

The regular meeting of the Central Wyoming College Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, in Room 113 of the Central Wyoming College Lander Center at 427 Main Street in Lander, Wyoming, following a community dialogue and dinner with elected officials from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Best Western Inn at Lander.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present:</u>	Deanna Crofts Jim Matson Caroline Mills	Dennis Christensen Scott Phister
<u>Absent:</u>	Joe Megeath	Dallas Myers
<u>Administration:</u>	Jo Anne McFarland J.D. Rottweiler	Mohammed Waheed Jay Nielson
<u>Attorney:</u>	Frank Watkins	
<u>Recorder:</u>	Linda Bender	
<u>Guests:</u>	Jeff Hosking Sue Thompson Sergio A. Maldonado, Sr. Sandra Delenhante Mickey Douglas John Wood Janet Harp Robbalee Peterson Jeremy Hughes Howard Johnson	Ruby Calvert Lindy Paskett Brad Cave Richard Fleetwood Wendy Davis Jackie Dorothy Matt Herr Carolyn Aanestad Sandy Barton

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Crofts called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and indicated that the meeting had been appropriately advertised.

A roll call conducted by the board clerk indicated that Board Chair Crofts, Mr. Christensen, Mr. Matson, Mr. Phister, and Ms. Mills were present and that Dr. Megeath and Mr. Myers were absent. Board Chair Crofts stated that Mr. Myers was absent due to a medical issue and that Dr. Megeath indicated at the May 17 meeting that he would be absent at this meeting. A quorum was present.

**WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTION  
OF GUESTS:**

Board Chair Crofts welcomed the guests present and reminded everyone that Community Input Forms were available at the door for visitors to use if they wished to speak to an agenda item.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA:**

Mr. Matson moved to approve the agenda as published. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Sergio A. Maldonado, Sr., CWC adjunct faculty member, asked to address the board. He has relocated to the Lander area after being gone for 26 years and is teaching Anasazi Art and Culture. He began his undergraduate career at CWC in 1972 and indicated that one of the most influential people for him was Professor Burl Bredon. Dr. McFarland indicated that Professor Bredon passed away over the past year and that Dr. Maldonado's comments were heartfelt and much appreciated.

**STUDENT,  
EMPLOYEE  
ASSOCIATION,  
WYOMING PUBLIC  
TELEVISION, AND  
CWC FOUNDATION  
REPORTS:**

Written reports from student and employee associations were included in the board packet.

**Student Senate**

Mr. Richard Fleetwood, Student Senate President, reported that approximately 150 people were served at the ice cream social today. He submitted a written report which included information that the Student Senate for the summer held their first meeting on June 5. The senate may take part in the MS walkathon in September as a group participation project. A few senators helped at the Information Hub to guide visitors during the Wyoming Association of Municipalities convention. The Student Senate created two new committees for projects for the coming year which include a Student Recognition Committee and an Accessibility Committee. The senate will help the 40th Anniversary Committee with building the float for several parades this summer and fall. The senate approved a request from Dr. Waheed to allow use of the Student Lounge area for community meetings and to upgrade the multimedia hardware for this purpose. Upcoming events include a highway cleanup on June 24, the balloon rally July 14-16, and another ice cream social sometime in August.

**Classified Staff  
Association**

Ms. Susan Thompson, President of the Classified Staff, indicated that she had nothing to add to her written report which included information on the grounds crew and their work on the campus this summer. Linda Becker

and Bart Reynolds worked closely with the planners for the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) convention which was held June 7-10 on the CWC campus. The June classified staff meeting included an update on the volleyball team, a tour of the renovated gym, WebCT computer training, and a tour of the new WPTV wing. Linda Bender has been named to the Spring 2006 Vice President for Academic Affairs Honor Roll at the University of Wyoming. Rita Duty attended the Total-Computer User Group Conference May 15-19. Members of the Classified Staff helped with Finals Feed on Monday, May 8. Jody Ray chaperoned the RHS After-Prom Party and RHS After-Graduation Party. Judy Florence, Margie Ravasio, and Retha Reinke placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in the Great Weight Loss Game sponsored by the Fitness Center staff.

#### The Faculty

Mr. Matt Flint, President of The Faculty, indicated that he had nothing to add to his written report which included information that Valerie Harris will attend a conference to learn about the use of satellite imagery, mapping techniques, and GPS. Suki Smaglik, Carol Rardin, and Valerie Harris will attend a MAC3 summer institute in August. Robert Husa recently completed the Wyoming School-University Partnership 2006 Associates Program. Nita Kehoe-Gadway was the juror for the Riverton Art Guild's National Art Exhibition. Suki Smaglik has been chosen for a grant by the Wyoming NASA Space Grant Consortium Proposal Review Panel. She will be assisted by Steve McAllister and Carol Cooper.

#### Professional Personnel Association

Mr. Jeremy Hughes, President-Elect of the Professional Personnel Association, indicated that he had nothing to add to his written report which included information that Carol Deering attended three conferences recently. Matt Herr attended the WyDEC (Wyoming Distance Education Consortium) conference last month. Jeff Hosking, Ross Johnson, and John Wood also attended the WyDEC conference, where they all presented. Mickey Douglas attended a Wyoming Lifelong Learning Association Board meeting in Lander. Marilú Duncan attended TRIO training in Salt Lake City. Mary Flohr attended a Service Learning Conference June 1-2. Paula Hartbank attended the Utah Advising and Orientation Association Annual Conference May 24-25. Thirteen members of the professional staff participated in Finals Feed on May 8.

#### Wyoming Public Television

Ms. Ruby Calvert, Acting WPTV General Manager, reported that the Labor HHS Committee restored \$20 million to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) budget. The rest of the cuts are still in and will go to the House Appropriations Committee next week. In regard to personnel,

the producer position has been readvertised, and interviews have been conducted for the videographer position.

Ms. Calvert submitted a written report which included information on the documentary *Wyoming Families First: Women at Work*; the final *Wyoming Families First* program which will air on July 27; the summer taping of the new *Main Street, Wyoming* programs; the election debates for this year; the completion of WPTV's fiscal year membership drive; the launch of WPTV's High Definition channel on the Lander and Riverton Bresnan cable systems in June; and a Museums and Libraries Videoconference on June 19. Her report also included information on engineering, development, and administration.

CWC Foundation

Ms. Lynette Jeffres, Assistant Manager for the CWC Foundation, submitted a written report which included information on CWC Foundation Board Member Margaret Reynolds who was recently honored by PEO Chapter H for her 50 years of service to the PEO organization. Donations since the last board report have been received in the amount of \$34,011. Foundation staff members Lynette Jeffres and Jody Ray worked with several departments on campus to successfully coordinate the April 20 "Walk With Us" campaign kickoff event. They also joined members of the CWC staff on May 15 to help with the Riverton Centennial Clean-Up. Several Foundation board members and staff members attended the "Hats Off to CWC" luncheon sponsored by the Riverton Chamber.

Dr. McFarland noted that Mr. Dane Graham will begin working on July 17 as Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. Graham brings extensive professional development and fund-raising experience to the college. In addition, he has considerable higher education experience and international fund-raising experience. Dr. McFarland believes he will be very energetic and positive for the both the college and the Foundation.

COLLEGE  
ADVANCEMENT  
IN THE  
COMMUNITY:

This agenda item is included so that each trustee can report on the specific ways he or she has advanced the college in the community over the past month.

Board Chair Crofts noted that this evening's meeting was preceded by a community dialogue dinner with elected officials which included county commissioners and a representative from the City of Lander.

Mr. Christensen indicated that a CWC BOCHES meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, and an agenda for this meeting was included in the board packet. He welcomed anyone to the meeting who wishes to attend.

Mr. Matson reported that he has been busy during the past month with interviews for the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He also attended a meeting to discuss the endowment for the Intertribal Center. On June 16, the CWC Foundation Board held its meeting in Jackson along with a reception for donors. Mr. Matson indicated that at tonight's meeting, the CWC board would approve a change of tenancy in the Business Park. He explained that the CWC Board of Trustees only approves tenants. The CWC Foundation approves contracts because the Foundation is the management arm of the Business Park.

Mr. Matson indicated that that his request to become a member of the executive committee of the Foundation has been granted, but his request for a second person from the Board of Trustees to sit on the Foundation Board has not been approved. He feels it is important for two people from the Board of Trustees to be members of the CWC Foundation Board. He agreed with Dr. McFarland's earlier comments that Mr. Graham will be a wonderful addition to the college and to the Foundation.

Ms. Mills reported that she attended two of the presentations for Vice President for Institutional Advancement. She also feels that a good choice was made for this position.

Board Chair Crofts stated that she attended the BTI railcar open house on June 2 in Shoshoni. She and Mr. Phister will attend the ACCT 2006 Governance Leadership Institute June 25-27 in Washington, D.C. The ACCT Annual Congress will be held October 11-14 in Orlando, Florida. All board members except Board Chair Crofts plan to attend. In conjunction with the WCCC meeting, the WACCT will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. in AW 124, and a reception will be held tomorrow night in the Arts Center Gallery at 5 p.m.

No meeting of the Teton County BOCES has been scheduled.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Board Chair Crofts asked if there were any objections to the consent agenda which included the approval of the minutes from the May 17, 2006, regular meeting; the acceptance of bills for May 2006; the Board travel budget; extinguishment of bad debt; fees for Sinks Canyon Center;

06-07 WPTV Production Services Fee Schedule; WPTV Election Policy; and 06-07 Nursing Course Fee Schedule.

Mr. Christensen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Bills The acceptance of bills includes payment of the following bills which includes salaries and benefits in the amount of \$1,075,319.84 for the month of May, 2006: Operations in the amount of \$861,100.38; Student Grants and Loans in the amount of \$30,612.60; and Bank Transfers in the amount of \$640,084.67 for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$1,531,797.65.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business was conducted at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board Chair Crofts announced that the board would recess to executive session in order to discuss potential litigation and personnel items. Dr. McFarland indicated that she had no personnel items to discuss.

At 7:56 p.m., Mr. Phister moved to recess into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Matson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair Crofts indicated that Dr. McFarland would be excluded from the executive session.

At 8:40 p.m. Mr. Matson moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Phister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Chair Crofts stated that she had nothing to announce from the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing –  
FY 06 Closeout/  
Transfer of Funds/  
Budget Reallocation Dr. McFarland asked Mr. Nielson to describe the end-of-the year budget adjustment, which is an annual act to ensure that revenues and expenditures match up at fiscal year closeout. Mr. Nielson indicated that budget authority must be adjusted according to accounting requirements. The college must have sufficient budget authority to account for revenues and expenditures within the board approved budget. This is a request for an adjustment of budget based on projected changes in revenues and reallocation of expenditure budgets by function to ensure the board has

granted budget authority that balances at year end. As the books are closed by June 30, 2006, the budget is managed so actual expenditures will not exceed actual revenues.

Mr. Nielson indicated that for Fund 10, the current operating fund, institutional revenues of tuition and fees are below budget by \$111,933. This is consistent with the enrollment decline this past school year. Projected local tax revenues for the college's four mills are expected to be down by \$300,026 which is consistent with the amount of tax protests filed for this year. However, these revenues are part of the funding formula and part of the recapture/redistribution calculation. Overall, the college system is up by \$672,203, so the shortfall in local tax revenue will be offset by an increase in state revenues of \$386,509. This is an increase of \$86,483.

The reimbursement by the state for employee health insurance premiums continues to increase. This benefit is huge to the college and huge to the employees. Mr. Nielson has received information that a request made by the WCCC to the State Department of Administration and Information (A & I) for additional funds to make sure colleges had sufficient funds for health insurance needs was denied. A & I indicated that the colleges had enough money. CWC may have to offset \$15,000 of this expense. It has always been felt that the 85 percent reimbursement by the state was assured. This is a major concern if they are not going to make this reimbursement. The state has been talking with A & I about only allocating to the colleges their proportional share of health insurance, similar to how raises were handled this year. At that time, A & I recommended that college employees receive 60 percent of the salary adjustment granted to state employees by the state legislature. The state's argument is that the colleges only receive 60 percent of their funding from the state and therefore should only receive that portion of state benefits as well. This would cost the college \$612,000 if the state budget managers carry through with this recommendation. The colleges have not been included in these discussions.

Dr. McFarland indicated that originally she was told that the health insurance issue would not affect the colleges until the 09-10 biennium. Notice has now been received by the WCCC that the colleges will be expected to pick up the shortfall this year for health insurance. A & I has asked the WCCC to utilize a B-11 process to redirect unencumbered funds to offset the insurance monies. The WCCC is asking the colleges to use

funds from individual college budgets for those unencumbered funds. Dr. McFarland stated that the state cannot use the B-11 process with community colleges because they are governed by local boards. This is a major issue for the trustees. The college has not been at all involved in discussing this issue, and no advance notice was given. The colleges' salaries are not keeping pace locally or nationally. Benefits have been the colleges' ace in the hole, and health insurance is a big part of it. It is an issue that fundamentally affects the colleges in a negative way.

Dr. McFarland stated that Mr. Nielson's projections are safe and recommended that the board authorize adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2006 budget as outlined.

Board Chair Crofts indicated that the board would now hold a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Closeout, Transfer of Funds, and Budget Reallocation. She asked if anyone present wished to comment on the proposed reallocation. No comments were made. Board Chair Crofts stated that having conducted the required public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Closeout, Transfer of Funds, and Budget Reallocation, that she would accept a motion.

Mr. Phister moved to authorize adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2006 budget as outlined. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Job Corps

Ms. Sandy Barton, Executive Director of Fremont County BOCES, and Howard Johnson, CEO of Inberg-Miller Engineers, made a presentation on the application to the U.S. Department of Labor to locate a Job Corps Training Center in Fremont County. Wyoming and New Hampshire are the only states that do not currently have a Job Corps Training Center. As a result, over 200 students from Wyoming are placed in out-of-state Job Corps centers. Mr. Johnson explained that the proposed site is on 168 acres of land by the airport which is owned by the City of Riverton. The specific property is about 15-20 acres where the old stockcar race track was located. This site fits the criteria very well, and all utilities are in place. Ms. Barton explained that a strong post-secondary link is needed, and she asked for the college's endorsement. Eighteen million dollars is available from the Department of Labor for a new site, with priority given to those states without Job Corps centers. An additional \$10 million is available to form partnerships with community colleges to provide the vocational training programs. The proposal has been endorsed by a number of individuals and agencies, including Governor Dave

Freudenthal, Senator Mike Enzi, and the Legislative Joint Interim Minerals Committee.

Dr. Rottweiler indicated that this proposal has been reviewed by the Administrative Cabinet and the Academic Council. He explained that in his previous position he was affiliated with the Denison Job Corps Center in Iowa. He believes that a Job Corps Center in Riverton is a logical partnership and would provide an opportunity for sharing faculty and resources. ABE/GED will be a very important part of Job Corps. He recommended that the board give favorable consideration to endorsement of this proposal.

Dr. McFarland stated that she strongly endorsed the partnership. It is closely linked to what the college is in the business to do. She recommended that the board endorse the Fremont County Job Corps Training Center proposal and authorize the board chair to sign the proposed letter of support.

Mr. Matson moved to endorse the Fremont County Job Corps Training Center proposal and to authorize the board chair to sign the proposed letter of support. Ms. Mills seconded the motion.

Mr. Christensen asked where the funding will come from for the Job Corps Center. Ms. Barton replied that the U.S. Department of Labor funds the project. No draw will be made on county or state funds. Mr. Matson asked about the economic benefits of the project. Ms. Barton indicated that 150 new employees will be hired. The area has young adults who are not being served. Mr. Phister asked if there is an automatic partnership with the college since one of the requirements is that the center be near a community college. Ms. Barton stated that it is recognized that Job Corps centers that have strong ties with post-secondary institutions do a better job.

Dr. Rottweiler believes that a majority of the successful Job Corps students would enroll at CWC to continue their education. The college has seen an increase in the number of students who enter from the ETSS (Employment and Training for Self-Sufficiency) program. These students go on to post-secondary education and have been very successful.

Board Chair Crofts asked what the role of Fremont County BOCES will be if the award is made to Fremont County. Ms. Barton replied that Fremont

County BOCES will not have a role in Job Corps if the award is received. The U.S. Department of Education hires the architects, the engineers, and the management team and is responsible for building the facility. Dr. McFarland asked if the \$18 million is for each center. Ms. Barton indicated that is the only appropriation they have, and another \$35 million is appropriated to build the facility.

Ms. Mills stated that Job Corps has been a good experience for the students she has worked with, but the students usually don't come back to the area because they get jobs there once they have completed the program. Having a Job Corps Center here would help to keep these students in this area. Mr. Phister asked if any other sites in the state are being considered. Ms. Barton replied that she was not aware of any other sites being considered. Job Corps Training Centers have to go to a place that is economically disadvantaged.

Board Chair Crofts called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor. Motion carried.

IT Data Center  
Infrastructure

Dr. McFarland indicated that her original recommendation for the IT Data Center Infrastructure has changed. Further evaluation indicated that the originally recommended proposal to the board failed to meet one of the specifications listed. She concurs with the revised recommendation, as does Mr. Nielson. The revised recommendation is that the college contract with Always Power, LLC, of Boulder, Colorado, to include equipment purchase, startup services, and first year support for integrated cooling and humidity equipment, uninterruptible power supply, and monitoring and control systems manufactured by APC, for a total cost not to exceed \$109,249.65.

Mr. Christensen asked if the room will be kept cool with direct exchange cooling rather than glycol-based cooling. Mr. John Wood, Chief Information Officer, replied that there was no reason to specify a \$25,000 increase in cost to use glycol. He explained that a data center failure occurred last week because the cooler failed. The temperature in the room reached 130 degrees, and the equipment literally baked. Only one hard drive failed, but the cooler failure is an indication that the space has been outgrown. The best time to install the new equipment is August so there will be minimal disruption to college computer services.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board accept the proposal to contract with Always Power, LLC, of Boulder, Colorado, to include equipment purchase, startup services, and first year support for integrated cooling and humidity equipment, uninterruptible power supply, and monitoring and control systems manufactured by APC, for a total cost not to exceed \$109,249.65.

Mr. Christensen moved to accept the contract with Always Power, LLC, of Boulder, Colorado, to include equipment purchase, startup services, and first year support for integrated cooling and humidity equipment, uninterruptible power supply, and monitoring and control systems manufactured by APC, for a total cost not to exceed \$109,249.65. Mr. Phister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CWC Business  
Assignment of  
Lease

Dr. McFarland explained that the CWC Foundation Board manages the Business Park on behalf of the college. The college board has the responsibility for reviewing leases and transactions related to the Business Park. One is the assignment of lease and relates to the firm of Roberts & Watkins, the current lessee for the West 1/2 of Lot 9. Wes Roberts has departed from that firm, and Frank Watkins has asked for inclusion of a provision to assign that lease to him as part of the collateral for a commercial loan to purchase the building. The Foundation has approved that assignment of the current lease. Dr. McFarland recommended that the board grant approval of the assignment of the current lease of the West 1/2 of Lot 9 in the Business Park with Roberts & Watkins, P.C., to Frank Watkins, P.C., and consent to the security interest in the leasehold.

Mr. Matson moved to approve the assignment of the current lease of the West 1/2 of Lot 9 in the Business Park with Roberts & Watkins, P.C., to Frank Watkins, P.C., and to consent to the security interest in the leasehold. Mr. Phister seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personnel  
Human Resources  
Board Report

Dr. McFarland requested that the monthly Human Resources Board Report be entered into the official board minutes.

The Human Resources Board Report for June included the following information:

No new nominations were made for the Rustler Salute recognition. The next Rustler Spirit award will be given in September.

Searches in progress/pending included WPTV General Manager; Instructor Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology; Instructor Anthropology, Sociology, and History; Instructor Biological Sciences and Math; Instructor Fire Science; Instructor Television Broadcasting/ Communications; Director of Bands/Fine Arts Recruiter; Instructor Nursing; Instructor Culinary Arts/Hospitality; Assistant Librarian/ Coordinator of Testing Services; Associate Dean of Assessment, Planning and Research; Student Recruiter; WPTV Producer; WPTV Director/ Videographer; and Applications and Scholarship Technician.

Resignations/terminations/retirements/requests for release from contract included Annette Baxter, Upward Bound Office Assistant; Tina Clifford, CWC Gear Up Project Director; Kathy Martinez, Compensation Specialist; and Deborah White, WPTV Clerk of the Works.

New hires/Appointments/Internal Transfers included Dane Graham, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; and Sarah Ivie, Accounting Technician for WPTV.

Dr. McFarland reported that the new priority review date for WPTV General Manager is November 1. The start date for Mr. Dane Graham, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, is July 17. The Vice President for Institutional Advancement is funded 1/2 by the CWC Foundation and 1/2 by the college. Mr. Matson served on the screening committee for this position.

Ms. Crofts asked about the Instructor of Culinary Arts. Dr. Rottweiler reported that the initial broad curriculum continues to be developed. The college will try to keep the partnership with Four Seasons. After an unsuccessful first search for a candidate, Four Seasons requested that CWC develop the curriculum and get back to them. This program will not operate on a traditional academic calendar because of Four Seasons. A huge need exists locally in culinary arts, but a location is needed for instruction. The Career Center would be ideal, but it is not currently available for instructional purposes. Mr. Phister asked about housing for culinary arts students in Jackson. Dr. Rottweiler indicated that it is a great concern. Four Seasons has said that some housing could be available if the students work for Four Seasons.

ACCEPTANCE OF  
MONITORING  
REPORT:  
Student Profile

Dr. Waheed presented the highlights of the student profile monitoring report. He indicated that headcount and FTE numbers for FY 05 are down which may be due to the low unemployment rate in Fremont County. Many students registered for classes, but the job market opened up and they left. The drop occurred in both full-time and part-time students, traditional and non-traditional students, and in male and female students. A significant decline in non-traditional students 40-49 has occurred. The average age of a CWC student remains constant at 28. The only category where enrollment increased was dual credit. This increase is likely due to CWC BOCHES, which now provides free tuition, fees, and books to eligible county high school students.

The college is seeing better-prepared students, with fewer taking developmental courses. A slight increase was seen in Hispanic students. Mr. Christensen asked if the college is trying to recruit more Hispanic students and what the percentage is of Hispanics in the college's service area. Dr. Waheed replied that three percent of the college's students are Hispanic which is the percentage in the college's service area.

The student default rate was 8.1 percent in 2006 which is down from 11.7 percent in 2005 and 15.6 percent in 2003. Dr. Waheed reviewed the criminal incidents reported during calendar years 2001 through 2004. Most are liquor-law violations in housing. No robberies or aggravated assaults were reported.

Dr. McFarland pointed out that over 80 percent of the respondents to the graduate survey strongly agreed that they met their goals. This is a fine response and indicative that the college is meeting student needs. Overall the responses in the survey are very positive. The areas that need to be improved have been noted. Student activities is one area in particular which will be improved by providing more activities for students. Volleyball should help in this effort.

Dr. McFarland recommended that the board accept the student profile monitoring report as presented.

Ms. Mills moved to accept the student profile monitoring report as presented. Mr. Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

President's Report Dr. McFarland included the following information in her report:

1. Kudos
  - a. Kudos to CWC employees for so graciously and competently hosting the WAM (Wyoming Association of Municipalities) conference at CWC June 7-10. Special thanks to Facilities Scheduler Linda Becker, Ross Johnson for IT support, as well as the entire Physical Plant crew, including especially Frank Berch, Bart Reynolds, and Ron Hammer. Thanks, also, to the many other employees at the college for smiling, giving directions, and generally representing the college so well to the attendees from across the state.
  - b. Thanks to John Wood and his Information Technology staff for installing wireless in the CWC downtown Lander Center. The following areas at CWC are now on the CWC wireless system:
    - Library
    - Tutor Center
    - AW120
    - Food Court
    - Student Lounge
    - Fitness Center
    - Community Outreach and Training Center
    - Pro Tech 115/121 (Board meeting room)
    - Lander Center
  - c. Congratulations to recent CWC graduate Jackie Dorothy for winning another Bronze Telly Award. Ms. Dorothy's winning entry is a tribute to her grandmother who was a riveter during World War II. Ms. Dorothy will show her video to the board at the July board meeting.
  - d. Congratulations, also, to Wyoming Public Television for the recently completed "Riverton, Wyoming, Centennial" program that was broadcast on KCWC on Sunday, June 4.
  - e. Art Professor Nita Kehoe-Gadway created a work of art for the "Windows on Wyoming" project that was featured in the June 3 *Casper Star-Tribune*.
  - f. Compliments to Director of Customized Training, Lynne McAuliffe for the following recent achievements:
    - (1) Winning the Governor's Workforce Development "Workforce Partnership" Award, in conjunction with the

- (2) Wyoming Business Council, BTI, and the Department of Workforce Services. The article regarding this was included in the board packet.
  - (3) Graduating, with Wayne Robinson's able assistance, six women from the first class of Women in Construction Trades class.
2. Student and Employee Community Service. The work of college employees and students who participated in the May 15 Riverton centennial clean-up is recognized. The Student Senate is organizing another community clean-up activity.
3. Grants received. CWC has received notification of the following grants:
  - a. Geology Professor Suki Smaglik was awarded a \$7,000 research grant through the National Science Foundation; and
  - b. Dr. Waheed received a Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education grant for the college in the amount of \$137,336.
4. State Level Issues.
  - a. State funding model review and legislative studies. College presidents are working with WCCC staff on the funding model review and on various legislative studies for the State Legislature. Dr. McFarland attended the June 9 Joint Interim Education Committee meeting in Cheyenne where the topic of overall funding of the community colleges led to a discussion of possible taxation of the 16 outreach counties and associated voice in governance. Another issue was raised related to the impact on community colleges of recent dramatic increases in K-12 teacher salaries.

In addition, Dr. Rose surprised college presidents by announcing that the state budget office has informed the WCCC that, beginning with the 09-10 biennium, the state will only compensate the community colleges for 60% (or the percentage of state aid to the colleges) of employee health insurance. This issue took all of the presidents by surprise and will cause substantial financial hardship for the colleges and their

employees if this comes to pass. Articles relating to these state policy issues were included in the board packet.

- b. Community college involvement in workforce development. LCCC President Chuck Bohlen's letter to Governor Freudenthal relating to Wyoming community college involvement in workforce development was included in the board packet.
- c. Increasing control and authority at the College Commission level. A copy of an attorney general's opinion relating to College Commission authority to approve all community college programs and certificates was included in the board packet. Especially, the reference on page 3 should be noted that indicates that "[a] statutory change would be needed to allow for any level of review by the local community college boards." With indications of increasing centralized authority at the College Commission level, the statutory reference to W.S. 21-18-202(g) should be noted as follows:

"All decision making authority related to the operation of the community colleges which is not specifically granted to the commission by statute shall be reserved to the local boards."

- 5. National Legislative Update. The U.S. House Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee approved its Fiscal Year 2007 appropriations bill on June 7. The bill provides few increases for education programs, but does increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$100 to \$4,150. The Basic State Grants program of the Carl D. Perkins Act is funded at \$1.182 billion, the same as in FY 2006. Title III-A of the HEA was kept at current funding (\$79.5 million) as were the TRIO and GEAR UP programs. The Community-Based Job Training Grants (CBJTG) program was also level-funded at \$125 million.
- 6. Articles about CWC and other colleges. Articles about CWC and other colleges were included in the meeting packet.

Dean of  
Administrative  
Services Report

Mr. Nielson's written report included information on the purchase of a Foundry switch which was approved by the board as a sole source vendor purchase at the May meeting. It was discovered after the board meeting that other vendors were willing to place a bid on this equipment. The purchase of the Foundry switch was halted, and the purchase process was started over with bids due on June 12. Two bids were received, and the

award was made to Wyoming.com in the amount of \$36,910.07. This item is presented to the board for information only, as the bids did not exceed \$100,000, and it was no longer a sole source purchase.

**NEXT REGULAR  
MEETING/  
SUGGESTED  
AGENDA ITEMS:**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in PTC 115/121. Agenda items for the regular meeting include:

- Public Hearing/Adoption of Final Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

Mr. Christensen moved to hold an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, in Pro Tech Conference Room 102B to discuss potential litigation, personnel, and potential property acquisition. Ms. Mills seconded the motion.

Board Chair Crofts asked to add a brief review of the July 14-15 board retreat and the presentation of the video by Jackie Dorothy to the agenda for the July 19 board meeting.

The filing dates for the CWC board are August 9-28. Two seats are open in Subdistrict #2 (Riverton-Shoshoni) which are currently filled by Deanna Crofts and Scott Phister. One seat is open in Subdistrict #4 (Lander-Jeffrey City) which is currently filled by Dr. Joe Megeath. All seats are four-year terms. Board Chair Crofts indicated that she will not be running for re-election. She stated that it is time for a change. At the end of her term on November 30, she will have served the board for eight years. She has enjoyed her time on the board and encourages others to learn about the college by becoming candidates.

Board Chair Crofts called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor regarding the executive session. Motion carried.

**BOARD SELF-  
EVALUATION OF  
MEETING:**

Board members were asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting and to turn them in to the Board Clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:20 p.m., Mr. Matson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Secretary

APPROVAL:

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