



**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, December 4, 2024. Richard Leigh, chair, presided. This meeting was held in B201 and on Zoom. A telephone line was also available.

MINUTES

Chair Leigh called the business session to order at 3:40 PM.

ROLL CALL

A quorum of the Board was present.

Present: Chair Richard Leigh, Vice Chair Pradnya Desh, Trustee Rich Fukutaki, Trustee Greg Dietzel, Trustee Desiré Sotelo, President David May, Assistant Attorney General Tricia Boerger, and Board Secretary Alicia Keating Polson.

Absent: none.

There were 42 guests in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Trustee Desh made a motion to approve the agenda (December 4, 2024) and minutes (November 6, 2024.) Trustee Sotelo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Jess Clark, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced this month's program spotlight presentation, focusing on two academic programs within the Social Science Division. Charlene Freyberg, Professor & Program Chair of the Criminal Justice program and Dr. Deepti Karkhanis, Professor & Program Chair of the Psychology program presented.

Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice program at Bellevue College is an interdisciplinary social science approach involving the study of crime and societal responses to it. The program of study offered through the Criminal Justice program provides students with knowledge of the components of the criminal justice system (i.e., law enforcement, court systems, corrections) and stages within the criminal justice process. The curriculum includes coursework in criminal justice and criminology; law enforcement and criminal justice ethics; criminal and constitutional law; and written, verbal, non-verbal and intercultural

communications. The department offers a variety of criminal justice courses to prepare students either for immediate employment or for transfer to a university bachelor's degree.

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. It is a discipline, a major subject of study in colleges and universities. It is a science, a method of conducting research and understanding behavioral data. Psychology is also a profession, a calling that requires one to apply special knowledge, abilities and skills to solve human problems.

Psychologists study a wide range of human and animal behavior, ranging from child development to abnormal behavior, from brain functioning to personality measurement. In contrast to other behavioral sciences, psychology typically focuses on the individual and the physiological, cognitive, and social processes that impact individual behavior.

The Psychology Department at Bellevue College offers freshman and sophomore-level courses in psychology appropriate for people planning to major in psychology as well as students in related fields. Courses available include introductory psychology, psychology as natural science, research methods, learning theory, the psychology of sex differences and applied, abnormal, developmental, personality, social and cross-cultural psychology. Special session courses or interdisciplinary courses with other college faculty are also available periodically. Most psychology courses fulfill social science distribution requirements for Bellevue College's associate in arts and sciences degree.

CONSTITUENT REPORTS

A. Student

The Student report was provided by Daniel Ngoy, President of Associated Student Government (ASG.)

- ASG is meeting with the Student Senate to vote on approving this year's legislative agenda.
- ASG is preparing for Lobby Day in Olympia, which is scheduled for February 13.

B. Classified

There was no classified report.

C. College Assembly

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

- Assembly passed proposals 285 and 287, which adjust the membership for the Student Success Council. The changes were made to fill vacant seats. There are some adjustments that need to be made to proposal 286, as Cabinet has asked for clarification on the changes being requested.
- Assembly also passed proposal 290, which will combine the seats for Multicultural Services and the Title IX office into one position. This will allow the staff in these offices to do their daily work, while still allowing them to participate in the Governance system.
- College Assembly will be hosting a cookie exchange for the Council Chairs tomorrow on December 5th. This will take place after the regular College Assembly meeting that day.

D. Faculty

The Faculty report was provided by Dr. Lindsay Haney, President of the Bellevue College Association of Higher Education (BCAHE.)

- Faculty demonstrated flexibility during the wind storm. While without power, faculty devised plans for helping students and this flexibility comes with extra labor.
- Faculty are concerned about their classified colleagues.
- Interior Design Professor Mark Mappala won the 2024 PAVE Global Educator of the Year Award.

E. Foundation

The Bellevue College Foundation (BCF) report was provided by Melissa Johnson, Executive Director of the Bellevue College Foundation.

- Michele Lahti is the new interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement.
- BCF is grateful to have partnered during suspended operations to provide food, scarves, hats, and gloves to the students in housing.
- The Donor & Scholar Reception was inspiring.
- The Transforming Together Breakfast will focus on workforce development with panel of experts.
- The Golf Tournament will directly support athletic scholarships.
- Progress is being made in efficiencies and systems for next decade and beyond.
- February 6th is an open house event for the new planetarium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FIRST READ

A. Revision of Policy 2050/WAC 132H-126: Student Conduct Code

Megan Kaptik, Dean of Student Support, presented the proposed revision of Policy 2050 and WAC 132H-126: Student Conduct Code.

WAC 132H-126 and Policy 2050, Student Conduct Code, has had interim/temporary status per the U.S. Department of Education's issuance of the "Final Rule" on Title IX regulations as of July 29, 2024. A 45-day comment period was held from September 25 - November 12, 2024, and a public hearing was held on October 22, 2024.

On April 19, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education released its final rule to fully effectuate Title IX's promise that no person experiences sex discrimination in federally funded education. Before issuing the proposed regulations, the Department received feedback on its Title IX regulations, as amended in 2020, from a wide variety of stakeholders.

The final regulations strengthen several major provisions from the current regulations and provide schools with information to meet their Title IX obligations while providing appropriate discretion and flexibility to account for variations in school size, student populations, and administrative structures. The final regulations also provide greater clarity regarding: the definition of “sex-based harassment”; the scope of sex discrimination, including schools’ obligations not to discriminate based on sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and schools’ obligations to provide an educational environment free from discrimination based on sex. Additional edits to policy 2050 student conduct code include a new reference to artificial intelligence under “academic dishonesty,” and emphasis on the use of designated smoking areas on campus, at least 25 feet from any building.

Comments Received

No comments were received from the college community during the public comment period 9/25/24-11/12/24. Five individuals attended the October 22, 2024 public hearing on Zoom at 2:00 pm. Two comments were received during the hearing, the first of which was incorporated in the final draft.

- Change sanction of “dismissal” to “expulsion;” change term to prevent confusion around dismissal of a complaint (two other individuals in favor)
- Need for a policy and procedures around non-registered individuals in the classroom (tabled).

B. Creation of Policy 1447: Sex Discrimination

Frances Dujon-Reynolds, Vice President of Human Resources, presented the proposed creation of Policy 1447: Sex Discrimination.

Policy 1447 Sex Discrimination was adopted as an interim policy on August 1, 2024, per the U.S. Department of Education’s issuance of the “Final Rule” on Title IX regulations.

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The final regulations are effective on August 1, 2024, and apply to complaints of sex discrimination regarding alleged conduct that occurs on or after that date. Existing policies and procedures will remain in place for complaints of alleged conduct that occurs prior to August 1, 2024.

Comments Received

During the 45-day comment period, October 18-December 2, 2024, two clarifying comments were received.

ACTION

A. Revision of Policy 2020: Electronic Communication with Students

Motion 27.24

Trustee Dietzel moved that the Board of Trustees of Community College District VIII approves the revision of Policy 2020: Electronic Communication with Students.

Trustee Sotelo seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

A. Achieving the Dream

Dr. Jess Clark, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Judith Hernández Chapar, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. Liz Hollerman, Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs; and Megan Kaptik, Dean of Student Support provided an update of Bellevue College's progress in advancing Achieving the Dream student success initiatives.

Bellevue College's work focuses on increasing and closing equity gaps for retention, completion, and foundational course success within the first year. Updates included progress on key ATD initiatives such as Guided Pathways, leadership structure changes, and ongoing efforts to monitor and improve student outcomes through cohort-based metrics. The presentation highlighted 2024-2025 priorities, including enhancing first-year programs, strengthening advising pipelines, and assessing modality effectiveness.

REPORTS

A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report

Dr. Consuelo Grier, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), provided the DEI report:

- Congratulations to Hasaan Kirkland, acting Director for Social Justice, who has defended his dissertation.
- October PD Day evaluations report generally positive experiences and feedback from both attendees and presenters.
- Listening circles held for students and employee varied in size. Community care is extremely important.

- The candlelight vigil for Trans Night of Remembrance has been rescheduled to December 5.
 - The present focus is on needs of students and employees and what it means to be a diverse campus.
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B. President's Report

David May, President, provided the President's report:

- Dr. Lahti brings more than 20 years of experience to Institutional Advancement. The many communications sent out during the storm were possible due to Dr. Lahti and her team.
- Thanks to Melissa Johnson and the BCF for their support of students during storm. Thanks to staff their support and hard work during power outage.
- Dr. Lori Keller is helping with governmental relations and will continue that work in Olympia between president meetings.
- Governor's update includes directives of contract and hiring freezes. Does not directly apply to Bellevue College but it has been urged to follow.
- Bellevue Connector Project MOA has been signed and is moving forward.

C. Board Report

Trustee Fukutaki shared about his role with ACCT: it is important to work alongside people and Washington state has significant seat at the table at ACCT. Trustees from Washington are on every single committee and there is great support from the state in ACCT.

Trustee Dietzel thanked Lori Keller for taking on work with governmental relations.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

There was no unscheduled business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:08 PM, Chair Leigh announced the Board would convene for 20 minutes in executive session under [RCW 42.30.110\(1\)](#) for the following purpose: (g) To review the performance of a public employee; and (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation. The Board will also met in closed session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. Pursuant to [RCW 42.30.140\(4\)\(a\)](#), these matters are not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. Chair Leigh announced that no final action would be taken during the executive session or closed session, but action may be taken upon the Board's return to open session.

The executive session ended at 5:28 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Leigh adjourned the Board of Trustees meeting at 5:29 PM.



Richard Leigh
Chair, Board of Trustees

Community College District VIII

ATTEST:

Alicia M Keating Polson

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