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**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT**

**YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE**

December 2, 2024, at 9:00am

South Central Workforce

1205 Ahtanum Ridge Dr Ste B, Union Gap WA 98903

**A. Roll Call**

**Board of Trustees Present**

Patrick Baldoz, Chair  
Laura Flores, Vice Chair  
Bertha Ortega, Trustee  
Dr. Sara Cate, Trustee  
David Morales, Trustee

**Others Present**

YVC Staff

**Presentation by Amy Martinez, CEO from South Central Workforce.** Discussed relationships with the community and a partnership with Yakima Valley College.

**B. Trustees Check-in and Updates**

**C. Board Discussion**

- 1. Discussed future meeting structures for board meetings with a more templated formula to help assist productivity and meeting time allowance**
- 2. Discussed new federal administration and legislators strategies for the future Legislative Summit Meeting that will be held this upcoming February in Washington, DC**

**D. Report from Dr. Teresa Rich regarding campus updates**

**E. Action Items:**

**1. Revision of WAC 132P-33 Student Rights and Responsibilities – Emergency Rulemaking Extension**

Teresa Rich presented to the Board of Trustees the revisions to federal regulations on Title IX, Part 106 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance necessitate revisions to the college’s WAC 132P-33 Code of Student Conduct. The federal regulations are in effect as of August 1, 2024. YVC has been in compliance with our new adoption of the WACs from August 1<sup>st</sup> up to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and now are asking the board for an extension while the college continues the permanent rule making process.

The proposed WACs 132P-121-010 through 132P-121-540 are available upon request.

Following approval of the extension by the Board of Trustees, the college will follow the prescribed procedures for emergency rulemaking and continue with the process of filing the permanent WACs. There will be a public hearing held at YVC in the MLK room on December 30, 2024.

- YVC’s previous WACs will continue to apply to incidents allegedly occurring up to July 31, 2024
- Proposed Emergency WAC’s will continue to apply to incidents allegedly occurring between August 1, 2024- December 2, 2024

- If Approved, the extension of Proposed Emergency WAC's will continue to apply to incidents allegedly occurring between December 2, 2024 to April 2, 2025, or until the permanent rule making process has been completed, whichever occurs first.

**MOTION 24-12-01:** Trustee Ortega moved that the Board of Trustees adopt a motion to approve the emergency WAC extension while the permanent rule making process is continued to be followed for the college.

The motion was seconded Trustee Morales and passed unanimously.

- F. Working Lunch with Board Members, Interim President Rich, Interim VP Navarrete, and Chief Human Resources Officer Alma Ramirez**
- G. Report from Alma Ramirez on Search Firms for the Presidential Candidacy Search:** Alma Ramirez provided an update on the Presidential Candidacy Search, outlining the process and the release of an RFP, which will be posted on the DES website for 30 days. The Board discussed scheduling a special meeting to determine which search firm to proceed with. Additionally, community participation in the Presidential Candidacy process was discussed.
- H. Board planning for 2025:** The Board discussed plans for upcoming conferences, meetings, and Trustee Tuesdays, as well as a spring retreat. Ideas for commencement were discussed, including potential speakers and legislators.

**Communications:** Chair Baldoz reported that there will be a need for another special meeting in March and a spring retreat in April on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

- A. Adjournment.** The special meeting/retreat was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



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