

Columbia Basin College  
Board of Trustees' Meeting  
Minutes  
December 12, 2011  
Beers Board Room – 4:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Sherry Armijo, Reneé Finke, Enriqueta Mayuga, Sal Mendoza, Duke Mitchell  
President Cummins, Secretary to the Board; Lupe Perez, Recording Secretary

Others in Attendance: Derek Brandes, Dale Brunson, Leonor de Maldonado, Camie Glatt, Mike Grinnell, Carol Groce, Kevin Hartze, John Heaton, Ken Hohenberg, Gene Holand, Maddy Jeffs, Yesenia Lazaro, Melissa McBurney, Deborah Meadows, Joe Montgomery, Frank Murray, Gary Olson, Pete Overdahl, Brett Riley, Scott Rogers, Bob Rosselli, Susan Sandmeier, Bill Saraceno, Alice Schlegel, Don Smith, Larry Taylor, Martin Valadez, Kyle Vierck, Jacques Von Lunen

The Agenda	The Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Trustee Finke at 3:59 p.m.	
Agenda Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports – GISS (tabled until January)</li> <li>• Add – Celebrating Excellence:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trustee Mendoza</li> <li>○ President Cummins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 14, 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Armijo moved and Trustee Mitchell seconded to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.</li> </ul>
Celebrating Excellence Trustee Sal Mendoza  President Cummins  Men's Soccer	<p><u>Trustee Finke</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commended Trustee Mendoza for his eight-years of service to Benton-Franklin Legal Aid.</li> <li>• President Cummins has been selected to receive the Visionary Award for the Mid-Columbia Ag Hall of Fame 2012. Congratulations!</li> </ul> <p><u>Scott Rogers, Athletic Director</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle Vierck was recognized for his outstanding work as CBC's Men's Soccer Coach. This year the team made it to playoffs. Kyle was commended for his dedication to students, and how he's changed the culture and worked hard to keep the kids motivated with school.</li> </ul> <p><u>Kyle Vierck</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the students could make it to the meeting because they are all gone for winter break. Three players made it to All Stars. Kyle thanked the Board for their continued support.</li> </ul>	
Linkage with Community John Heaton, CEO Pay Plus Benefits	<p><u>President Cummins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Heaton, President/CEO of Pay Plus Benefits has been instrumental in the</li> </ul>	

<p><i>Linkage with Community, con't.</i></p>	<p>development and success of the Center for Innovation and Design at CBC. Just recently there was an article in the Tri-City Herald about a program student who recently received her patent on a project developed in class.</p> <p><u>John Heaton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thankful for CBC's partnership. Pay Plus would like to build a business across the street from CBC and develop a community center in conjunction with CBC classes. Hopeful in being able to employ future graduates of the program.</li> </ul> <p><u>Gene Holand</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program is off to a great start, students are very excited about projects. Anyone interested in observing students are invited to stop by the Innovation labs, on Fridays, in room V134.</li> </ul>	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p><u>Dale Brunson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Ownby, former CBC employee, recently passed away. Mr. Brunson is the spokesperson for community members in support of request to CBC for a memorial on campus in his memory. Letters of support from the community and local law enforcement were provided to the Board for consideration.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ken Hohenberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A former student of Mr. Ownby's, who was a great friend, great mentor, and who instilled his desire to continue learning. Appreciates the Board's consideration of naming the CBC forensic lab in his memory.</li> </ul> <p><u>Don Smith</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has known Jim Ownby since he came to the area to join the Washington State Patrol and worked alongside him on many investigations. Jim was a driving force in setting up the reserve academy at CBC for all the local police and sheriffs' departments. Jim had the respect from students, staff, and from the law enforcement community. Mr. Smith reiterated his support for the Forensic Lab being named to honor Jim Ownby.</li> </ul> <p><u>Pete Overdahl</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retired WSP trooper having served 37 years in law enforcement. Had the privilege of working with Jim Ownby. Jim led by example and worked with many men and women that either wanted to utilize their education in Law Enforcement or other aspects of Criminal Justice. His years as an instructor have left a permanent impression on those he taught and those who sought his guidance. He mentioned that CBC has a statue of Martin Luther King on campus, which represents the strength of a person who was devoted to his belief for mankind, and his belief that Mr. Ownby also represented himself in a manner which gave similar strength and guidance to those who came to this institution. Mr. Overdahl thanked the Board for their consideration of this request.</li> </ul>	<p>Chair Finke appreciates group coming to Board meeting in support of Jim Ownby memorial at CBC. This will be on the January 9, 2012 Board agenda under Discussion.</p>



<p>Board Members</p>	<p><u>Trustee Mayuga</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Trustee Armijo</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation doing phenomenal job.</li> <li>• Observed high schools coming to watch CBC games.</li> </ul> <p><u>Trustee Mendoza</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had the privilege to escort Justice Stephens around CBC campus during her recent visit. Very enjoyable.</li> </ul> <p><u>Trustee Mitchell</u></p> <p>Attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TACTC Legislative Action Committee retreat at Highline on November 14<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• WSU-TC advisory meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>• CBC Trustees’ special meeting last week on Governance.</li> <li>• Men’s basketball game.</li> <li>• Foundation open house.</li> <li>• Innovation &amp; Design presentation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Trustee Finke</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited with students from IDEO presentation.</li> <li>• Noticed graffiti on Ag sign had been removed.</li> <li>• Considering budget cuts, appreciates the great campus upkeep.</li> </ul>	
<p>Reports</p> <p>Monitoring Report-Access</p>	<p><u>Joe Montgomery</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College enrollment, at 4% above allocation, reflects less “system overload” than has been the case over the past two years</li> <li>• Pasco High School provides more students to CBC than does any other high school</li> <li>• Enrollment from Pasco has remained fairly stable over the past three years, while other area schools have declined</li> <li>• Hispanic enrollments from Pasco far exceed that of other schools</li> <li>• There has been a sharp decline in enrollment by high school graduates who have “stopped out” for a year or more</li> <li>• Based on newly-available ERDC data, the number of students attending CBC in 2009 exceeded the total number attending the state’s public 4-yr college, for each area high school</li> <li>• Student ratings of “barriers to education” at CBC were all low or very low, based on the recent annual student survey</li> </ul>	<p>For copy of full report contact Lupe Perez.</p>

<p><i>Reports, con't.</i></p> <p>Protected and Dedicated Funding for the CTC System</p>	<p><u>Yesenia Lazaro &amp; Justin Bazinet (Ellie Cummins absent due to illness)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASCBC Leadership Council was set to go to Olympia to participate in the Student Voice Academy but had to cancel trip due to bad weather on the pass. Invited to Board meeting today to make their presentation.</li> <li>• <b><u>Protected and Dedicated Funding for the Community and Technical College System</u></b></li> <li>• Community and technical colleges have become as essential to the production of the Washington State workforce as the P-12 institutions of years <u>past, but are not recognized in this respect, and thus funding for these institutions is discretionary and not protected.</u> In order to maintain and increase access to higher education, students request that legislation be enacted to protect student financial assistance programs such as work study and financial aid, as well as to create protected and dedicated funding for the Washington State Community and Technical College system, establishing a P-14 educational system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presented issue and how it is currently affecting our economy, discussed solution, and what they believe the legislators can do.</li> <li>○ Ended presentation with what consequences of ignoring this problem might be.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>For copy of full report contact Lupe Perez.</p>
<p>Discussion TACTC Legislative Action Committee</p>	<p><u>Trustee Mitchell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represented CBC at the Washington State Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges (TACTC) Legislative Action Committee (LAC) retreat on November 14, 2011.</li> <li>• Read the first two paragraphs of a November 17, 2011 e-mail message he sent to the other four Trustees and President Cummins, for their information and possible action.</li> <li>• <b><i>“Attached are electronic copies of the materials reviewed and discussed at this past Monday’s Community and Technical Colleges Legislative Action Committee (LAC) retreat I attended.</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b><i>The primary focus was on budgets and looming funding reductions; and what we should do about them. The first action we in Washington state are going to do is take selected students, and others, to Olympia to testify before the budget committees. I raised my hand and said CBC and I will support this action. I (we) now need to identify the appropriate students(s). Training will be provided on how to testify, etc. I have spoken with Reneé and Rich about this briefly over the last few days.”</i></b></p>	

<p><i>Discussion, con't.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Mitchell said the only action item that we (CBC) had done thus far was submit Ms. Rachael Tengbom's nomination package in response to a "call" for TACTC "Transforming Lives Awards" by December 16, 2011. CBC was the first TACTC college to submit its nomination package; good job. Beyond that, Trustee Mitchell had not followed up on the efforts by CBC. President Cummins said he had been working on several things including meeting with four or five of our local legislators and working with our CBC student leaders.</li> <li>• CBC Vice President Dr. Maddy Jeffs asked the following questions: (1) what are the dates of the meetings with the state legislature budget committees? (2) what are the dates of the training for our students that might go before the legislative budget committees? Trustee Mitchell said he could not answer those questions, but he would call Ms. Erin Brown, TACTC Administrator/Legislative Liaison the next day and ask those questions. Ms. Brown stated we will now work locally through our college presidents, except for a few selected students and trustees on the West side of the state who have already spoken before the state legislative budget committees and approximately 160-170 TACTC student leaders who met in Olympia the week of Nov. 21-23, 2011. The three CBC student representatives were unable to attend that effort due to the weather. The only thing currently scheduled is the general training for new trustees and the annual Winter Conference in Olympia on January 2012.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Brown said CBC has done everything we have been asked to do, "we are good." Students are getting actively involved locally throughout the state and that is very good. We need a local strategy; and we have a strong one at CBC.</p>	
<p>Executive Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCW 42.30.110(1)(g): To review the performance of a public employee.</li> </ul>	<p>Board went into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m.</p>
<p>Adjournment: 6:04 p.m.</p>	<p>Next Regular Meeting January 9, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. Beers Board Room</p>	<p>lp</p>