

**Tacoma Community College  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2014, 4:00 p.m.  
Tacoma Community College  
Building 12 ~ College Room**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members**

Chad Wright, Chair  
Liz Dunbar, Vice Chair  
Don Dennis  
Bob Ryan  
Gretchen Adams

**Administration/Faculty/Staff/Guests**

Tod Treat	Pat Shuman
Mary Chikwinya	Anne Shaw, AAG
Silvia Barajas	Jen Nagy
Dave Howard	Meg Estep Woolf
Angela Wheeler	David Endicott
Mike Flodin	Clint Steele
Janine Mott	Kelley Sadler
Shawn Jennison	Shema Hanebutte
Charlie Crawford	Rachel Payne
Steve Ashpole	Krista Fox
Dolores Haugen	Victoria Ichungwa
Mary Ann Brummond	Bridget Agpaoa-Ryder
Val Robertson	Barb Peterson
Beth Brooks	Sabine Endicott
Blaine Hunt	Kristen Harrison
Shaun Henderson	Rachelle McGill
Mecca Salahuddin	Elizabeth Hyun
Susan Bennett	Quill West
Val Morgan-Krick	Sean VanDommelen
Sam Loftin	Judy Colarusso
Cathie Bitz	

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair **Wright** called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. He then announced that President Transue was invited by the White House to participate in an educational summit in Washington, DC on January 16.

**II. General Matters**

**A. Introductions –**

Tod Treat, Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, introduced **Mecca Salahuddin** who was as recently hired as Dean of Organizational Learning & Effectiveness.

**B. Changes/Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Dennis**, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

**C. Approval of Minutes for the December 11 Regular Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member **Ryan**, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 11 Regular Meeting.

**D. Correspondence - None.**

**E. Board Report**

- Trustee Dunbar stated that she will be attending the TACTC conference this coming Sunday-Monday.
- Trustee Adams will be attending the conference, as well as the TACTC New Trustee Orientation. She attended the December 12 holiday luncheon.
- Trustee Dennis attended the holiday luncheon and will also be attending the TACTC conference. He, Tod Treat, and Janine Mott met with Rep. Seaquist, City Councilman Stan Flemming, and the head of St. Anthony's Hospital to discuss the future of the Gig Harbor area. A well-attended sendoff reception was held for legislators at the Gig Harbor Campus. Trustee Dennis thanked Tod Treat, Mary Chikwinya, and Janine Mott for their part in this successful event.
- Trustee Ryan attended the holiday luncheon and helped present years of services awards.
- Trustee Wright also attended the luncheon. He remarked that it was nice to see the reinstatement of faculty and staff excellence awards.
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### III. PRESENTATIONS

#### Student Voice

**Barb Peterson**, Human Services Instructor, introduced student **Brock Foltz** and said that he has been a tremendous student. Brock briefly shared his background, how he came to TCC, the benefits of being a student here, and his plans for the future.

### IV. ACTION ITEMS – None.

**Shema Hanebutte**, Dean of Counseling, Advising, WRT, and Career Services, introduced **Sam Loftin**, newly hired Advising Program Director.

### V. NON-ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Clean Water Initiatives – Raising Salmon for Urban Streams

**Mike Flodin**, Dean of Mathematics, Science and Engineering, provided a brief background about the science students' project of raising salmon for local urban streams. He introduced Shaun Henderson and Kristen Harrison and also mentioned staff member Susan Bennett who has been heavily involved in the project. Shaun and Kristen provided the following information:

- The new science building design included a 550 gallon chilled marine aquaria to mimic Puget Sound Conditions. Artificially maintaining a Puget Sound environment proved to be too challenging and too costly. Partnership opportunities with other agencies were limited.
- We are partnering with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife through the Voights Creek Hatchery to collect eggs and coordinate release. Salmon to be released into Puget Creek must come from this hatchery location.
- Our current partnership with Puget Creek Restoration Society involves water quality measurements and habitat restoration. This will expand that partnership to include the first raising and release of salmon into the creek.
- Additional partnership opportunities are abundant as we and others may likely study the ongoing impact of the release program.
- The 50 gallon salmon raising tank has been demonstrated in many locations to be reliable and easy to maintain.
- Adult salmon have moved up to the Voights Creek Salmon Hatchery where they stripped and fertilized the eggs.
- In December we picked up our 250 eggs and transferred them into our tank. The juvenile salmon have now hatched and are starting to feed.
- The release date into Puget Creek is scheduled to be in late April or early May.

#### B. Environmental Scan Report

**Tod Treat** explained that monthly reports to the Board have each focused on one of the seven categories of the core theme objectives for the next Strategic Plan. The handout he provided for this report centers around the Social category and the community indicators identified by United Way of Pierce County. He specifically mentioned the Pierce County facts: linguistic isolation (something that is an important opportunity for TCC because of ESL), poverty rates, frequency of moving/housing instability; public safety; and transportation. He stated that this subject will be discussed in greater depth at the January 31 Board Retreat.

#### C. Pathway to Completion: Pre-College

Developmental Education Instructors **Sabine Endicott**, **Blaine Hunt**, **Rachelle McGill** and **Quill West**, Open Education Project Director, reported on transitional studies and the redesign of developmental English and Reading, contextualized/theme-based instruction.

Contextualized / Theme-Based Instruction:

- Requires students to draw parallels, make connections, taps into and requires higher level thinking skills.
- Students do better when they feel valued and their learning is taken seriously – as do faculty.
- Honors the interests, experiences, and knowledge our students bring with them. It's validating.
- Provides broad exposure to subject matter content and authentic applications.
- From the students' perspective, it keeps their passion going.
- Intrinsic motivation – learners are more likely to be drawn to content that is relevant and/or connected to their lives, goals, and interests.
- Contextualized curriculum involves collaboration with content area faculty and/or transfer level faculty to align outcomes, expectations, etc.

Rachelle described her photo essay project with her students on campus and shared how it created a sense of community amongst strangers. The feedback from the students was great. Quill provided an English 85 flyer from her Development Education class. That class identified challenges they face when they come to college and they made recommendations on how to meet some of those challenges

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **A. Administrative Report**

In President Transue's absence, Tod Treat mentioned the following:

1. He is proud of the faculty and the reports they provide to the Board. The information provided shows why TCC has such a good reputation.
2. Tod reminded the Board that the Accreditation Review Team will be here March 18-20 and the campus is preparing for that visit. He asked the Trustees to keep those days available for interviews. We will submit our self-evaluation on February 1.
3. On Dec. 12 the Foundation did a wonderful job of putting on the annual Holiday Luncheon. It was particularly celebratory because we were able to bring back the Classified and Exempt Staff Excellence Awards and present four Faculty Excellence Awards. He thanked Trustees Wright, Ryan, Dennis and Adams for attending the event, and Trustees Wright and Ryan for assisting with the presentation of years of service awards.
4. On Jan. 6 Congressman Derek Kilmer was on campus to meet with students and answer any questions they had about education and the legislature.
5. Tod mentioned the landscaping that has been completed so far on the Campus Commons.
6. He congratulated Mary Chikwinya and staff on the great job they did in putting on an event for the many area counselors who came to campus.
7. He stated that TCC is currently one of the leading colleges in the Achieving the Dream program. Part of that program includes Dream 2014 for which EJ Iglesias was selected to participate on the student research and response team.

### **B. Faculty Report- Dave Howard, Faculty Union Representative:**

- Dave welcomed Mecca Salahuddin. He remarked that he has already received positive comments about her.
- He enjoyed the Student Voice presentation by Barb Peterson and Brock.
- Negotiations on the Faculty Agreement are starting next week. Dave stated that we have an opportunity to continue our excellence by hiring good faculty, and an important way to do this is by offering better wages. If we can attract good faculty with better wages, it will help TCC retain its excellent reputation for seeing that our students do exceptional work.

### **C. Classified Staff Report— No report.**

### **F. Associated Students Report – Jen Nagy, Student Body President:**

- Jen announced several upcoming events such as Jeff Bauman, survivor of the Boston Marathon bombing. He will be here January 17 to give a presentation on his struggles since that bombing.
- There are 14 students interested in going to the Legislative rally.
- The Quiet Library Committee has worked together to address some issues that have drawn complaints in the library. They have changed the library layout so it is quieter and have abolished eating in the library. These changes have made a positive difference.
- Trustee Dennis offered to help the students set up meetings with Legislators.

### **G. TCC Foundation Report – Pat Shuman, President of the Foundation:**

- Fundraising luncheon – one of the biggest challenges we have is getting good news about TCC out to the community, and the fundraising luncheon is a good way to do so. Last year our first annual luncheon raised \$60,000 and we are looking forward to the second annual luncheon on Feb. 6 being successful as well. She encouraged faculty and staff to attend and to extend invitations to community members. This year's speaker is TCC alumnus James Curtis, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.
- The Tacoma Wine Classic is scheduled for May 18.

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/REMARKS** – None.

VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Chad Wright, Chair