

**Tacoma Community College  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
August 18, 2015 5:30 p.m.  
Building 12 – Room 120**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members**

Liz Dunbar  
Bob Ryan  
Gretchen Adams  
James Curtis  
Don Dennis

**Administrators/Staff/Others**

Tod Treat	Silvia Barajas
Cathie Bitz	Rick Brady
Mary Chikwinya	Rachel Payne

**I. Call to Order**

Chair **Dunbar** called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**II. Executive Session**

At 5:36 p.m. Chair **Dunbar** announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss agency litigation and professional negotiations. Action was expected to be taken as a result of the executive session.

At 6:00 p.m., the Board announced that the executive session would be extended for approximately 45 minutes.

At 6:48 p.m. the Board reconvened into Open Public Session.

**III. Board Action as a Result of Executive Session**

**Student Agreement**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Curtis**, the Board unanimously approved the agreement arrived at on August 7, 2015 between Dr. Ruhland on behalf of the College and attorney James Schermer on behalf of a former TCC student.

**Proposed Compensation Changes 2015-16**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Ryan**, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the College's chief negotiator to bargain for up to a 3% general salary increase for full and part-time faculty.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Dennis**, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the College's chief negotiator to bargain up to value of the faculty unfunded increments.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Adams**, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the College's chief negotiator to bargain for up to a 3% general salary increase for represented exempt employees.

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Ryan**, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the President to provide a 3% general salary increase for non-represented exempt employees.

**IV. President's Report**

President Ruhland:

- Reported on activities coming up over the next few months and invited the Trustees to attend the all-campus Professional Development Day on Sept. 14.
- Provided the Board with invitations to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sept. 17.
- Reported that she sent thank you notes to legislators for their support on the budget.
- Reported on her campus walk-about to offer food and hold drawings for gifts for staff and faculty who have been working hard on the ctcLink project. She will be doing something similar with students the first week of fall quarter.

- We received a positive letter from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. They have removed the conditioned status on our program and have renewed our accreditation until 2020.
- We also received an Award for Accreditation for the Early Learning Center from the National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs. The letter stated that this exemplifies the great work the ELC and staff have done.
- President Ruhland sent an email out to Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Stakeholders advising them of TCC's decision not to go forward with the Gig Harbor science labs. She received responses back from Marty Thacker, Executive Director of the Gig Harbor Film Festival, and Rep. Michelle Caldier, thanking her for the update and explanation.

**V. Public Comments/Remarks**

None

**VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55.

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Liz Dunbar, Board Chair