



TACTC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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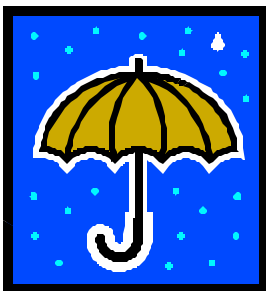


2004-05 TACTC President,
Beth Willis - Pierce College
“Dog” Tired—but still CUTE...

This year has gone by so quickly, though I can't deny that being TACTC president isn't time consuming. However, it is also very rewarding. As you can see by my photo I am looking forward to a short break to pull myself back together. It is hard to believe this is my last newsletter before handing my scepter over to President Elect Larry Brown! As President, I was able to get a totally different perspective of our system at the state level. What a learning experience!!! I deeply appreciate having this opportunity. I wish each of you could have this experience.

I am sure that everyone who reached out and helped me during this last year will also be there for Larry Brown. Trustees understand how important TACTC is and have been very willing to offer their support in achieving our goals and vision. There are so many wonderful people in our system!

There are a number of our projects still in progress; presidents compensation, common course numbering, faculty issues and many ongoing projects such as our college operating budgets and capital budgets that will need to be continued next year. I have worked hard to include Larry during the year so our transition goes smoothly. As Helen Malone said last year, “I stand ready to assist the new president in any way.”



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Celebrating Success!



Dr. Ken Minnaert, president of South Puget Sound Community College, was recently selected as a recipient of the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction from Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. This prestigious award acknowledges Dr. Minnaert's outstanding efforts to promote the goals of Phi Theta Kappa. Dr. Gordon, former president of Highline Community College, attended the All-Washington Academic Team recognition ceremony on March 24th and was able to personally congratulate Dr. Minnaert for receiving the award that was named after her.



2005 Library of the Year – Pierce College District received an Excellence in Academic Libraries award on Friday, April 15th in a ceremony at the Fort Steilacoom campus. This award is given by the Association of College and Research Libraries to recognize exemplary services in creatively meeting the needs of the community, fostering productive relationships with faculty and students and being a national leader in outcomes assessment focused on student learning.

Trustees to Gather at Semiahmoo

TACTC's annual Continuing Learning Convention will be hosted by Bellingham Technical College at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine Washington. Highlights of the event, which will run from 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 through noon on Saturday, May 21st, include a panel discussion with inspirational students, a scenic dinner cruise through the San Juan Islands, a welding rodeo showcasing talented artisans who turn scrap metal into incredible art, and lively, challenging sessions with Gary Davis.

Gary is the former executive director of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association and a graduate of John Carver's Policy Governance Academy. He is an author and recognized as an accomplished group facilitator. Evaluations of his facilitations include adjectives such as "down to earth," "real," and "useful". In addition to his Policy Governance retreats, Gary works with boards on trustee ethics, trust building, strategic planning, board-community relations, college advocacy and board-president relations. Below is a recent article Gary wrote for the Illinois trustees:

Gary Davis's Bored or Board article (*The following is from a letter Gary Davis sent to community college trustees in Illinois:*)

In his new book, "Governance as Leadership," Richard Chait argues that board work would be more rewarding if boards concentrated on higher-level issues.

Ask yourself these questions.

1. On what sort of questions does the board spend its time?
2. Which of these issues could be handled by someone else? For example, by the college president or the college auditor? Or by another board?
3. Which of the questions can only be handled by your board?

Once you decide which issues belong in category 3 -- suitable only for your board -- you and the college president can redesign the board agenda so that the board spends most of its time on crucial questions.

This is a good example of the "80-20 rule." Successful groups spend 80% of their time on the 20% of issues that are of greatest importance.

When boards concentrate on weightier issues, board work is more fun and more rewarding. As chair of your board, why not ask your members whether they'd be interested in changing the way the board spends its time in meetings?
- Gary Davis

Washington to host 2005 ACCT Congress

As part of our hosting responsibilities when ACCT is in Seattle this September, we've been asked to sponsor three of the breakout sessions. Therefore, TACTC is launching a call for presentation proposals. What new program have you launched recently at your college? What are you particularly proud of that other trustees around the nation would benefit from knowing about it? Is there something your college is doing that would serve as a "best practices" for other colleges?

If you, or others at your college, would be interested in making a presentation at ACCT, please contact Cindy Hough at the TACTC office as soon as possible. She can be reached at chough@sbctc.ctc.edu or 360-704-4307.

TACTC Honors three outstanding students with \$1,000 scholarships



Beth Willis, Michael Aspen,
Governor Gregoire, Nicky Panayotova
Not pictured: Chad Hagedorn

Chad F. Hagedorn, Bates Technical College

Chad Hagedorn loved the arts. He also wanted a viable career. On the verge of accepting a position as a corrections officer, he had an epiphany. He would reconcile his interest in the creative process with the need for a career through the use of technology. He chose audio-video technologies and production training at Bates Technical College. Vocational education has given Chad the opportunity to be a true leader, to feel good about his future, and ultimately, to have a second chance at a fulfilling career.

While in Walla Walla at the 2004 Continuing Learning Convention, trustees raised \$3,000 at an auction put on by Walla Walla Community College. The money was earmarked for three \$1,000 scholarships given to members of the All Washington Academic Team. The winners were selected by the Phi Theta Kappa organization. The TACTC Scholarship recipients were:

Nicky Panayotova, South Puget Sound Community College

Nicky Panayotova can unite many behind a single global cause — a skill that will serve her well as a future United Nations ambassador.

Recently, she pulled together her PTK chapter, college president, and a local medical warehouse manager to support the only pediatric cancer hospital in her native Bulgaria. Nicky's project will send medical supplies to children stricken with cancer as a result of fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Michael Aspen, Edmonds Community College

At Edmonds Community College, Michael Aspen turns a love of cooking into a second career. He served 24 years in the U.S. Navy and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in workforce development and education. Now he plans to work in the restaurant industry and then return to the classroom to teach future chefs. He earned a Washington Award for Vocational Excellence and serves as an AmeriCorps volunteer.

Note of Interest: Michael has just been accepted into Le Cordon Bleu in London. The scholarship money will go a long way to getting him there.

Meet TACTC's New Assistant



Holly Longo joined the TACTC staff just in time for TACTC's Legislative Contact Conference in February. Many of you had an opportunity to meet her during the conference.

Holly and her husband live in the Olympia area with their two sons, aged 21 and 17. Her background includes working at Boeing for 16 years as an Executive Assistant and an event coordinator. Fortunately for TACTC, she got tired of the commute from Olympia to Auburn and looked for a position in Olympia!

Her current challenge is to memorize 150 trustees and 34 presidents and attach them all to the correct college, as well as to wade through all the new jargon and acronyms that get used around the State Board office!

In her spare time, Holly has a wedding and party planning business.

If you haven't met Holly already, please introduce yourself to her at the TACTC Board of Director's meeting on April 22nd or when we gather in Semiahmoo.

New State Board Members

Governor Gregoire made three new appointments to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. One of the appointees is already well known within the system.

Lyle Quasim, a trustee at Bates Technical College, was appointed to a term effective April 5, 2005, and ending April 3, 2009. Lyle is currently chief of staff for Pierce County Executive. He was secretary for the Department of Social and Health Services, where he served from 1995-2000. Prior to becoming secretary, Quasim served as assistant secretary of the Health and Rehabilitative Services Administration, and worked in several administrative and management positions within the Department of Social and Health Services. He has also served as director of Safe Streets Campaign in Tacoma.

Lyle has been honored with numerous awards, ranging from Urban League Person of the Year to the Washington Leadership Institute Commendation. He is chairman of the Tacoma/Pierce County Black Collective and serves on numerous boards, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Tacoma Community Foundation, and the Tacoma Center YMCA.

Lyle has masters and bachelor degrees in sociology, and has served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970. He replaces Jose Ruiz on the state board.

Reuven Carlyle of Seattle, has been appointed to a term effective April 5, 2005, and ending April 3, 2009. Carlyle's professional background is in the wireless and software industries including business development and government relations for McCaw Cellular Communications/AT&T Wireless, Xypoint and other Seattle-area companies.

He helped build Xypoint from a small wireless startup to the largest provider of emergency wireless E911 services in the nation serving Verizon, Cingular and other major carriers. Carlyle also co-founded an international business development and financing consulting company to help Israeli-based software companies enter the U.S. market. He is a founding board member of the City Year Seattle/King County and also serves on the board of directors of Hillel at the University of Washington. He is a passionate advocate for mandatory national and community service for young people and father of three, with a deep-seeded belief that grand ideas, which at first seem impossible, are usually the ones most worth pursuing. He replaces Paul Hutton on the state board.

New Trustees

Several new trustees have been appointed to local community and technical colleges over the last two months. Please welcome:

- **Karen Seinfeld** – Bates Technical College, replaces Carolyn Lake.
- **Carolyn Lake** – Bates Technical College, will fill out Lyle Quasim's term
- **Helen McGovern** – Clover Park Technical College, replaces Kay Harlan
- **Rita Creighton** – Highline Community College, replaces Arun Jhaveri
- **Bruce Reid** – Lake Washington Technical College, fills the vacancy left by Sherada Washington
- **Alice Tawresey** – Olympic College, replaces Debra Doran
- **Larry Sanchez** – Yakima Valley Community College, replaces Velma Perez

Calendar of Events



April 22, 2005 TACTC BOD/LSC Meeting, Renton Technical

May 19-21, 2005 TACTC Spring Conference, Blaine, WA

June 4-5, 2005 TACTC Executive Committee Retreat, TBD

September 8-10, 2005 ACCT Annual Congress, Seattle, WA

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