

**Joint Meeting of the TACTC Board of Directors  
and Legislative Steering Committee  
9:30 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2007  
Renton Technical College, Technology Building, Room C-111**

**Call to Order:** TACTC President, Jim Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**In Attendance:**

Karen Seinfeld, Bates  
Steve Miller, Bellevue  
Jim Cunningham, Bellingham  
Katherine Kenison, Big Bend  
Roy Wilkinson, Cascadia  
Mary Moss, Clover Park  
Wayne Martin, Columbia Basin  
Dick Van Hollebeke, Edmonds  
Mauri Moore, Edmonds  
Gene Chase, Everett  
Nancy Truitt Pierce, Everett  
Larry Brown, Green River  
Sherry Gates, Green River  
Arlista Holman, Green River  
Karen Vander Ark, Highline  
Lyle Lovingfoss, Lower Columbia  
Jim Robinson, Olympic  
Don Meyer, Pierce  
Ronnie Behnke, Renton  
Frank Irigon, Renton  
Eddie Nelson, Shoreline

Barbara Clarkson, South Puget Sound  
Carol Landa-McVicker, Spokane  
Helen Malone, Spokane  
Fred Whang, Tacoma  
David Edwards, Tacoma  
Jon McFarland, Walla Walla  
Bob Myers, Wenatchee  
Jim Carvo, Yakima

**Guests:**

Jim Garrison, State Board  
Don Bressler, Renton

**SBCTC Staff:**

Charlie Earl  
Chris Reykdal  
Suzy Ames  
Cindy Hough  
Holly Longo

**Welcome and Introductions:** Jim Robinson welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Legislative Steering Committee.

**Approval of Minutes:** TACTC Secretary, Wayne Martin presented the minutes from the November 3, 2006 Joint Board of Directors and Legislative Steering Committee meeting and asked for any changes or suggestions. Jim Cunningham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Karen Vander Ark seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Gene Chase presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Debra Lisser, TACTC Treasurer who was traveling. Gene reviewed the current TACTC budget stating we had no outstanding expenditures. He also walked through the general and conference accounts stating we are on track with these accounts. Gene announced the Finance and Budget committee proposed the dues for 2007-08 remain at .70/cents per FTE. Frank Irigon moved to accept the treasurer's report as stated. Barbara Clarkson seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

**WACTC Report:** Don Bressler shared the WACTC report on behalf of Linda Kaminski, WACTC President. Ann Daley, Executive Director for the Higher Education Coordinating Board was their guest speaker at their last meeting. Ann shared with the presidents the HECB's goals which focus on educating more people to a higher level, reviewing what education will look like 10 years from now and hopes higher education won't be where the states "rainy day" funds come from. Frank Chopp, Speaker of the House, was also a speaker – he talked faculty increments, tuition study and opportunity grants.

Don encouraged the trustees to go back and thank their legislators for the good year we'll have on capital projects and for all the hard work they did for our system.

**State Board Report:** Jim Garrison, State Board Chair, explained we need to be smart in allocating the money coming from the Legislature. The SBCTC is going to look at long-term issues and need to ensure we spend the money appropriately.

The Student Achievement task force is really looking at outputs, putting a lot of attention to this in determining how productive we are.

The Technology task force is ensuring we are using the resources in ways that are appropriate.

A new task force is called Student Listening. Just like businesses talk to their customers, we'll talk to the students who are the stakeholders and listen to the experiences they've had.

**Legislative Update:** Charlie Earl, SBCTC Executive Director, shared that all projects we proposed in the capital budget were approved along with the money to back them. This also includes our repair budget request. Tom Henderson was an instrumental part in getting this passed. When you see him, give him a pat on the back!

Charlie then went through the Operating Budget as follows:

Enrollments – The Senate Ways and Means Chair's proposed budget funds 5,700 FTE growth in several areas:

General enrollments: 1,950 funded at \$5,600 (House 2,000 @ \$5,700)

High Demand General enrollments: 1,300 funded at \$8,800 (House 1,000 @ \$10,000)

IBEST enrollments: 500 funded at \$9,800 (House 500 @ \$7,700)

ABE enrollments: 1,500 funded at \$6,100 (House 500 @ \$7,700)

The Senate budget does not fund new opportunity grants. The House funded \$15 million for regional opportunity grants as described by 2SHB 1096. Grants are for low income students in high demand programs. Grants pay for tuition and fees, books, tools and supplies. Institutions receive \$1,500 for each FTE with income below 200% federal poverty level of individualized support services.

The Senate budget has \$2 million for equipment. The House does not have any funds for equipment.

Under the Senate proposal, funding is provided for part-time faculty salary increases in fiscal year 2008, and an additional increase in FY 2009. The House did not provide for a second year increase. In both, the budget bill states "It is intended that part-time faculty salaries will increase relative to full-time faculty salaries after all salary increases are collectively bargained."

Charlie reviewed the major higher education policy bills listed below:

2SHB 1096 – Creating Postsecondary Opportunity Programs (Rep. Kenney)

Status: Passed Senate with amendments

2SSB 5098 – Creating the Washington college bound scholarship program (Sen. Rockefeller)

Status: Passed House with amendments

ESHB 1131 – Creating the passport to college promise program (Rep. Dunshee)

Status: Senate passed with amendments

SHB 1051 – Expanding High School Completion Program (Rep. Upthegrove)

Status: Passed Senate with amendment

SSB 5104 – Expanding the applied baccalaureate degree pilot program (Sen. McAuliffe)

Status: House Appropriations Committee

2SSB 5806 – Regarding tuition limits and billing disclosures (Sen. Schoesler)

Status: Passed the House and Senate

HB 1384 – Providing for academic employee salary increments for community and technical colleges (Rep. Kenney) and

SB 5485 – Providing for academic employee salary increments for community and technical colleges (Sen. Kohl-Welles)

Status: Both bills are in their respective fiscal committee

Charlie thanked Jim, Ronnie, Mauri and Gene for participating on the weekly Joint Legislative Committee calls.

**Creating Opportunities:** Carol Landa-McVicker, Creating Opportunities Chair, shared with the committee that the statewide media campaign has been completed. Video media ads ran 72 ads on KIRO. Fifty one percent of those who saw the ads ranged from 21 to 55 years of age.

TACTC budgeted \$15,000 for this media campaign and will be asking for the same amount next year.

Carol has asked the PIO's to come up with future programs. So far they have come up with four proposals.

SBCTC Communications is working on how to merge the state emphasis into the institutions. Having a common theme is very important.

Jim Garrison agreed with Barbara Clarkson: we need to spend some time talking with TACTC and PIOs in reaching the general public (i.e. students and parents). Chris stated the first big push was to get to the movers and shakers (i.e. Legislature). The next push will be to give visibility to the high school counselors in helping guide students to community and technical colleges within a 50 mile radius along with programs CTCs offer.

**Student Achievement Task Force Update:** Wayne Martin reported to the committee the task force has a good consensus on where they're going and a good basis for measuring student success. Goals and objectives are established.

Measurements are the key item, which will be in terms of building academic momentum, developing a system that is neutral across all programs and measuring equivalent effort in terms of student entry level. The task force reviewed a matrix of potential momentum points based on an analysis of 148,000 students. Colleges will not be measured against each other and the funding is not yet finalized.

Katherine add that 56% of students in basic skills made absolutely no gains. She encouraged trustees to check on the impact of their institutions and email Loretta Seppanen or David Prince with suggestions.

**Technology Transformation Task Force Update:** Nancy Truitt Pierce stated the task force has begun a study of Washington community and technical colleges' current and future uses of technology. This study will be used to create a technology plan, a decision-making process and a budget request to the Governor and the Legislature for 2009-2011.

Currently the subcommittees are working in four broad areas defined in the work plan.

- 1) Creating a Vision
- 2) Mapping a Path to the Future
- 3) Decision Making
- 4) Funding

**Trustees Responded to TACTC's Requests:** Ronnie thanked everyone who participated in contacting their legislators on TACTC's behalf. As a system we did very well with the budget and legislation. She was exploring the possibility of having a report card on legislators' voting, similar to what the State Labor Council uses.

Don Meyer reminded everyone to send a thank you to the legislators even if they didn't do what we wanted them to do. Bob Myer stated how important is it to communicate with their legislators even when you don't need something.

**Finance and Budget Committee Report:** Dick Van Hollebeke presented the Finance and Budget Committee's report on behalf of Debra Lisser. The committee agreed to maintain the current dues at .70/cents per FTE for 2007-08. Creating Opportunities will remain at \$15,000, however the \$15,000 for the public opinion poll may be moved to a 2 year event vs. a 4 year. Printing and postage has decreased by \$3,000. They added an item of Hosting/Gifting for the TACTC Administrator. The committee agreed to take the 2007-08 proposed budget forward to the 2007 May Convention in Spokane.

**Nominating Committee recommendations:** Barbara Clarkson thanked the committee for participating. She shared the list of nominees with the committee and stated each member nominated was contacted by the committee to ensure their interest in running. They were also given a list of what their duties would entail. The slate of candidates submitted will be sent forward and voted on during the annual business meeting in Spokane May 17, 2007.

Larry Brown stated the Bylaws indicate an East and West candidate need to be nominated. Is this difficult to do if they aren't interested within those regions? Should we change the Bylaws?

Gene Chase, as the incoming president, said he would establish a Bylaws Committee to review, and if necessary, revise the current Bylaws.

**Nominating Process:** Fred Whang would like to have a pre-written statement from each candidate. Steve Miller and Frank Irigon seconded this request.

Cindy Hough agreed to email all the candidates and ask them to submit a campaign statement. A copy will be provided in the 2007 May Convention packets, as well as sent out via email before the convention to all trustees.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.