

Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges

Board of Presidents

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024**

**8:30 A.M. – 12 P.M.**

The Woodmark Hotel

1200 Carillon Point

Kirkland, WA 98033

**Members Present**

Lin Zhou, Bates

David May, Bellevue

Jim Lemerond, Bellingham

Sara Thompson Tweedy, Big Bend

Eric Murray, Cascadia

Bob Mohrbacher, Centralia

Karin Edwards, Clark

Joyce Loveday, Clover Park

Rebekah Woods, Columbia Basin

Amit Singh, Edmonds

Chemene Crawford, Everett

Carli Schiffner, Grays Harbor

Suzanne Johnson, Green River

Amy Morrison, Lake Washington

Matt Seimears, Lower Columbia

Rachel Solemsaas, North Seattle

Marty Cavalluzzi, Olympic

Suzanne Ames, Peninsula

Julie White, Pierce District

Matthew Campbell, Pierce Ft. Steilacoom

Chio Flores, Pierce Puyallup

Yoshiko Harden, Renton

Bradley Lane, Seattle Central

Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Seattle District

Jack Kahn, Shoreline

Chris Villa, Skagit

Tim Stokes, South Puget Sound

Jamie Cardenas, South Seattle

Kevin Brockbank, Spokane District

Jenni Martin, Spokane

Kimberly Messina, Spokane Falls

Ivan Harrell, Tacoma Community College

Chad Hickox, Walla Walla  
Faimous Harrison, Wenatchee Valley

Kathi Hiyane-Brown, Whatcom

Linda Kaminski, Yakima Valley

**Ex-Officio Members — SBCTC**

Paul Francis, executive director

John Boesenberg, business operations

Joyce Hammer, education

Grant Rodeheaver, information technology

**Guests and SBCTC Staff**

Martin Valadez, State Board

Arlen Harris, SBCTC

Darrell Jennings, SBCTC

Glenda Breiler, SBCTC  
Katie Rose, SBCTC

Kim Tanaka, SBCTC   
Jamie Traugott, SBCTC

Julie Huss, SBCTC

Laura McDowell, SBCTC  
Marie Bruin, SBCTC  
Michael A Brown, SBCTC

Monica Wilson, SBCTC

Nanette Angel, SBCTC

Sam Herriot, SBCTC

Sophia Agtarap, SBCTC

Stephanie Winner, SBCTC  
Summer Kenesson, SBCTC

Valerie Sundby, SBCTC

Wendy Bohlke, ACT  
Will Durden, SBCTC

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Amy Morrison, Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges (WACTC) president, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed those present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that WACTC approve the May 24, 2024 minutes without amendments.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**Executive Committee Report — Amy Morrison, WACTC president**

Amy Morrison gave a brief update along with an overview over the agenda items for the day.

# State Board Report — Paul Francis, executive director

* Mothers of Liberty: Presented by Julie Huss.
* Gainful Employment Update: Presented by Summer Kenesson Discussed complications with the Clearinghouse, an upcoming October 1st deadline, and the need for a survey completion. A delay request was submitted on behalf of the State Board to Senator Murray.
* College Spark Evolve WA, Education for All, NCORE Updates: Presented by Sophia Agtarap.
* Choi Holliday Update: Discussed Choi’s possible return in September and the planning for John Boesenberg’s retirement if Choi does not return. Amy requested a BAC listening session.
* State Board Budget Overview: Provided by Paul Francis.

# Washington Roundtable — Kerri Schroeder, Steve Mullin, and Brian Jeffries

Washington Roundtable representatives joined the meeting with a presentation highlighting both the opportunities and challenges related to job growth in Washington, emphasizing the need for targeted educational reforms to meet the demands of the evolving job market.

# Operating Budget Committee — Carli Schiffner

In the last legislative session, funding was provided by the Legislature for our system to address the growing program costs associated with Computer Science.

The Operating Budget Committee in late spring discussed the ways in which this money could be allocated in our system—suggestions were made about course sharing software and funds to colleges working on computer science program development.

The Operating Budget Committee suggested a survey to gauge support for the course sharing software and how the money for the next two years is to be allocated.

There was a clear preference for smaller amounts of funding consistent year over year funding, instead of larger one-time amounts.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that WACTC approve the Operating Budget Committee’s recommendation for distribution of the computer science funding as presented.

**MOTION PASSED.**

# Legislative & Public Information Committee Report — Chio Flores

Chio welcomed new member Matt Seimears.

* Discussion on building fee revenue, draft academy agenda, infrastructure funding, and use of funds for minor work.

# Educational Services Committee — Rosie Rimando Chareunsap

Discussion on RFP processes, last year’s workplan carryover, AI integration, and the evolution of the Promising Practice exchange and Guided Pathways/GPac.

# Technology Committee — Kevin Brockbank

Topics discussed:

* Work plan gaps
* AI integration
* Upcoming tabletop session on October 18th.

# Equity Committee — Faimous Harrison

Focused on DEOC collaboration, a recent retreat, and a motion for $25,000 support for both FSOCC SOSCC. Discussions on long-term support and potential dues increase.

**MOTION:** It was moved that WACTC support Faculty and Staff of Color Conference (FOSCC) $25,000 this fall and Students of Color Conference SOSCC $25,000 in the spring.

**MOTION PASSED.**

# Trustees Report — Bertha Ortega

* Upcoming Trustee Retreat will be August 22-23, 2024
* ACCT Leadership Congress at the Seattle Convention Center, October 23-26, 2024
  + Volunteers and student participation needed.

# NWAC Report — Bob Mohrbacher

* Discussed waivers and scholarships, with a motion to allow the use of waivers up to 15 credits.
* **Impact:** Could this affect participation among women athletes?
* **Problem Addressed:** Would this make us more competitive with Oregon? Yes, through scholarships/financial aid.
* **Implementation Timeline:** Needs to be in place for next year.

**MOTION:** A motion was made recommend to the State Board that they authorize the use of waivers for up to 15 credits of in-state tuition. (*Clarification:* This allows up to 15 credits but does not require it. (Yes))

* **Voting Results:**
* 16 in favor
* 6 opposed
* 8 abstentions
* **MOTION PASSED**

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the July 19, 2024 Board of Presidents’ regular meeting adjourned at Noon. The next meeting will be held in Oct, 4, 2024, at Cascadia College.

Minutes prepared by Nanette Angel