

REGULAR MEETING
GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 17, 2023
Study Session ó 1:00 p.m.
Board Meeting ó 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Paula Akerlund, Ms. Astrid Aveledo, Dr. Harry Carthum,
Ms. Aliza Esty, Mr. Jim Sayce

Members Absent: None

Others who participated: Ms. Kristy Anderson, Mr. Kwabena Boakye, Dr. Ed Brewster,
Ms. Lori Christmas, Mr. Derek Edens, Dr. Cal Erwin Svoboda,
Mr. Darin Jones, Mr. Justin Kjolseth, Mr. Tom Kuester,
Ms. Nicole Lacroix, Mr. Aiden McMurdo, Mr. Floyd Plemmons,
Ms. Sandy Zelasko

Study Session

Student Services Update

Dr. Erwin-Svoboda , VP for Student Services, presented an overview of the Student Services Division that includes: Advising & Counseling, Admissions & Entry Services, Financial Aid, Student Life, Athletics, Workforce Funding & Support Programs, Education Centers, TRIO Services, Bishop Center for Performing Arts, Gymnasium, Fitness Lab & Weight Room, Esports Arena, Food pantry, Diversity Center, Student Leadership, Welcome Center, Student support center.

Her presentation focused on the following:

Understanding the concepts GHC utilizes to maintain the optimum recruitment, retention and graduation rates.

Identifying the frameworks processes and practices that inform our approach to enhancing educational access and student success.

Sharing accomplishments and celebrations from 2023.

Dr. Carthum thanked Dr. Erwin-Svoboda for the informative report.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Carthum welcomed Board members and guests to the meeting. Roll was called and all members of the Board were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Erwin-Svoboda led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Land Acknowledgement

Dr. Carthum read the Land Acknowledgement.

IV. Agenda Adoption

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

V. Public Comments

None

VI. Celebration

Dr. Brewster reported that Fall Quarter enrollment is even with last Fall Quarter and Winter quarter enrollment is a little over 13% up over this time last year. He said this improvement is due to marketing, outreach, Take a Class of Us, Student Services personnel, faculty, etc.

VII. Action Items

1. Approval of December 20, 2022 Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the December 20, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried.

2. First Reading

Copies of the revised policies listed below were included in backup materials received prior to the Board meeting. They were approved to move forward for adoption by the Board at the February 21, 2023 Board meeting.

OP 640 Leave Combined

OP 685 Emeritus Status

OP 641 Accommodation Leaves Combined

3. Proposed Building Name

Dr. Brewster proposed that the Board of Trustees name the Automotive/Welding Building in honor of donors Pat and Mary Ellen Hughes. Over the past eighteen years they have donated \$1,927,000.00 to the Grays Harbor College Foundation in support of the Hughes Tools Program and World Class Scholars.

It was moved and seconded to name the Automotive/Welding Building after Pat and Mary Ellen Hughes. Motion carried. The exact name of the building will be confirmed after discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

VIII. Information

IX. Standing Reports

1) Student Government Report (Mr. Aidan McMurdo)

Mr. McMurdo reported on recent student government activities and future ASGHC goals.

2) Classified Staff (Ms. Cara Beth Stevenson)

None

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5) Administrative Services Update (Mr. Kwabena Boakye)

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Highlights included:

Review of the Administrative Services area that includes Budgets, Business Office, Campus Operations, Procurement and Auxiliary Services.

The FY 2023-24 budget process has begun. The template for budget requests has been sent to budget managers.

Requests are due January 31 and will be reviewed by the President and the Executive Team.

Budget Planning is ongoing.

6) Instruction Update (Ms. Nicole Lacroix)

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X. **Executive Session**

Under RCW 4230.110, an executive session may be held for the purpose of receiving and evaluating complaints against or reviewing the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or reviewing the performance of a public employee; consultation with legal counsel regarding agency enforcement actions, or actual or potential agency litigation; considering the sale or acquisition of real estate; and/or reviewing professional negotiations.

There was not an executive session.

XI. **Action items as a Result of the Executive Session.**

None

XII. **Good of the Order**

Ms. Aveledo expressed concern about safety on campus, including sexual violence, and mental health support. She stated that the data she was about to share reflected national trends and was not at all a statement on our campus or students. She said the issue of safety from sexual violence on college campuses deserves attention. She shared data on studies about sexual violence, recidivism, and specifically on college campuses.

(<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1077801219833820>).

