



**Yakima Campus**

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**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**  
**YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
November 6, 2019, 3:30 p.m.  
M. L. King Room, HUB  
Yakima Campus

Vice Chair Baldoz called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Trustees present were Vice Chair Patrick Baldoz, Trustee Rosalinda Mendoza and Trustee Neil McClure. Chair Sara Cate and Trustee Robert Ozuna were absent (excused).

**A. Clery Report**

Michael Lane, Security Supervisor, presented an overview of the history of the Clery Act and explained YVC's obligation to make timely warning to the campus community about crimes that pose a threat to students and employees. Mr. Lane provided the Board with a copy of YVC's annual security report and answered questions regarding current data. A complete copy of the report can be found at <https://www.yvcc.edu/Annual-Security-Fire-Report.pdf>

**B. Sabbatical Presentation**

Mr. Russell Marquis, Interim Dean of Grandview Campus, shared his experiences from his sabbatical. Rusty took a teaching position at the Cedei School in Cuenca Ecuador. Cuenca is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city in Ecuador and is rich in intellectual and artistic traditions. The Cedei School was established in 1992, it is a private international school, grades 1-12, with a focus on bilingual education. Rusty's job responsibilities included ELA grades 7-12, LMS System Administrator, World History grades 10-12, Senior Class Advisor and Soccer Coach. Rusty also worked on an YVC HS21+Course World Language: Spanish For Beginners.

**MINTUES**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
November 6, 2019, 4:30 p.m.  
M.L. King Jr. Room  
Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus

Vice Chair Baldoz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees**

**Board of Trustees Present**

Mr. Patrick Baldoz, Vice Chair  
Mr. Neil McClure  
Ms. Rosalinda Mendoza

**Others Present**

YVC Students  
YVC Staff

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

**Board of Trustees Absent**

Dr. Sara Cate, Chair (excused)  
Mr. Robert Ozuna (excused)

**Introduction of Guests and New Employees**

Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director of Human Resources, there were no new employees present to introduce but Mr. Sloniker did introduced former YVC Board Member Mr. Larry Sanchez who signed up to address the Board in the Call to the Public portion of the agenda.

**B. Proposed Changes to the Agenda.** There were no changes to the agenda.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Mendoza moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee McClure and passed unanimously.

**D. Celebrating Excellence:** Sam Mazhari, Chemistry Instructor, presented on the Pre-Pharmacy Program. Mr. Mazhari discussed the history of the partnership; he thanked Dean Cavaness, President Kaminski, and his colleagues for the great support of the program. He also discussed YVC's first student who was accepted into the program and the WSU Save A Seat Project. Dr. Kaminski thanked Mr. Mazhari for his work on the Pre-Pharmacy Program.

**E. Community Partner Perspective:** Teacher Education Partnership,

Kenneth Zontek, History Instructor, opened his presentation on the Teacher Education Partnership with a Land Acknowledgement. Ken introduced Rose Butterfly, YVC and Yakama Higher Education Program Advisor, Elise Washines, Yakama Higher Ed Director, Penny Tahmalwash ASYVC VP, and Emily Washines, YVC instructor. Emily discussed co-teaching a Pacific NW History class and the percentage of students who have had a native instructor. Elise also opened her presentation with a land acknowledgement. She discussed her experience and the teacher education partnership. Rose discussed working on YVC campus on Mondays, the rest of the week she is in Toppenish. Trustee Mendoza inquired what else the BOT could do to reach out to the Yakama Nation to encourage the partnership. Elise indicated that reaching out at the high school level would be the best use of time, specifically the Mt. Adams School District.

Vice Chair Baldoz thanked everyone for the incredible presentation and for all the hard work to create access for our students.

F. Action Items

1) **Exceptional Faculty Awards – Fall 2019**

Mr. Tomás Ybarra stated that the Washington State Legislature under RCW 28B.50.835 authorized an exceptional faculty award program to “foster partnerships by creating matching grant programs to assist public community and technical colleges in creating endowments for funding exceptional faculty awards.” In 1992, Yakima Valley College and the YVC Foundation agreed to participate in the program for exceptional faculty.

In 2001, in accordance with RCW 28B.50.843, the college negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding with the faculty union regarding the process for determining local awards from the Exceptional Faculty Awards fund invested by the YVC Foundation. The MOU reflected the division structure in place at that time.

The faculty union executive board and the college have agreed on a Faculty Development Committee that reflects the current division structure. The committee is composed of one dean, one Arts & Sciences faculty, one Workforce Education faculty, one College and Career Readiness faculty, one faculty counselor, and one librarian. This committee has received and reviewed five (5) faculty proposals for fall 2019. The final recommendations are provided in the document submitted today for the board’s approval.

**MOTION 19-11-01:** Trustee McClure moved that the Board of Trustees adopts a motion to approve the recommended award amounts to the recipients as submitted by the Faculty Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mendoza and passed unanimously.

G. **Communications.** There were no communications

H. **Reports**

1. **Board of Trustees** – There were no Board reports
2. **Students**

Hope Wilson, President of ASYVC, discussed the first edition of the new YAK Calendar. She discussed past and future events including the Dia De Los Muertos and the upcoming fireside chat on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope introduced Robert who talked about his experiences at YVC. Robert is a first generation student; he is seeking a degree in Technology and will be finishing his degree in Fall 2020.

Abraham Lopez, President of Grandview Student Council, handed out a copy of his report. He highlighted some past events. He introduced Esmerelda who is a work-study student. She is interested in criminology and drama. She enjoyed the assistance from TRIO and the writing centers.

3. **Classified Staff** — Ms. Cathy VanWinsen, WPEA Representative, discussed the union elections, she indicated that the new negotiation team is scheduled to start in the spring. She said that the new assistant shop steward is Stephanie and Cathy introduced the new Chief Shop Steward Brad Smith. Brad introduced himself and thanked Cathy for her years of service and presented her with a gift. Vice Chair Baldoz thanked Cathy for her service.
4. **Professional Staff** – Ms. Hillary Emerson, AFT-YPS Professional Representative, introduced Dianna Jennings who was elected as the new President for AFT-YPS. AFT-YPS is back at the negotiation table with a tentative agreement. Thanked Steve and Alma for the meeting.
5. **Faculty** — Ms. Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President, talked about the Teacher Education Partnership presentation earlier in the meeting and indicated that faculty are doing amazing things. She discussed a letter that was sent to Dr. Kaminski about staffing issues and the meeting that followed with positive discussions. Ms. Dorn also reminded the Board of the upcoming clay sale.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** — Dr. Teresa Rich talked about the West Campus project, which is on task and on budget. The steel structure is going up and the iron workers placed a flag on the peak, it's beautiful.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** — Tomás Ybarra, introduced Dean Leslie Blackaby who presented proposed updates to two Board Policies; 1.41 Adoption and Sale of Course Materials and 5.04 Non-Resident Tuition Waiver – Online Learning. These proposed changes will come back to the Board as action items at the January meeting. Copies will be filed with these minutes in the President's office.

Workforce Education Report, Dr. Paulette Lopez, presenter. Dean Lopez provided the Board with a copy of her report. She highlighted the Surgical Tech Program. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

8. **President**

**Community Relations Report.** Mr. Jay Frank, Director of Community Relations, showed the Board a new commercial will air in January at no cost to the college. Jay highlighted the Black History Mobile Museum will be back on campus January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Human Resource Activity Report.** Mr. Steve Sloniker, Executive Director of Human Resources discussed some of the items on the HR activity report. He discussed upcoming supervisor and HR staff training.

**President's Report.** 1) Dr. Kaminski shared a book of short stories written by Jill Widner, English Instructor. 2) She discussed a donation to the Dreamers Scholarship. 3) President Kaminski discussed recent turnover in the Foundation leadership. 4) She talked about attending the grand opening of the Math Center at the Grandview Campus. 5) Dr. Kaminski talked about the YVC playmasters Rocky Horror Show performance at the Rotary meeting.

I. **Call to the Public**

Mr. Larry Sanchez, former YVC Board Member, advocated for Farm Workers and potential legislation that could have an impact on YVC. He also discussed the upcoming 2020 census and expressed his hope that the college was promoting participation in the census.



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- J. **Date of Next Meeting**— The next Regular meeting will be **Thursday January 9, 2020** in the M.L. King Jr. Room, Hopf Union Building, Yakima Campus
- K. **Executive Session** – No executive session was called.
- L. **Action Items.** N/A
- M. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

SARA CATE

LINDA KAMINSKI

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Dr. Sara Cate, Chair

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Attest: Linda J. Kaminski, Secretary