



**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 18, 2023. This meeting was conducted in a hybrid fashion with the physical location in B201 and the remote location on Zoom. A telephone line was also available. Merisa Heu-Weller, Chair, presided.

MINUTES

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

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Merisa Heu-Weller, Vice Chair Rich Fukutaki, Trustee Greg Dietzel, Trustee Richard Leigh, Trustee Conor O’Meara, Trustee Pradnya Desh, President Gary Locke, Assistant Attorney General Tricia Boerger, and Board Secretary Alicia Keating Polson were present.

II. AGENDA

Trustee Dietzel made a motion to approve the agenda (January 18, 2023) and minutes (December 14, 2022.) Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. TRANSFORMING LIVES RECOGNITION

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 seven students for the ACT Transforming Lives Award.

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

Nominee	Faculty/Staff Nominator
Panida Lamb	Heather Rane
Tu-ahn Dao	Heather Rane
Haley Vest	Heather Rane
Kiseuk Ahn	Maria Cervantes
Sima Tamang	Li Liu
Rasheed Wallace	Amy Swanson
Mohamad Imran	Carli Yip

IV. **CONSTITUENT REPORTS**

A. Foundation

The Bellevue College Foundation (BCF) report was provided by Dana Gray, President of the BCF Board.

- Thank you to Trustees Heu-Weller, Fukutaki, Leigh, and Dietzel, and Interim President Locke for their attendance and support of the Foundation Gala. The evening was very successful: \$380,000 was raised against a goal of \$250,000. The student volunteers set the tone with elegance, great food, and fun.
- Thank you to Emily Feicht and Kelly Scibetta in the Foundation for their considerable work leading up to and the on the night of the event. Thank you to Melissa Johnson, Foundation Executive Director.
- Monday, March 27 is the Golf Scramble at Glenwood, which features golfing and dinner afterwards. More information will be provided in the coming weeks, and please consider attending.

B. Student

The Student report was provided by Sophia Oliveira, Events Representative, and Rebecca Mbaka, President of Associated Student Government (ASG).

- ASG is reviewing many funding requests, most of which come from clubs that would like to travel, attend conferences, or host events.
- ASG is trying to engage students on campus by organizing activities that will encourage students to attend for participation. Approximately 80 students attended the MLK Week activity, which included a PowerPoint presentation and Q&A section asking students to communicate with others seated at their tables.
- ASG is trying to plan a gala in Spring Quarter.
- Events Representative Oliveira reiterated concerns about ctcLink. Chair Heu-Weller thanked ASG for bringing these concerns to the Board and emphasized an appreciation for the open communication. Interim President Gary Locke and Associate Vice President Christina Castorena provided additional information regarding ASG's concerns.

C. Classified

There was no Classified report.

D. College Assembly

There was no College Assembly report.

E. Faculty

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

- The success of the Gala marks a time to revisit previous attempts to strengthen Faculty and Foundation relationships.
- Nightingale shared that mile 23 is where most marathoners bail out – Bellevue College feels like it is in mile 23 of the pandemic marathon; no one is running on adrenaline anymore. There are a lot of issues that make campus not a great place to be: heating issues that make it difficult to teach; staffing struggles; ctLink issues; faculty who completed OETA training have not received payment yet; no cafeteria; and few people on campus.
- A ray of hope comes as legislative session has begun; the state board (SBCTC) has asked for a significant salary increase for ctLink classified & exempt employees which should help resolve present staffing issues.
- The Board will soon be receiving packets from the TRC for the third-year tenure candidates and Nightingale feels the trustees will be just as impressed as always.

V. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Revision of WAC 132H-122, Policy 7200: Students' Financial Obligations and Repeal of Policy 7250: Non-Payment of Tuition and Course-related Fees

Motion 01.23

Trustee Leigh made a motion that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approves revisions to WAC 132H-122 and Policy 7200: Students' Financial Obligations. Trustee Fukutaki seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion 02.23

Trustee Dietzel made a motion that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approves the repeal of Policy 7250: Non-Payment of Tuition and Course-Related Fees. Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

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- B. Revision of Policy 2100: Hazing

Motion 03.23

Trustee O'Meara made a motion that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approves revisions to Policy 2100: Hazing. Trustee Leigh seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE**

Vice Chair Fukutaki provided an update on the presidential search process.

- In December, it was announced that the search for the next president is live and the college has begun actively recruiting and accepting applications. The presidential search profile can be reviewed along with other relevant information on the BC Presidential Search website. This recruitment phase will continue throughout the month of January.
- Candidates are encouraged to submit application materials by February 3, 2023. The executive search firm, EQU Advisors, has been encouraged by the robust conversations they have had with well-qualified candidates. Potential candidates have also expressed excitement about the opportunities identified in the presidential profile and the BC Priorities Report. Anyone with a recommendation on a potential presidential candidate is encouraged to submit a nomination at the EQU Advisors website.
- The Presidential Search Advisory Committee will review applications and interview semi-finalists in February and anticipates interviews with finalist candidates will happen during the first two weeks in March. The successful candidate is expected to be announced by the Board of Trustees in late March and begin in the position on or by July 1, 2023.

VII. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gary Locke, Interim President of Bellevue College, provided the monthly president report.

- Locke commended all staff for their work on the Gala, in addition to student & faculty volunteers and a student table sponsored by faculty & staff. Melissa Johnson, Foundation Executive Director, announced this morning that the Gala will be an annual event taking place in February.
- The MLK Week student panel event had an attendance of approximately 150-200 students and was sponsored in solidarity by the Black Student Union, ASG, and the Latinx Students of BC Club.
- The college will be hosting Hiawatha D. and Veronica Very, owners of the Wonder of Women (WOW) Art Gallery in Pacific Place, as keynote speakers. The keynote will take place Thursday, January 19 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Carlson Theater (E200), as well as be available via streaming.
- The college is still trying to finalize a contract with an outside firm to improve the registration process with involvement from students, faculty, parents, and other stakeholders.
- Enrollment is up 5% over projections and 3% over last year. However, the budget is still tight, and the process for setting next year's budget is about to start. Given limitations imposed by the State, the college is still trying to offer competitive salaries to solve hiring issues.
- Faculty need to have completed 20 hours of OETA this to teach this Spring and will need to complete an additional 20 hours to teach in Fall. Many faculty have already completed all 40 hours of required training this past Fall, far ahead of schedule.
- There are lots of decisions to make to set things up for the next president.

- The college is trying to form partnerships with the local business community to offer training customized for these organizations and their employees.

VIII. **BOARD REPORT**

There was no Board report.

IX. **UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS/COMMUNITY TESTIMONY**

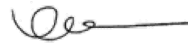
There was no unscheduled business or public comment.

X. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:50 PM, Chair Heu-Weller announced there would be an executive session beginning at 2:55 PM that would last approximately 30 minutes to discuss matters with legal counsel regarding potential litigation. At 3:25 PM, Chair Heu-Weller announced the executive session would be extended by 15 minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 3:40 PM.

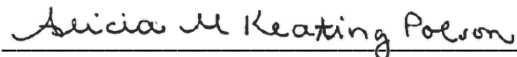
XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Heu-Weller adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 3:41 PM.



Merisa Heu-Weller, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



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