



TACTC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The "Graduate"

Letters from Larry

Your Trustees Association and its officers have been quite busy. My "other job" as the union representative for the hourly Boeing workers has kept me extremely busy until very recently. Fortunately, the other officers of your TACTC executive board have picked up the slack and filled in for me as needed. I am very grateful for their help because the work of our association and the system just keeps rolling. Speaking of the work, the months of October, November and December are always a busy time for our system as we prepare for the upcoming legislative session and other items just seem to pop up.

Katrina

An example of the unexpected and in response to the devastating hurricanes in the Gulf Coast, Governor Gregoire requested action by the State Board to provide educational assistance to victims who have had to relocate to the state of Washington. Accordingly, the State Board passed a resolution which would authorize local college boards of trustees to establish an out-of-state tuition waiver for students from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida who were displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina. This resolution would require your board to take action for the waiver to become effective on your campus. Your president will be aware of this action by the State Board.

WACTC

Lake Washington Technical College hosted the September 29th and 30th WACTC (Presidents) meeting. The presidents use standing committees to organize their work and flesh out recommendations for their association. The committees include the Operating Budget, Capital Budget, Educational Services, Human Resources and the Legislative & Public Information committees. WACTC also conducts a Presidents' Academy where they conduct an in-depth study of a timely topic. This month the academy focused on "Student Recruitment & Retention". Various strategies and techniques were discussed including telephone outreach to students, online educational planning, and integration of ESL and technical programs.

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The Era of Electronic Newsletters

Are you ready to start receiving your TACTC Newsletter electronically? TACTC's newsletter has evolved over the decades with the advancement of technology. It started out as a mimeographed document. Then it was typed and photocopied. Big advancements occurred when we were introduced to desktop publishing software to give the newsletter a "formatted" look. Most recently we've added photographs and color (though some pictures have been grainy, and the colors on the printed page don't necessarily look the same as they did on the screen).

Now we're ready to test the next significant advancement in communicating with trustees. Our November newsletter will be sent to you electronically. The pictures should be sharp and crisp and it will save TACTC hundreds of dollars in printing and postage.

There are two trustees who do not have email. TACTC will mail printed copies to those trustees – and to any other trustees who request hard copies. If electronic emails won't work for you, please call, email or drop a note to Cindy Hough at chough@sbctc.ctc.edu, 360-704-4307, or Post Office Box 42495, Olympia, WA 98504-2495.

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Leadership meeting

On Tuesday, October 4th, the executive boards of TACTC and the State Board met. State Board Chair Jim Garrison briefed TACTC on the progress of the executive search committee (to replace the irreplaceable Executive Director Earl Hale). Earl described his view of the near and long term strategic issues facing the community and technical college system. Lastly, the State Board members expressed an interest in state of readiness of our individual college boards faced with the inevitable task of hiring a new president. They want to know we will be prepared to meet the most awesome responsibility of hiring a new CEO when that time comes. Anticipating this need last year, our Past-President Beth Willis scheduled a Presidential Search workshop in November of 2004. We informed the State Board about last year's training and our plans to hold another one this year.

Legislative Program

Later in the day TACTC was in attendance at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee (JLC). The JLC is comprised of State Board members, WACTC, TACTC and the unions (WEA and WFT), as well as State Board staff. TACTC was represented by your Legislative Steering Committee Vice-Chair Mauri Moore and the TACTC president (me). The fall JLC meeting is where the system comes together to integrate the legislative initiatives from each of the major groups noted above. The results of the JLC are then forwarded as a recommendation to a full meeting of the State Board for approval. This action results in the formal legislative request for the community and technical college system.

This is a supplemental budget year for the Legislature and the JLC recommended a supplemental operating budget of approximately \$32.3 million. The capital budget includes four projects which fell off our capital budget request in the last legislative session. The capital budget request also includes an Inflation Adjustment Reserve request and two Certificate of Participation (COP) requests. All-in-all, this was a very fair request by our system and we hope the Governor and the Legislature sees it the same way.

Thank you

Lastly, I want to thank each of you for your contribution to our system and the Trustees Association. It is only through your hard work and contributions that we thrive and serve the citizens of the State of Washington.

Welcome New Trustees

Every September 30th the terms of 30 community and technical college trustees expire. Governor Gregoire's office has been very busy making new appointments, as well as reappointments. Nine of the new trustees attended TACTC's New Trustee Orientation on October 14th. Larry Brown was overheard saying "We have some sharp people in this group!"

PLEASE WELCOME

Bellevue:	Steve Miller	Replacing Jim Dagnon
Clover Park:	Dr. Bob Lenigan	Replacing Walt Waisath
Edmonds:	Dick VanHollebeke	Replacing Ron Howell
Everett:	James Shipman	Replacing Sam Kinzer
Lake WA:	Janis Machala	Replacing Elling Halvorson
Peninsula:	Toni Aspin	Replacing Karen Gates Hildt
Pierce:	Dr. Claire Spain-Remy	Replacing Jim Dawson
Renton:	Rich Zwicker	Replacing Diana Postlewait
SPSCC:	Brian Vance	Replacing Don Rhodes
Spokane:	Patricia Shea	Replacing Betty McInturff
Walla Walla:	Kristine Klaveano	Replacing Kayleen Bye
Wenatchee:	Jim Tiffany	Replacing Bertha Goehner
Whatcom:	Susan Cole	Replacing Debra Jones

2005 ACCT Congress Awards Go To Washingtonians

TACTC and the Seattle Community College District were hosts to ACCT's 2005 Leadership Congress. By all accounts the event was a big success.

The four General Assembly speakers generated thoughtful discussions around the Congress's theme of Culture, Business, and Education. **Thomas Parham**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Counseling and Health Services at University of California, Irvine, explored the policy implications of the disappearance of the young black male on our college campuses; **Chin-Ning Chu**, President of Asian Marketing Consultants and Strategic Learning Institute, shared her insight into how diverse cultural groups can better communicate and work successfully together; **Thomas Dolan**, president of Xerox Global Services, explained how about one-third of Xerox's U.S. workforce is comprised of African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans because it is founded on the belief that diversity, along with a passion for quality, innovation and excellence, are keys to business success; and **Edward James Olmos**, award-winning Hispanic American actor, used his stage-presence to inspire his audience with his personal story of surviving the barrio and succeeding by making his own choices and to emphasize how diversity in our society works to our advantage.

Trustees who took advantage of the local college tours got to see two programs unique to this region: Seattle Central's Seattle Maritime Institute and South Seattle's Chinese Gardens.



Washington's Welcome Reception featured bright, colorful, dramatic decorations which surrounded food stations featuring foods of the various ethnic groups that make our Pacific Region such a rich culture. Entertainment was provided by the Duwamish Singing Feet, a



Chinese Lion Dance and the Filipino Drill Team.

Several representatives of Washington's community and technical colleges received much-deserved awards and recognitions. The list includes:

Elizabeth Chen, Highline CC trustee, was elected the chair of ACCT's Diversity Committee and sits on ACCT's Board of Directors.

Dr. Bill Bonaudi, Big Bend CC's president, is the Pacific Region's 2005 Chief Executive Officer of the Year.

Dale Croes, South Puget Sound CC's anthropology instructor, is the Pacific Region's 2005 Faculty of the Year award-winner; and

Bellevue Community College received the national Charles Kennedy Equity Award.



Mike Emerson and Elizabeth Chen



Felix Ramon and Bill Bonaudi



Ken Minnaert, Barbara Clarkson, Dale Croes and Dick Wadley



Ruthann Kurose, Vijay Vashee and Jean Floten

Seven impressive workshops were put on by Washington's two-year college and State Board personnel. They showcased the talent, leadership, ingenuity and creative initiative found on local campuses. TACTC would like to thank and congratulate everyone who participated in this year's ACCT Congress. You represented our state well and made the system proud. THANK YOU!

State Board Adopts 2006 Legislative Request



In a meeting dominated by extensive policy discussions, the State Board adopted the system's 2006 legislative request package. The package includes a \$32.3 million supplemental budget request focusing on access and compensation, along with fuel and energy inflationary increases and technical corrections to the 2005 biennial budget. The supplemental capital budget includes four infrastructure projects dropped from the system's prioritized list last year (Highline, Skagit Valley, Green River, and Seattle Central), an inflation adjustment reserve, and alternative funding project approval for Clark and Edmonds, plus a project withdrawal from Bellevue CC.

Two policy initiatives are also included in the legislative request package. The first one is a request to have faculty increments statutorily included in the maintenance-level budgets. The amount of the increments would be formula driven to provide the Legislature, and the colleges, with predictability. The other is to seek clarification of the maintenance and operations funding policy, and to place the policy in statute.

Details of the 2006 Legislative Request Package will be provided trustees at the November 10 joint meeting of TACTC's Board of Directors and Legislative Steering Committee, or can be found on the State Board website at www.sbctc.ctc.edu.

The State Board members discussed a report from the CTC Bachelor's Degree Task Force, and approved the timeline, process and criteria for selecting the four Applied Baccalaureate degree pilots and the three University Contract pilots. They also reviewed the structure, and initial data collection, of the system's Economic Development Study. They received a report from board member Jim Bricker who sits on Governor Gregoire's Washington Learns task force and spent some time talking about the policy implications for our colleges as the WASL testing results are enforced.

The State Board discussion paralleled recent discussions by TACTC's Education Committee members and the May Continuing Education Convention Committee. The State Board members talked about the system's mission and role in economic development. The agenda at TACTC's Winter Legislative Contact Conference will focus on how Washington's two-year colleges currently contribute to the state's economy and what the future economic development needs will be. In May the agenda will be built around defining the mission of two-year colleges. Can we continue to be all things to all people? What segment of the state's population should be the college's top priority? Can two-year colleges offer baccalaureate programs without mission-creep? Should the colleges become an alternative high school for those without a Certificate of Mastery? These are the questions the State Board members were asking in October, and they are the same questions trustees hope to answer this year.

Celebrate Success!

Two of the state's community colleges are among 70 colleges around the country that are sharing \$125 million from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of President Bush's Community-Based Job Training Grants. Seattle Central Community College received a \$2.8 million grant and Columbia Basin College in Pasco received a \$2 million grant -- both for health-care job training.

The colleges won the competitive grants despite the department's decision to give preference to applications from colleges in the Southeast and Gulf Coast in response to grave needs in those hurricane-ravaged areas.

Transitions Among the Presidents

Retirements, promotions and new job offerings have led to some new faces, and new titles, among the two-year college presidents.



Dr. William Christopher was hired by the Cascadia Board to serve as Cascadia's new president. Dr. Christopher is returning to the state after serving as president of Rock Creek Community College in Portland. Earlier in his career he was a Director at Olympic College and the Dean for Instruction at Whatcom Community College.



Dr. Michele Johnson, Pierce College District Chancellor, was selected to fill the vacancy left by Steve Wall's retirement. Dr. Johnson was president of Pierce-Fort Steilacoom from 1999 to 2005.



Dr. Tana Hasart is the new president of Pierce-Puyallup, a position Steve Wall also held prior to his retirement in June 2005. Dr. Hasart started her career at Pierce College before going to Clark College where she served as a vice president and president before moving on to join the administrative staff at UW-Bothell.



Dr. Lee Lambert, vice-president of Human Resources, has been named the interim president at Shoreline Community College. Before joining the Shoreline District, Dr. Lambert was at Centralia College as the vice-president of Human Resources.



Jim Richardson has been named the new president of Wenatchee Valley College. Mr. Richardson is from West Burlington, Iowa, where he was president of Southeastern Community College

At least two more changes are on the way. Dr. Sharon McGavick, Clover Park president since 1997, announced her intentions to retire in September 2006. Dr. Ken Minnaert, SPSCC president, will step down as the system's most senior president when he retires in June after serving as SPSCC's president for 25 years.

Calendar of Events

November 2005 - October 2006

Yearly Planner

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November

10 Nov. 10, TACTC Joint Board of Directors & Legislative Steering, Renton Technical Coll., Technology Center, Room C-111

30 Nov. 30-Dec. 1, State Board, Bellevue

December

8 Dec. 8-9, WACTC, Highline Community College

13 Dec. 13, Governor's Board & Commissions Conference, South Puget Sound CC, Reception following at Governor's Mansion

January

6 Jan. 6, TACTC Joint Board of Directors & Legislative Steering, TBD

18 Jan. 18-19, State Board, State Board Office, Olympia

25 Jan. 25-27, WACTC, State Board Office, Olympia

February

5 Feb. 5-8, ACCT National Legislative Summit, Washington DC

12 Feb. 12, New Trustee Orientation, State Board Office, Olympia
Feb. 12-14, TACTC Legislative Contact Conference, Phoenix Inn, Olympia

March

1 Mar. 1-3, WACTC, South Puget Sound CC

2 Mar. 2, All Washington Academic Team Ceremony, South Puget Sound CC

March

8 Mar. 8-9, State Board, State Board Office, Olympia

30 Mar. 30-31, WACTC, Centralia College

April

7 Apr. 7, TACTC Joint Board of Directors & Legislative Steering, TBD

20 Apr. 20, WACTC, South Seattle CC

May

10 May 10-11, State Board, Olympic College

18 May 18-20, TACTC Continuing Education Convention, Alderbrook Resort

25 May 25-26, WACTC, Grays Harbor College

June

21 June 21-22, State Board, Walla Walla

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