

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 10, 2018 at Bellevue College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, Washington. Merisa Heu-Weller, Vice Chair, presided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Heu-Weller announced that there would be an executive session for approximately ninety minutes to evaluate the performance of a public employee and discuss collective bargaining. The executive session adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cha, Mr. Dietzel, Mr. Fukutaki, Ms. Heu-Weller, Mr. Miller and President Weber were present.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda and minutes from November 8, 2017. Mr. Fukutaki seconded. The motion passed.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Grading Policy 3000

Interim Vice President Bangera reported on the policy revision, the following points were discussed.

- a. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Pass/Fail must be chosen at registration.
- b. When applying for financial aid, the S/U will calculate as 2.0 GPA. This can have an impact on a student's satisfactory academic progress.
- c. Pass is defined as a 1.0.

Motion 1:18

Mr. Dietzel moved to approve. Mr. Cha seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Energize Eastside

President Weber explained that Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and two community groups were invited to give presentations and testimony.

- a. Andy Wapler, Vice President of Communications and Customer Operations with Puget Sound Energy, presented information about the initiative. It was proposed that Energize Eastside will build a new substation and upgrade existing transmission lines in an

effort to meet growing demands and federal requirements. Key points of discussion following the presentation included:

- i. This work should end by 2020.
- ii. PSE is a privately owned company and maintains all filings as if publicly traded.
- iii. If an accident happens the shareholders bear the brunt of that liability.
- iv. PSE anticipates this will serve well into 2030's and 2040's, but this depends on population and other energy technologies. This should meet the need for the population growth.
- v. All projections are looking at consumption beyond population. The impact of electric cars was discussed.

Two community advocacy groups, Communities United for Reliable Energy (CURE) and Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), followed with their testimony.

- b. Don Marsh, President of CENSE, presented. Key points of discussion following the presentation included:
 - i. Batteries require transmission. PSE has incentive to prefer this, but there is plenty of capacity to recharge and handle peak usage. Batteries can help year round and they benefit the environment by making better use of solar and wind energy. It would be cheaper going forward.
 - ii. Power generation versus power transmission. It was questioned whether there is there an "engineer study" to support what PSE's claims. CENSE is working on that for critical evidence to be presented at the upcoming public hearing. Mr. Marsh noted similar cases in California and Australia.
- c. Bernie Dothnell represented CURE. There was no discussion following the presentation.

B. Washington Technology University (WTU)

Steven Olswang, President, presented information about WTU. Key points of discussion included:

- a. On October 23, 2017 WTU was accredited as a degree granting institution. Classes began January 8, 2018. Currently 50 students are enrolled. A new cohort will begin each month.
- b. WTU is now operating as a partner institution in Bellevue.
- c. WTU is not planning to compete with neighboring community colleges.
- d. This is a completion institution offering upper division courses.
- e. WTU is forming partnerships with businesses, community colleges and universities including University of Washington.
- f. WTU's relationships are developing with partners overseas as well.
- g. Only bachelor's degree courses are being offered at this time. There may be room for graduate degree offerings in four or five years; accreditation pathways are determining this.

- h. The WTU Founders Scholarship pays \$18,000 for 18 months of education to go from Associate of Arts (AA) Degree to Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree.
- i. WTU is state authorized and applying for candidacy for regional authorization, which is expected June of 2019, and it will be retroactive.
- j. Pipelines of other degrees are being planned. BA of Information Security, for example. WTU may also file for a BA of Science in Computational Management and a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Systems.
- k. There is also a property in North Bend and the founders are undergoing conditional use process, but plan for campus there.
- l. Dr. Weber mentioned we are working on Memorandums of Understanding (MOU). Dr. Campbell and Dr. Karim are working on this to determine the impact on Bellevue College's international students.
- m. Discussion on potential partnerships will continue.

V. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

- A. Ten members of the community provided testimony against the Energize Eastside initiative. One community member provided testimony in support of the initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Merisa Heu-Weller, Vice Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Donna Sullivan
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Community College District VIII