

Words from Willis



2004-05 TACTC President, **Beth Willis** - Pierce College

On November 18 TACTC sponsored a workshop for trustees going through the presidential search process this year. Trustees who have been through the search process, as well as presidents who recently were candidates, were on hand to tell their stories, give advice and answer questions from those launching the process for their college. It was a well-attended event filled with loads of great information. The Presidents in attendance provided excellent case studies. TACTC will plan to conduct a similar workshop anytime a college is faced with the hiring a new president.

We may not know who our new governor is going to be, but I encourage everyone to remain calm and enjoy the peace of the Christmas season. The Legislature will start January 10th, and we probably will swear in a new governor on January 12th. In the meantime, have your college staff help you connect with your local legislators to brief them on the system's request and how it will impact your college. You have an important advocacy role to play. Make reservations to attend the National Legislative Seminar in Washington DC on February 14 – 16.

Also, please make your reservations to attend TACTC's Legislative Contact Conference in Olympia February 27 – March 1st. The New Trustee Orientation will be Sunday, February 27. The conference will begin that evening with a dynamic keynote speaker. Your college should already be making reservations in Olympia to take your legislators out to dinner on Feb. 28th.

I plan to spend the holiday season in Texas with my folks. I hope you are surrounded by family and friends and that you all have a very happy, healthy, peaceful New Year!

State Board met at South Seattle

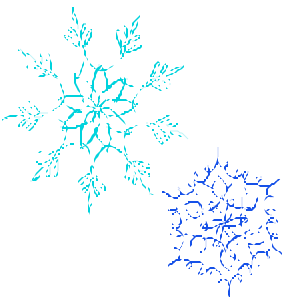
The December State Board meeting was held at South Seattle Community College, where the Culinary Arts Program wined and dined the State Board members in the manner of a Five Star establishment. It was an impressive dinner!

The Board members received an update on the system's Baccalaureate Capacity study, showing the current and future demand for higher education broken down by geographic areas and lower and upper division differences. The study showed the fiscal advantages and disadvantages to the student and the state if the demand were met by increasing enrollment at the research universities, the regional universities, the branch campuses, college centers and/or baccalaureate programs provided by community colleges.

The Board members also were presented with the outcome of a study on how best to bring the services of the Department of Social and Health Services and Employment Security to the campus of North Seattle. The 2004 Legislature requested the study, wanted to know how best to provide co-located services. The study specified North Seattle for the study and the pilot project.

The study results will be presented to the 2005 Legislature, which will decide whether or not to fund the pilot project.

Jim Garrison, State Board member from Mt. Vernon, was elected vice-chair of the Board. The next State Board meeting will be held in Olympia at the State Board office January 18 and 19.



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Celebrating Success

Community and Technical College Faculty are High Caliber

Community and technical colleges continue to attract top talent for their programs. At **Olympic College** in Bremerton, **Dr. Martyn Kingston** is a prime example of the high quality of faculty within the two-year system. Dr. Kingston teaches in the sociology department at OCC. He holds a Bachelor of Art (with first class honors) in Urban Planning and Politics and an M.A. in Urban Planning from Manchester University, Manchester, U.K. In addition, he has an M.A. and Ph.D in Sociology from Harvard University. His teaching career spans nearly 20 years and includes teaching and lecturing at Harvard University, Rand Afrikaans University, University of Witswatersrand and Soweto Technical Institute in South Africa. He has also served as an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Puget Sound and a Senior Lecturer of Urban Studies at the University of Washington.



He has won numerous awards and grants, including a Rockefeller Foundation Grant, published extensively within the fields of urban planning and sociology, and presented at more than a dozen conferences since 1995. He also serves as a city planning commissioner for the City of University Place, WA; planning consultant for Park City, Utah; and as a Sister City delegate to George, South Africa.

Dr. Kingston is another example of the high-caliber instructors drawn to the community and technical college environment – bringing a level of expertise that prepares students for the next step in their education or career.

Senator Murray Secures \$700,000 Appropriation for Shoreline CC Center for Manufacturing Excellence

Senator Patty Murray notified President Holly Moore over the weekend that the FY05 Omnibus Appropriation passed by Congress on Saturday contained a \$700,000 line item in support of the SCC Center for Manufacturing Excellence. SCC forwarded the funding request to the Senator's office last March. Federal funding will be provided over a three year period under the U.S. Department of Education's *Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)* program. This is the second FIPSE grant the college has received over the last five years.

The CME is developing a system of manufacturing technology education and skill certifications to help area manufacturers identify and hire the skilled workers they need. The Center for Manufacturing Excellence is developing a modularized, learner-centered manufacturing technology curriculum system serving the skill needs of emerging industries, and articulating between high school, and two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Another focus of the project will be education and outreach to students and parents about manufacturing technology career opportunities.

Centralia College secures \$250,000 Grant

Centralia College, in partnership with TransAlta, a regional power-generating giant, two years ago launched the region's first program designed to train a replacement workforce for the power industry. Centralia College's Power Plant Operations training program has sparked national interest. U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray and Third Congressional District Representative Brian Baird jointly announced that \$250,000 has been secured to help fund the college's training program. The federal money will support the PPO program in areas that include securing a training facility, equipment purchase, and instructor's salaries.

Former Trustee Mary Henrie honored

The Wenatchee Valley College Board of Trustees expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mary Henrie by renaming the Hall of Friendship at Wenatchee Valley College at Omak to the Mary Henrie Friendship Hall. Mary served as a trustee at Wenatchee Valley from 1976 through 1992.

Joint Legislative Committee holds meeting

The Joint Legislative Committee consists of State Board members, presidents, trustees, faculty union representatives and State Board staff. This committee reviews the legislative proposals put forth by the presidents, trustees, unions and staff and makes a recommendation to the State Board on the system legislative request package. The committee also meets regularly during the session to provide guidance during the legislative session.

Beth Willis and Gene Chase were the TACTC representatives at the most recent JLC meeting. The agenda included a debriefing of the election results, strategy to achieve the system's priorities and the system's communications plan. Listed below are the committees, and the committee chairs, for the House and Senate, as well as the caucus leadership:

House of Representatives

Standing Committees and Chairs

Appropriations	Helen Sommers
Capital Budget	Hans Dunshee
Children & Family Services	Ruth Kagi
Commerce and Labor	Steve Conway
Criminal Justice & Corrections	Al O'Brien
Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks	Brian Sullivan
Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade	Kelli Linville
Education	Dave Quall
Finance	Jim McIntire
Financial Institutions & Insurance	Steve Kirby
Health Care	Eileen Cody
Higher Education	Phyllis Kenney
Housing	Mark Miloscia
Judiciary	Pat Lantz
Juvenile Justice & Family Law	MaryLou Dickerson
Local Government	Geoff Simpson
Rules	Frank Chopp
State Government	Kathy Haigh
Technology, Energy & Commerce	Jeff Morris
Transportation	Ed Murray

Senate

Standing Committees and Chairs

Agriculture & Rural Economic Development	Marilyn Rasmussen
Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education	Rosemary McAuliffe
Environment, Energy & Water	Erik Poulsen
Fin. Instit., Housing & Consumer Protection	Darlene Fairley
Government Operations & Elections	Jim Kastama
Health & Long Term Care	Karen Keiser
Human Services & Corrections	Jim Hargrove
International Trade & Econ Dev	Paull Shin
Judiciary	Adam Kline
Labor, Commerce, Research & Workforce Dev.	Jeanne Kohl-Welles
Land, Ocean Resources & Recreation	Ken Jacobsen
Transportation	Mary Margaret Haugen
Ways and Means	Margarita Prentice

House of Representatives

Speaker of the House	Frank Chopp
Speaker Pro Tempore	John Lovick

Democrat majority

Leader	Lynn Kessler
Caucus Chair	Bill Grant
Caucus PC	Jeannie Darnielle
Floor Leader	Sam Hunt
Asst Floor Leader	Zack Hudgins
Whip	Sharon Tomiko Santos
Asst Whip	Sherry Appleton
Asst Whip	Tami Green
Asst Whip	Larry Springer

Republican minority

Leader	Bruce Chandler Caucus
Chair	Bev Woods
Caucus VC	
Floor leader	Doug Erickson
Asst Floor leader	Dan Newhouse
Asst Floor leader	Jay Rodne
Whip	Jim Clements
Deputy Leader	Mike Armstrong
Asst Whip	

Senate

President	Brad Owen
Pres Pro Tempore	Rosa Franklin
Vice Pre Pro Tem	Paull Shin
Sec of the Senate	Tom Hoemann
Deputy Sec of Senate	Brad Hendrickson

Democrat Majority

Leader	Lisa Brown
Caucus Chair	Harriet Spanel
Caucus Vice-Chair	Pat Thibaudeau
Floor Leader	Tracy Eide
Asst Floor Leader	Phil Rockefeller
Whip	Debbie Regala
Asst Whip	Brian Weinstein

Republican Minority

Leader	Bill Finkbeiner
Caucus Chair	Jim Honeyford
Caucus VC	Dale Brandland
Floor Leader	Luke Esser
Deputy Floor Leader	Cheryl Pflug
Whip	Mike Hewitt
Deputy Whip	Joyce Mulliken
Deputy Leader	Linda Evans-Parlette

WACTC examines generational differences

The Presidents' Academy this month focused on the evolution of workplace generational differences. Today's workforce includes people from five different generational groups – each of which has their own values and motivators. Understanding the differences leads to better working relationships among the varying generations. This session was so good, Beth Willis has recommended it be presented to trustees at one of the conferences this year.

Marty Brown, director of Governor Locke's Office of Financial Management, met with the presidents and gave them a preview of the Governor's budget proposals. The Governor prepared two budgets. The first one, as required by law, is based on current revenues. The second one, which includes new higher education enrollments, uses \$500 million of new revenue from increased taxes on sin and sugar. Details of the budget proposals were emailed to college presidents and trustees.

Travel Reimbursement rate increases

TACTC bases its travel reimbursement rates on the rates approved by the Office of Financial Management for state employees. We've been notified that effective January 1, 2005 the mileage reimbursement rate will increase. The new rate will be .405, up from .375.



Congratulations to Erin!!!



Hard work – and just plain being good! -- has paid off for Erin Brown. Please join me in congratulating her on her new promotion. Starting January 1st Erin will be the new Communications Specialist for the State Board. Look for her mark on the production of *Legislative News*, as well as other publications, communications plans and staff training programs.

Erin started working as the TACTC administrative assistant March 2000. Her talents have led to vast improvements in the formatting of the TACTC newsletter, as well as creating new data bases, updated financial reporting forms, converting paper files to electronic files, attending to all the details required for a smooth conference and being constantly cheerful – even under duress!

Erin will be missed, but thankfully she won't be going far. Please join Cindy Hough in thanking Erin for her years of wonderful service to TACTC.

Calendar of Events

February 1, 2004	TACTC New Trustee Orientation, SBCTC
February 1-3, 2004	TACTC Legislative Contact Conference, Olympia
February 8-10, 2004	ACCT National Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2004	TACTC BOD/LSC Meeting, Renton Technical
May 13-15, 2004	TACTC Spring Convention, Walla Walla
June 16-19, 2004	ACCT Regional Meeting, San Antonio, TX
September 28, 2004	TACTC New Trustee Orientation, Tukwila
September 29, 2004	TACTC Legislative Plenary Session, Tukwila
October 6 - 9, 2004	ACCT Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA

