



**HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT 9
Des Moines, WA**

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

December 15, 2011

STUDY SESSION

*The following topics were discussed:
Introduction of new board member, Fred Mendoza
Special Legislative Session
Update on TACTC positions
Budget and Legislative issues
Sound Transit Summit
Governor's Education Proposal
International Programs Update
New Business
The Study Session adjourned at 10:01 a.m.*

MEETING

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ed Davila.

Roll Call

All Members Present: Ed Davila
 Debrena Jackson Gandy
 Dan Altmayer
 Bob Roegner
 Fred Mendoza

Attorney General Representative: Bruce Marvin

Board Chair, Ed Davila, noted that all members of the Board of Trustees were present.

Introduction of New Board Member

Board Chair, Ed Davila, introduced the new member of the Board of Trustees, Fred Mendoza. Mr. Mendoza is active in the community as a volunteer in many organizations and has been a prominent figure in local soccer. He has been a resident of the community for 33 years and both daughters attended Highline High School. He is on the board of Highline Medical Center and is well embedded in local community affairs.

President Bermingham welcomed Fred to the Board and noted that Highline was very hopeful that he would be an applicant to this position for a number of years and when he received a call from the Governor's office notifying him of Mr. Mendoza's appointment, he could not have been more pleased. Mr. Mendoza was given a round of applause as a welcome gesture.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dan Altmayer and seconded by Debrena Jackson Gandy to approve the minutes for the regularly scheduled meeting of November 17, 2011. The motion passed.

Correspondence

President Bermingham explained that Highline has been involved in a number of international activities and in acknowledging these activities; he had received a kind invitation to the Forum for the Future of Higher Education hosted by the Council of Foreign Relations in New York in mid-February. He said he will not be able to attend due to the overlap with the CCID conference, but was pleased that Highline has received this notability for our global education efforts.

Dr. Bermingham also stated that he would like to relate publically on the positive impact that the Indonesian group has had on the campus. He said we had had the good fortune as recipients of their keen interest in higher education to see their sense of purpose and dedication. Their farewell to the campus provided a great opportunity to witness the impact of these relationships on our campus.

Standing Reports

Associated Students of Highline Community College

Zoey Myagmarjav reported.

- Zoey extended a warm welcome to Fred Mendoza on behalf of the student government and student body.
- The student legislative academy was held on November 18 & 19 in Olympia. She explained the importance of all students coming together and building awareness of the risk for students in the light of budget reductions to higher education.
- Zoey thanked Bob Roegner and Dan Altmayer for their support at the student legislative breakfast. Six legislators attended.
- Zoey thanked President Bermingham for making the trip to Olympia on December 6 with 10 students who shared their stories with legislators. She thought the students did a great job in choosing meaningful information by relating their personal situations.
- The Student and Activities Budget Chair has been selected: Anna Sale. Anna is also in PTK and on the Alumni Reunion Committee.
- 46 students will attend the winter retreat on Bainbridge Island.
- Zoey also hoped that the Trustees would attend the December 20th Alumni event.

Board Chair Ed Davila congratulated Zoey and all the student leaders for their efforts in Olympia. He also suggested that it has been a difficult year for students in voicing their concerns in Olympia, but that they were certainly up to the task. He also thanked Zoey for her leadership in student government.

Washington Public Employees Association

No report for December.

Highline College Education Association

Ruth Windhover reported.

- Ruth extended her welcome to Fred Mendoza on behalf of the HCEA. She thanked all the Trustees for their assistance in helping to make Highline Community College the best college in the State.
- November 28th was the day that WEA representatives met in Olympia to express their protests of the cuts in Higher Education.
- Ruth called attention to the Seattle Times front page. She noted that there was good news for jobs, and also that blue whales had been seen in the area. This could be good news as well, since we may need to expand the Marine Sciences Facility. She continued with another report on new data: that 48% of the population was in the poorest category. She noted that it was no coincidence that the rise of poverty was happening along with the fall of many unions. She said many were happy for the Boeing union members receiving a \$5K bonus, but what about the teachers who are teaching new employees? She said in the spirit of instruction using repetition as a tool, that she would repeat the need for quality teachers earning good wages to maintain quality education.
- With regard to the State Task Force Committee, Ruth said that she felt the concept of the committee was flawed. The college is not inefficient. She said efficiency through centralization is dramatically opposed to the college mission which is to serve locally individualized constituents. She explained she does not know why the small business model has not been applied to the CTCs.
- Ruth ended her report with an anecdote about the WEA requesting the State Attorney General to meet with them. She said that an aide had sent an email stating that he would not be speaking with education representatives. This was surprising considering the issues concerning education during a gubernatorial campaign.
- Ruth made the statement that the solution was simple when reviewing the current level of poverty, "Tax and regulate the rich and the financial institutions they control."

Faculty Senate

Buzz Wheeler reported.

- Buzz explained that the Faculty Senate had taken no actions since November, but there were still busy with a number of issues.
- On January 18th, there will be a review of activities from several liaison committees.
- On the Prior Learning Assessment, Highline is moving forward. Josh Baker had provided an update regarding this process to the faculty senate. The increased communication, on this issue and several others, through the development of these various committees is proving to be very beneficial.

HCC Foundation

Rod Stephenson reported.

- Rod announced the kick off of the annual campaign had raised \$23,000 to date. The campaign will continue through the end of January.
- HCC recently received two generous donations: Justine Richards sent a donation for \$5,000, and the Di Pietro family forwarded a \$6,000 scholarship to be awarded to a music student.

- The Thank-a-Thon of last Thursday resulted in 450 phone calls in one hour. It was a great job on the part of the students and only cost the college the price of the pizzas.
- Rod also shared a holiday gift with the Trustees of a deck of cards which were designed by the graphic arts students and printed by Highline's print shop.

Trustee Bob Roegner congratulated Rod for the training the students had received in making the thank you calls. He said the call he received was very professional.

Board Chair Ed Davila also wished to take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new AAG, Bruce Marvin. Mr. Marvin replaces the interim AAG, Tom Angier.

ACTION ITEM

- a. Approval of meeting dates of the Board of Trustees for 2012:

Debrena Jackson Gandy moved that the following list of meeting dates for 2012 be approved. The motion was seconded by Bob Roegner. The motion passed.

2012 Proposed Meeting Dates for Board of Trustees

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| • January 12, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • February 9, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • March 8, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • April 12, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • May 10, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • June 14, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • July 12, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • NO AUGUST MEETING | |
| • September 20, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • October 11, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • November 15, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |
| • December 13, 2012 | HCC Board of Trustees Meeting |

Area Reports

Institutional Advancement

Lisa Skari reported.

- Lisa explained that last spring she held a meeting with Barbara Clinton and student leaders in order to spearhead a type of alumni reunion. This resulted in the coordination of the Alumni Reunion Event to be held on December 20th. There will be a dinner to start at 6:00 pm and also a raffle. She thanked the donations of Mellon Bank which allowed the price to remain at \$10.00 per person. Lisa hoped that this will also provide a great contact listing for future events.
- Lisa distributed the Annual Report to the Community to all the Trustees.

Student Services

Toni Castro reported.

- Toni wished to draw attention to the attachment to her board report. She said there were some interesting statistics on enrollment and financial aid. \$22M was disbursed to students at HCC last year.
- Veteran's Services has seen an increase of 100% with over 300 veterans being served.
- Some statistics on alumni for last year: 1400 received transfer degrees, 350 received certificates, and 37 received high school diplomas.
- Toni said that last month she shared some information about Seattle University's educational program in Student Services. Their assessment team recently forwarded a copy of their report on Highline, and Toni read the following statement from the report, "Highline's stance on diversity is now implemented through the school's Cultural Diversity Policy. This policy, now incorporated throughout the entire institution, has made an immense difference for both students and administrators alike. Particular attention is given to the college's approach to faculty and staff recruitment, community outreach and the Student Services Division as a whole. Throughout this assessment, one can see its distinct influence on the entire campus community."
- Toni offered a special invitation to all the Trustees for the February 8 presentation at Highline from Lani Guinier on "Rethinking Race and Class" which will be at 11am in Mt. Constance. Ms. Guinier is a civil rights attorney who headed the voting rights project at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund during the 1980s, and the first African American woman to be appointed to a tenured professorship at Harvard Law.

Administration

Larry Yok reported.

- Larry mentioned that last month he distributed CDs on the Master Plan. There was a discussion on the Port of Seattle Sound Abatement Project. He noted that it was important to acknowledge the substantial support between the Port of Seattle and the FAA for Highline. Many buildings which originally had single-paned glass windows and limited HVAC systems have had upgrades due to the more than \$8.6M which has gone into upgrading our facilities through this project funding. Recently, Building 4 has been approved and with renovations, will be a substantial contribution to the arts program. Later, Building 1, 23, 25, 26, 5, and 11 will be submitted as they are all sub-standard under current considerations and HCC hopes to have re-construction on those as well.

Instruction

Jeff Wagnitz reported.

- Jeff wished to recognize a long-time faculty member and anchor of the graphics program, Gary Nelson. Gary attracts traditional and non-traditional students alike into his program and recently, a number of at-risk students have been using graphic arts as a way of getting back into mainstream education. There have been great partnerships with engineering, drafting and the fine arts, so it has been a very nice opportunity to see this represented through the gift of the deck of cards with the artistry shown today.
- This time of year a number of community services are seen through efforts of staff and students, such as the raffle for the Food Bank, and community partnerships in health care with blood drives, and also the legal ethics program, offering community services, and the PTK food drive.

- Jeff noted that as a follow up to Ruth's mention of the Seattle Times article, and poverty, he wanted to recognize the efforts of several students in T.M. Sell's economics class. In their discussion of the majority of students of our service district qualifying for the category of free and reduced lunch, the students developed a Back Pack Program to be distributed to students over the holidays to substitute for many who rely on school lunches for a main source of nutrition. The students raised \$1100 in a short time frame.

Board Chair Ed Davila expressed his thanks to the Vice Presidents and the President of the College, and to all the Trustees for the hard work during 2011. He said this has been a difficult year, but a good attitude and perseverance will see us through.

President's Remarks

President Bermingham announced that Highline's first distinguished alum, Mayor Norm Rice, has agreed to be a speaker at our February 1st fundraising breakfast.

In echoing remarks from Dr. Davila, President Bermingham said there many things to be thankful for at Highline. He also mentioned that in a recent meeting with Linda and Junki Yoshida, plans are underway for an excellent procurement team for the GALA for Highline's 50th Anniversary.

President Bermingham regretted there had not been an opportunity to publically thank Tom Angier for his services to the College, but also welcomed Bruce Marvin to HCC who has already proven to be a very valuable resource to the College.

Lastly, Dr. Bermingham thanked Zoey and all of the students who have stepped up to be a voice for the College on the important issues of access to higher education. He thanked Zoey for her leadership and for the efforts of all to promote the College and its mission. There are many positive outcomes at Highline that we are seeing through the efforts of the Achieve the Dream Initiative, and certainly another important example can be seen in one of our immigrant students who is doing great work in providing help for others through the transition center. Also, the example of Serenity Carr has been an inspiration. Serenity, who had been a single mother and homeless not that many years ago, has now graduated from Highline and attends Smith College on scholarship.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on January 12, 2011.

Ed Davila, Chair

Jack Bermingham, Secretary