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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING/STUDY SESSION**  
**YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
February 11, 4:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85338964990>

Meeting ID: 853 3896 4990

Dial by location

1-253-215-8782

Chair Baldoz called the special meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Trustees present were Chair Patrick Baldoz, Vice Chair Neil McClure, Trustee Sara Cate, Trustee Cus Arteaga and Trustee Bertha Ortega.

**A. ACT Award Nominee Discussion**

Chair Baldoz began the discussion and introduced former trustee Rosalinda Mendoza. Rosalinda provided information on the ACT awards, application process, time lines and categories. This topic will be discussed further at the Board Retreat on February 22, 2021.

**AGENDA**  
**MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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**A. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests and New Employees**

**Board of Trustees Present**

Cus Arteaga

Dr. Sara Cate

Patrick Baldoz, Chair

Neil McClure, Vice Chair

Bertha Ortega

**Others Present**

YVC Students

YVC Faculty & Staff

Dr. Linda Kaminski, Secretary

Chair Baldoz introduced YVC's newest trustee, Bertha Ortega. Bertha shared some information on her background and work history.

**Introduction of Guests and New Employees**, Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, introduced Julio Moreno Lopez-Torroella, Network Administrator. Steve asked that guest who would like to address the Board during the call to the public should sign up in the chatroom.

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

**C. Approval of Minutes:** Trustee Arteaga moved that the minutes of the Special Meetings of January 14, 2021 be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Trustee McClure and passed unanimously.

**D. Action Items:**

**1. Exceptional Faculty Awards – Winter 2021**

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 received and reviewed six (6) faculty proposals for winter 2021. The final recommendations are provided in the document submitted today for the board’s approval.

**MOTION 21-02-01:** Trustee Ortega 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 Cate and passed unanimously.

**E. Communications.** There were no communications.

**F. Reports**

- 1. Board of Trustees.** Dr. Cate stated that she is still attending the Bylaws committee meetings. Trustee McClure discussed attending yesterday’s legislative visit with Congressman Newhouse. Trustee Ortega indicated she was set to attend the legislative meeting with Maria Cantwell but there were technology and scheduling issues. Patrick reminded the Board of their upcoming retreat on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2. Students:** Penny Tahmalwash, ASYVC President, discussed the Student Leadership Challenge. Abraham Lopez, GSC President, discussed the Yak Blog Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. Students were able to learn about the history of Dr. King and his leadership in the civil rights movement. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the President’s office.

Student Amber James introduced herself to the Board and discussed her interest in the nursing field.

3. **Classified Staff** – Cathy Van Winsen, WPEA Representative was not present but Alex Bazan spoke on behalf of the classified staff. He indicated the union is going through some changes with a new Eastern college representative. He discussed the goal of the PDC committee to get more classified employee interest.
4. **Professional Staff** – No Report
5. **Faculty** – Rachel Dorn, AFT-Y Yakima President, indicated she wanted to address several items. Rachel stated changes were made by the President to curriculum forms and processes without consultation with the faculty on those committees. Rachel discussed a lack of transparency in calculating turnover savings to be used for faculty increments. Rachel also discussed the faculty disappointment in the composition of the hiring committee for the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services position. A copy of the statement is filed with these minutes in the President’s office.
6. **Vice President for Administrative Services** – Dr. Teresa Rich provided the Board with an update on the ctcLink project. 51 weeks away from implementation, YVC has started the business process fit gap sessions with great staff participation and the 4<sup>th</sup> deployment group launched at the beginning of the month with only limited problems. Dr. Rich stated that the financial statement audit is wrapping up this week. The Grandview Science Lab project is underway to replace the biology, chemistry and geology labs. Construction is going well and is estimated to be completed in April. Wrapping up that last of the punch list items on the West Campus Project and we received our certificate of occupancy for the gallery and the tasting room on January 26<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the report and the Board fiscal update are filed with these minutes in the President’s office.
7. **Vice President for Instruction and Student Services** – Mr. Tomás Ybarra welcomed Bertha to the Board. He discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Transfer Symposium hosted by CWU on February 5<sup>th</sup> that attracted over 300 participants. The event focused on advising within pathways for successful transfer and serving traditionally under-represented students. Vice President Ybarra indicated that YVC submitted a statement of need to the State Board for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Agriculture. With a proposed start date of Fall 2022 the degree will emphasize agriculture production and management. A BAS degree in agriculture builds upon AAS and AAST degrees in a variety of agriculture disciplines at YVC. Mr. Ybarra discussed the HyFlex which is a course design model that offers the components of hybrid learning that gives students the option of attending in person or participating online or doing both. He thanked Trent Ball, Skye Field and Julie Swedin for their efforts in planning, research and development. Vice President Ybarra reminded the Board that tenure files would soon be ready for their review, with a target date of February 24<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the President’s office.

- **Technology Services Report**, Director Dilbar Chhokar provided the Board with a Technology Services update. Dilbar welcomed new technology services staff, Julio Moreno, Network Administrator and Daniel Rodriguez, Customer Support Specialist. Dilbar talked about current initiatives; improving remote support campus wide, improving security presence, asset management and instruction technology. Director Chhokar provided the Board with an overview of Technology Services strategic plan and reviewed TS accomplishments from 2020. He thanked the media center for their assistance in COVID Response and laptop/technology equipment checkout to students, faculty and staff. He also discussed Security; user awareness training, password requirement changes, and infrastructural needs. Dilbar thanked Vice President Ybarra for his leadership and mentorship. A copy of the presentation is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

## 8. **President**

**Community Relations Report** – Dustin Wunderlich, Director of Community Relations, discussed the CR team's support of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) with a variety of outreach and communications efforts. Dustin discussed advertising efforts; a social media advertising campaign for spring quarter with a focus on reaching individuals who are unemployed or underemployed and a campaign in late February early March to focus on enrollment into YVC's English Language Acquisition and GED classes. Dustin indicated the next edition of the Campus Update will be coming out in March and he discussed the YVC/Cowiche Canyon Conservancy Winter Talks. Trustee Cate thanked Dustin for hosting the Cowiche Conservancy talks, you can sit in the comfort of your home with a cup of tea and enjoy a great program. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

**Human Resource Activity Report** – Steve Sloniker, Executive Director Human Resource Services, discussed some recent new hires; Bill Storms, Data Consultant ctcLink; and next month Mario Soto, Recruiter/Outreach Specialist in Grandview for CAMP. Steve indicated that HR has begun posting for full time faculty positions. A copy of the report is filed with these minutes in the President's office.

**President's Report** – 1) Dr. Kaminski thanked Neil and Bertha for their willingness to participate in the legislative meetings. There will be one more with Senator Murray on February 18<sup>th</sup>. 2) President Kaminski discussed the legislative priorities and two webinars she attended on the topic. 3) Dr. Kaminski reminded the Board that a trustee liaison usually attends the monthly Foundation meetings. 4) Linda discussed attending the ACT Winter Conference, it was one of the best meetings in 25 years. Trustees Arteaga and Ortega attended the New Trustee Orientation, both thought it was very informative. 5) On January 27<sup>th</sup> Dr. Kaminski attended the Central Washington Hispanic Chamber meeting, they had excellent speakers. 6) The Yakima County Development Association and New Vision combined so they are now a 501C3 so they can take advantage of grants. Dr. Kaminski is now a voting member. 7) On January 20<sup>th</sup> Dr. Kaminski attended the Policy Taskforce meeting on the Latino Physician Workforce. 8) Dr. Kaminski discussed the study session on the strategic plan at the March meeting the Board will be asked to approve it. Trustee McClure inquired if the college has heard any rumbling on the budget from the Governor's office. Dr. Kaminski indicated there were no rumblings but the Governor did put out a preliminary budget but we usually don't see anything until the end of session.

- G. **Call to the Public** - The public is welcome to make comments on issues not on the agenda after being recognized by the chair. Trustees may ask questions of the speaker for clarification but generally will not discuss items that



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are not on the agenda. If appropriate, they may refer the subject to college staff for research or request an item be placed on a subsequent agenda.

Tim Jeske – Introduced himself to the Board, he has worked at YVC since 1994 and has been a member of the curriculum committee. Tim wanted to speak about the grievance Rachel Dorn discussed earlier in the meeting. Tim said that Faculty and the Board of Trustees oversees curriculum, with Faculty as the primary and the BOT as secondary, not up to administration to facilitate. If there are changes to the course outline, as a faculty member on the committee, they need to know about it. The committee requested an explanation and the President hasn't provided it and Tim said he was sure the President hasn't discussed it with the Board. He requested that the Board take over their role. Chair Baldoz thanked Tim Jeske for his comments.

Shannon Hopkins – Introduced herself to the Board, she has worked at YVC since 1991. She wanted to speak about the Vice President hiring committee and express her disappointment about how the committee was selected. If YVC takes equity really seriously this committee is at odd with the fact we are a Hispanic Serving Institution as the committee does not reflect that. Shannon expressed her disappointment that the two faculty members were male and there were no female faculty members on the committee. Shannon was disappointed in the lack of transparency and why faculty had very little or no input in the committee selection. Chair Baldoz thanked Shannon Hopkins for her comments.

Alex Bazan – stated on a positive note the hiring committee was formed pretty quickly and it does include a latinx who is an alum of YVC. Alex thanked technology services and Dilbar for their assistance with the move to West Campus, he said there were a lot of issues but technology services was very much on top of things. Chair Baldoz thanked Alex Bazan for his comments.

No one else present indicated a desire to address the Board.

H. **Date of Next Meeting**— The next meeting will be, **March 11, 2021**.

I. **Executive Session**. No executive session was called.

J. **Action Items**. N/A

K. **Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

PATRICK BALDOZ  
Patrick Baldoz, Chair

LINDA KAMINSKI  
Attest: Linda Kaminski, Secretary