

Trustees Association of Community and Technical Colleges
2006 Spring Convention
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
May 18, 2006

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Larry Brown at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Wayne Martin called the roll. Twenty college districts were represented. The President declared a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 19, 2005 Annual Business Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Report from the Budget Task Forces:

Capital Budget: Mauri Moore reviewed the summary of the college requests turned in on April 19, 2006 for the 2007-09 budget. While capital budgets have grown over the past several biennia, demand is far greater than the Legislature can fund. Of the \$1.4 billion in major capital project requests in December, the State Board is only able to address 40% in the 2007-09 Biennium. (Note: many of these projects will be funded in phases and delivered over a 6-year period). The recommended budget request is consistent with projections of available funding levels - \$520 million.

Two new infrastructure projects were added to the materials previously transmitted to the committee and two more replacement projects were added to the list. Replacement projects for science buildings at Grays Harbor and Lower Columbia are clearly needed and easily defensible projects. Discussion centered on where these should be placed on the list of projects. The consensus of the group was to include them with the replacement category. The construction phase of the Seattle Central infrastructure project was moved to a position just behind Site Repairs A to providing a strong commitment to complete the project initiated in the 2006 Supplemental.

The committee discussed the growth category and changing enrollment demands across the system. Currently, funded growth projects, together with growth projects initiated in 2007-09, will add capacity equal to total anticipated growth. In addition, colleges will benefit from added capacity related to increases in program space in renovation and replacement projects.

The final priority list has not been adopted by the State Board. The State Board will review the list during their June board meeting.

Salary: Wayne Martin identified three compensation priorities for the 2007-09 budget request to maintain the purchasing power of faculty salaries, reward faculty for improving their knowledge and skills, and address disparities in part-time faculty salaries among the college districts. The task force further identified a need for a longer term effort to examine compensation, including increases in full-time faculty.

COLA: Task force members recommend the agency's biennial budget request emphasize the need for full funding of the I-732 cost of living adjustment mandated by state law. The Legislature has at times not fully funded, or suspended funding, of these wage adjustments in past years. These actions were taken during periods of falling general revenue; because the revenue outlook for the state appears to be good in the upcoming biennium, it is not anticipated the Legislature will take such action. However, the task force believes it is important for the community and technical college system to emphasize the importance of fully funding of this COLA to maintain the purchasing power of staff salaries.

Faculty Increments: The task force recommends the agency's biennial budget request include the funding necessary, when combined with turnover savings, to support payment of the annually earned increments. The calculation of state funding for this purpose has been eight tenths of one percent of the system's faculty salary expenditures.

Part-time Faculty Salary Improvement: The task force recommends a budget request will address this disparity by reducing the gap at each district, with those districts with the largest gap receiving the largest percentage increase in funding. The task force estimates \$11.9 million will result in a 2 percent to 16 percent average increase for each part time FTE. If this request is funded, the system average part-time faculty salary would be 62 percent of the full-time faculty average salary, if the part-time faculty were teaching full-time.

The salary task force recommends the Board establish a group and process to examine compensation, and the option available to the system for providing competitive and fair compensation while meeting the need for individual districts' flexibility and responsiveness to changing local and regional demands for instructional efforts.

Operating Budget: Fred Whang shared the strategy for the operating budget.

Strategy for Framing the SBCTC request:

- Pursue a few broad requests
- Mesh with Washington Learns, Economic Development, K-14 / Opportunity Grants, Tipping Point Research
- Provide accountability by stating specific, measurable, achievable outcomes.

Policy Objectives and Request Themes:

- Seamless education
- Building Washington's economy and individual incomes
- Making students successful

Next Steps and Trustee Feedback: Mary Alice Grobins thanked all trustees who participated on the three budget task forces. The capital budget list is final unless the Board doesn't accept it. The list is based on the scores done by the system scoring committee. Action will be taken at the June Board meeting. There is a lot more work to do on the operating budget before we're done. The state budget is back into a deficit situation. There is no new state revenue in the forecast, however our revenue remains the same, changes were made by tax cuts.

Public Opinion Poll Update: Carol Landa-McVicker thanked Suzy Ames from the State Board for all her support and hard work. Creating Opportunities has been conducting surveys since 1989. TACTC signed a contract with Jennifer Purcell who is working on developing a baseline of the opinion of the “Thinking, Talking Public”. The poll is being conducted now, random phone calls from lists of those who voted 3 out of the last 4 elections and membership lists of the Chambers of Commerce. Results will be announced at TACTC’s fall conference on September 7th. Creating Opportunities members will delve into the details to use data to help build future plans.

A print ad will appear in the next issues of Washington CEO, Horizon Airlines magazine and AWB’s magazine. The radio and TV ads will be completed by June 30th. The TV ad will appear starting in July on news programs across the state. Print ads will continue next fiscal year.

The \$15,000 TACTC budgeted this fiscal year was used to develop materials and the TACTC budget proposal includes another \$15,000 for next year to disseminate the materials.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Gene Chase presented the Treasurer’s Report for the TACTC General and Conference accounts and reported they were both on track. Gene thanked the Audit Committee and Finance and Budget Committee for their good work.

Cindy reviewed the \$17K overrun for the Creating Opportunities line item. The contract with Jennifer Purcell for the Public Opinion Poll is for more than TACTC pre-authorized and set aside. In order to not lose the interest from the time CD, TACTC paid \$29K towards the poll from the general savings account. When the time CD matures money will go back into the savings account. The State Board has come forward and said they would pick-up the gap.

Alison Sing moved and Felix Ramon seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion Passed.

Adoption of the 2006-07 Budget: Gene next presented the 2006-07 TACTC Budget as proposed by the Finance and Budget Committee. He went over the budget line by line and asked for questions. There were none. Gene said the committee decided to raise dues from \$.55/FTE to \$.70/FTE, to help support the increasing costs for travel and expenditures.

Alison Sing moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded to approve the submitted 2006-2007 TACTC Budget and Dues as proposed by the Finance and Budget Committee. Motion Passed.

Nominating Committee Report: Arlista Holman, Chair, thanked the committee for their work in putting together a full slate of officers and recognized those nominated. Arlista explained there is no election for the position of president. President-elect Jim Robinson, automatically takes over the office for the 2006-07 year.

The proposed slate of officers for the 2006-07 TACTC Executive Board were:

President-elect:	Gene Chase, Everett Community College
Secretary:	Wayne Martin, Columbia Basin College
Treasurer:	Debra Lisser, Skagit Valley College

Arlista called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Tom Malone moved and Dick VanHollebeke seconded to cast a ballot unanimously for the slate of officers presented. Motion Passed.

Election of the 2007 Nominating Committee: Arlista called for nominations from the floor. The following members were nominated:

Barbara Clarkson, South Puget Sound Community College
Fred Whang, Tacoma Community College
Dick VanHollebeke, Edmonds Community College
Ira SenGupta, Renton Technical College
Helen Malone, Community Colleges of Spokane
Jim Rottle, Renton Technical College
Jon McFarland, Walla Walla Community College
Arlista Holman, Green River Community College

It was moved and seconded to close the nominations. Motion Passed.

Arlista asked the membership to vote for three people. The three members with the most votes would be elected to the committee. The member with the most votes will serve as chair. The other two will serve as alternates. The following are the results of the vote, because of a tie in votes, it was agreed to have a co-chairs.

Helen Malone, Co-Chair
Barbara Clarkson, Co-Chair
Jon McFarland, Member
Arlista Holman, Alternate
Ira SenGupta, Alternate

New Business – Awards Committee: Dick Wadley, Chair, proposes to add a partnership award beginning 2006-07 to recognize individuals and/or companies who contribute to our system.

Mauri Moore moved and Salvador Beltran seconded that nominations be submitted for advocates supporting our system for a Partnership Award. Motion Passed.

Fred Whang moved an amendment and Alison Sing seconded nominations be prescribed as one from each side of the state.

Alison Sing moved and Dick VanHollebeke seconded to withdraw the first and second amendments.

Alison Sing moved and Dick VanHollebeke seconded each institution submit one nomination for Partnership Award. Mauri accepts. Motion Failed

Mauri Moore moved and Alison Sing seconded to accept the original motion in adding the Partnership Award as is. Motion Passed.

Shoubee Liaw moved to have TACTC support the Faculty & Students of Color's annual conference with \$100 contribution. Motion was seconded. Motion Passed.

Helen Malone, Carol Landa-McVicker and Patty Shea promoted the 2007 May Continuing Education Convention being held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, May 17, 18 and 19, 2007.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.