



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

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, state of Washington, was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. In accordance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28.5, which continues the prohibition on in-person meetings, this meeting was conducted virtually. The meeting was accessible to the public via Zoom. A telephone line was also available. Greg Dietzel, Chair, presided.

MINUTES

The business session was called to order at 2:02 PM.

I. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Greg Dietzel, Vice Chair Richard Leigh, Lisa Chin, Merisa Heu-Weller, Rich Fukutaki, Hannah Stoddard, Gary Locke, and Bruce Marvin were present.

II. **AGENDA**

Trustee Heu-Weller made a motion to approve the agenda (January 27, 2021) and minutes (December 2, 2020; December 16, 2020; January 13, 2021). Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. **RECOGNITION OF TRANSFORMING LIVES NOMINEES**

The Association of College Trustees (ACT) Transforming Lives Awards recognize current or former students whose lives have been transformed by attending a Washington state community or technical college. This year, Bellevue College faculty and staff nominated eight students for the ACT Transforming Lives Award.

The following students were nominated for the award and were recognized, along with their faculty/staff nominator:

Kiseuk Ahn	Nominated by Trevor Gamble
Kevin Allen	Nominated by Nora Lance
Megan Cambra	Nominated by Frank Lee
Patience Chivaka	Nominated by Linda Schinman
Adrienne Hubbard	Nominated by David Spataro
Sara Moghadasipour	Nominated by Victor Sandblom
Jenessa Pettit	Nominated by Teassa Chism
Leticia Rossett	Nominated by Maria Paula McPherson

IV. CONSTITUENT REPORTS

A. Student

The Student report was provided by Ki Ahn, President of the Bellevue College Associated Student Government (ASG).

- The Social Responsibility Representative is working on removing plastic from the College through a petition.
- The Emerging Technology Representative has completed revamping the ASG website.
- ASG has successfully completed revising the entire ASG Financial Code. The next step will be working on the ASG bylaws and constitution.

B. Classified

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

- Turnbull thanked Gary Locke for agreeing to stay on as Interim President at the College. Classified staff appreciate the continuation of leadership and his communication.
- Classified and Exempt Professional Development Day is scheduled for February 15, 2021.
- There is a tentative agreement for the WPEA for the two-year period starting July 2021.
- There is much concern about potential furloughs as they are very difficult for classified employees.
- Many employees are looking forward to the pizza kitchen opening. This would put four (4) employees back to work in the kitchen for five (5) days a week, which would also allow other staff members to get additional hours directing traffic to the COVID testing site.

C. College Assembly

The College Assembly report was provided by Amy McCrory, Chair of the College Assembly.

- The Council for Inclusion and Diversity would like to call attention to the repeated delays of updating Policy 4000 Institutional Commitment to Inclusion.
- There are BC Governance members that are concerned about the frequency and repetition experienced in fulfilling their role in Governance, or in advocating for their constituents on-campus.

D. Faculty

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

- Faculty negotiated to use some of the CARES act money for the hours spent updating canvas courses. Over 200 faculty are signed up to have one or more of their courses consulted on.

- Every January, the College begins the quarter with adjunct faculty who were recently promoted. This promotion comes with increased pay and increased responsibility, leading to more faculty office hours and accessibility for students.
- Faculty are feeling a lot of uncertainty. They are uncertain about when the vaccine may be available to faculty (are faculty included in teachers or essential workers?); they are uncertain about what summer will look like; they are uncertain about the Governor's budget, especially because faculty furlough days means there will be an 8% reduction in time with students. There is also uncertainty related to the work the Budget Stakeholder Group (BSG) is doing. The BSG is looking at all programs where the College can potentially find opportunities to balance the budget in a sustainable way. Everyone is a bit fearful that their program may be on a list of cuts. There is also uncertainty in Human Resources with the departure of the vice president of that area. Everything is harder without steady leadership in the Human Resources area, so faculty are hoping the College can find an interim quickly and hire a permanent vice president soon.

E. Foundation

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

- The BCF and KBCS are at 65% of their annual fundraising goals.
- This year's spring fundraiser will be a three-night virtual event on April 20-22 at 7 PM each night.
- Scholarships are now open and are being accepted through March.
- The Lockwood Grant applications are now open and all faculty are encouraged to apply.

V. **FIRST READ ITEMS**

A. Deletion of Policy 2300: Establishing Residency for Tuition and Fee Purposes

Tracy MacLean, Associate Director Planning and Accreditation, presented the deletion of Policy 2300: Establishing Residency for Tuition and Fee Purposes as a first read item to the Board.

Bellevue College follows Washington State law and the regulations related to establishing state residency for the purpose of setting the cost of tuition and fees. RCW 28B.15.11 – 28B.15.15 directs the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) to work with the Office of the Attorney General to determine the regulations that public colleges and universities must follow when determining residency. Because the College is required to follow these rules, and because the College has established Policy 2400: Tuition and Fee Waivers, which provides for state approved exceptions to the residency rules, and because we have established a procedure that enforces state law and regulations related to establishing residency, there is no need to have a separate residency policy. Therefore, Student Affairs proposes to eliminate Policy 2300: Establishing Residency for Tuition and Fee Purposes.

VI. **QUARTERLY REPORT**

A. Enrollment

Zack Morgan, Executive Director of Effectiveness and Research presented the quarterly enrollment report. Generally, for-credit enrollment at Bellevue College continues to decline, partially mitigated by a large increase in enrollment from Running Start students. The average student at Bellevue College is taking more credits per quarter, driven both by the greater proportion of Running Start students but a slightly greater proportion of full-time non-international non-Running Start students. The general racial/ethnic diversity of the Bellevue College student body has only shifted slightly over the past several years, primarily in the area of international students.

VII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gary Locke, Interim President of Bellevue College, provided the President's Report.

- The College's winter enrollments are virtually identical to last year. Enrollment is down overall because of a big decrease in international students; however, if the College can stabilize international student enrollment, we could see an overall increase.
- There are concerns related to Governor Inslee's proposed budget. His budget calls for no COLAs for any group on our campus and proposes that all employee groups take one furlough day a month for the next two years. Governor Inslee's budget also proposes that the COLAs that were given to employees this current year were a mistake and should not have been given out, and that employee base compensation should go back to a pre-COLA amount. Further, the proposed budget indicates that the COLAs paid in the current fiscal year should not have been provided, so institutions may be asked to pay that money back. The College has sufficient reserves to absorb the COLA pay back and would not expect employees to cover that cost. Governor Inslee's proposed budget does include a robust construction budget and includes many of the projects on capital project list, including Bellevue College's Center for Transdisciplinary Learning and Innovation.

VIII. **BOARD REPORT**

Chair Dietzel shared that, in the past, trustees have done advocacy work to assist in legislative affairs. We are in the midst of an important legislative session, so it will be critical for trustees to assist the president as needed in legislative matters as they arise.

IX. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

Megan Watson, staff member at Bellevue College, provided public comment on the Board communicating with students and employees to inform them of ways in which they may engage with legislature regarding furloughs.

Cara Diaconoff, faculty member at Bellevue College, provided public comment regarding the College's continued support of climate justice initiatives.

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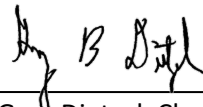
Valencio Socio, staff member at Bellevue College, provided public comment regarding rumors of a blackout of vacation days and medical leave, and returning to campus.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:24 PM, Chair Dietzel announced there would be an executive session beginning at 3:30 PM that would last approximately 60 minutes to discuss matters with legal counsel regarding potential litigation and collective bargaining. The Board returned to regular session at 4:30 PM.

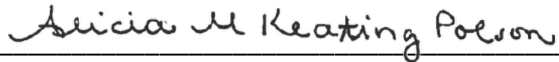
XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Dietzel adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 4:30 PM.



Greg Dietzel, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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