and that she remembers conversations from meeting to meeting. Turnbull also expressed satisfaction with emails from Dennis Curran, Vice President of Administrative Services.
- Turnbull shared a story about her origin with her role with WPEA and how it came about that she was providing the Classified constituent report to the Board each month.
- In the future, Turnbull will work in collaboration with Valencio Socia, Classified Chair, to develop Classified constituent reports.

C. Faculty

The Faculty report was provided by Sue Nightingale, president of the Bellevue College Association of Higher Education (BCAHE).

- Bellevue College began the quarter with three fewer tenured faculty members.
- Trustee Fukutaki asked if there is a formal follow up procedure to find out why people are leaving. Nightingale responded that departing employees may do an exit interview, but they are not required to do one.
- Nightingale expressed her concern about the timing for off-cycle tenure candidates as off-cycle candidates do not receive tenure until winter quarter, which impacts their ability to apply for promotion.

D. Foundation

The Foundation report was provided by Lisa Brock, Chair-Elect of the Bellevue College Foundation (BCF).

- Scholarship applications are now open. Students can fill out the single on-line application and be eligible for more than 175 scholarships.
- Lockwood grant applications are now open. This annual award was endowed by former Trustee Lee Kraft. The grant is open to all faculty members for projects that bring innovation to the classroom.
- The Foundation finished out their calendar year-end appeals successfully. Both the Foundation and KBCS appeals surpassed previous years' totals.
- May 13th the Foundation will host a lunch for alumni, former faculty and staff. Invites will go out in March.
- Preparations have begun for the March 30th golf tournament benefitting the Athletics department.
- Breakfast planning is moving along well. The Foundation has secured nine corporate sponsors to date.

III. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Policy 2950, Faith or Conscience Accommodations

Motion 01.20

It was moved by Trustee Dietzel and seconded by Trustee Leigh that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby authorizes Policy 2950, Faith or Conscience Accommodations.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy 3120, Transfer and Course Substitution Credit

Motion 02.20

It was moved by Trustee Leigh and seconded by Trustee Heu-Weller that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby authorizes Policy 3120, Transfer and Course Substitution Credit.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Policy 3600, Copyright and the Right of Fair Use

Motion 03.20

D. It was moved by Trustee Heu-Weller and seconded by Trustee Dietzel that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby authorizes Policy 3600, Copyright and the Right of Fair Use.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Policy 6720, Bookstore

Motion 04.20

It was moved by Trustee Johnson and seconded by Trustee Dietzel that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby authorizes Policy 6720, Bookstore.

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Indemnification Authorization

Motion 05.20

It was moved by Trustee Leigh and seconded by Trustee Heu-Weller that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII hereby authorizes the defense and indemnification of Leni Karr and Terri Hatcher.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Program Highlight: The Bulldog Trail

Brenda Ivelisse, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, provided the trustees with a presentation on The Bulldog Trail at Bellevue College. The presentation provided an overview of the Bulldog Trail, highlighting the model's clear and structured framework that guides students from their initial connection with Bellevue College to graduation, transfer, and a career. The Bulldog Trail framework pays attention to the entire student experience, rather than to just one segment of it. *Explore. Connect. Engage. Learn. Achieve. Thrive.* - are the six core phases of the Bulldog Trail. It purposefully supports initiatives that aid in its focus on equity and closing the achievement gaps.

- Trustee Leigh asked if the team plans to use student focus groups to find out what works? Ivelisse responded that the hope is to have a focus group for each phase to gain student feedback.
- Trustee Johnson asked if Achieving the Dream (ATD) is the system for the whole school and if the Bulldog Trail is different. Ivelisse responded that ATD is a national initiative that Bellevue College is participating in, which looks at best practices that are evidence-based, data-driven, and used nationally. The Bulldog Trail is a framework that follows ATD.
- Trustee Dietzel asked about how the Bulldog Trail will work for all of Bellevue College's diverse students. Ivelisse explained the Bulldog Trail is not meant to be a cookie cutter experience for students. It is meant to guide how students experience the college. It is also designed for the college to see the weaknesses in its approach.
- Trustee Dietzel asked how do we go faster and how much is real today. Ivelisse responded that many of the components of the Bulldog Trail exist today and the team is working on connecting the dots between existing areas.
- Trustee Heu-Weller shared that she likes how the Bulldog Trail is building on things that already exist. It is a better strategy to work from something that exists and then tweak from there, rather than start something brand new.

B. BC Enterprises

Albert Lewis, Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development, and Jennifer Sohonie, Executive Director of Continuing Education, presented information regarding a new unit of Continuing Education Professional and Technology Education that consolidates and rebrands training for growth industries and high demand jobs and unveiled the new name: Tombolo Institute.

- Trustee Dietzel shared that it is important that Tombolo Institute is branded closely with Bellevue College.
- Trustee Fukutaki asked if there was any consideration of looking at sponsorship from a donor for naming rights.
- Trustee Johnson asked about the difference between Tombolo Institute and Bellevue College? Sohonie responded that Tombolo is a branch within the college.
- Trustee Dietzel shared that Tombolo may have to put a lot of money behind the brand and asked if the consultants had provided a budget for what it's going to take to market Tombolo effectively. Sohonie responded that they have gotten a marketing budget.
- Trustee Leigh asked if Tombolo is a name change or also a separate legal entity. Lewis responded that it is not a separate legal entity.
- Trustee Fukutaki asked if the Tombolo team has considered a tagline. Sohonie responded that the tagline will be "Your bridge to the future."

V. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Jerry Weber, President of Bellevue College, provided the President's Report.

- President Weber shared the concept of introducing a new annual focus each year to the college. The primary focus will be student success and equity, but additional foci include climate justice in 2019-2020 and health and wellness in 2020-2021.
- Bellevue College is using a new budget projection model that some Washington community and technical college presidents are interested in as a resource for financial planning.
- The legislative session begins January 13 and President Weber and some of the trustees will be making trips to Olympia to meet with legislators in the upcoming two months.

VI. **BOARD REPORTS**

Trustee Fukutaki announced that the Board is very supportive of what Tombolo Institute team is working on and wants to make sure they have the tools to be successful.

Trustee Heu-Weller is moderating a panel on January 9, 2020 at the University of Washington entitled "College Access, Free Tuition, and Financial Aid for the Middle Class: What's Next with Washington's Workforce Education Investment Act."

VII. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

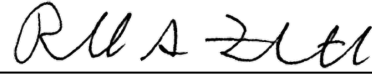
There was no unscheduled business or community testimony.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:10 PM, Chair Fukutaki announced there would be an executive session for approximately 60 minutes to evaluate the performances of public employees, discuss goals for the evaluation of the President, and discuss matters with legal counsel regarding potential litigation and collective bargaining. At 5:11 PM, Chair Fukutaki announced there would be a 20 minute extension to the executive session. The Board returned to regular session at 5:33 PM.

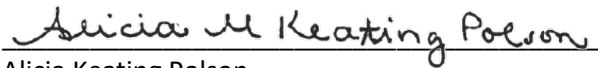
IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Fukutaki adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 5:33 PM.



Richard G. Fukutaki, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Alicia Keating Polson
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Community College District VIII