I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. General Matters

A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Approved.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Board member Jinkins, the board unanimously approved the Agenda.

B. Approval of Minutes for the March 12, 2009 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Upon a motion by Board member Jinkins, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 12 Regular Meeting.

C. Introductions—None.

D. Correspondence

We received a letter from the State Board announcing that Becky Sproat was selected as a recipient of the 2009 Anna Sue McNeill Teaching, Learning and Assessment Award for her outstanding contributions to teaching, student learning and assessment, and her commitment to supporting and providing educational opportunities for all students. Awards will be presented at the 2009 Pacific NW Higher Education Teaching and Learning Conference on May 6th in Wenatchee.

Former faculty member Ingrid Bentzen wrote a letter thanking Dr. Transue and the Board for granting her Emeritus Faculty status.

The College Success Foundation sent a letter providing details on their support to TCC students. The Board applauded the efforts of Val Robertson who coordinates this effort.

III. PRESENTATIONS

Adjunct Faculty Institute

Alan Waugh, Professional Development Director, provided a background document on the Adjunct Faculty Institute which began six years ago and is the only program like it in the state. The goal of the Institute is to enhance the skills and abilities of adjunct faculty and to prepare them to move into part-time positions with multi-quarter contracts. Part-time faculty must apply to get into this program and about 20 are accepted each year. There are four instructors, and the participants meet two hours every week during this 10-week program. At the end of the program, they have developed a statement of philosophy on teaching and learning. Those adjunct faculty who complete the program receive a $500 stipend. In six years, 81 adjunct
faculty have participated. Adjunct faculty members Jennifer Sipert, a Diagnostic Medical Sonography Instructor, and Jennifer Breken, a Math department instructor, shared their very positive experiences with the Institute. Discussion was held on whether or not we could market this program to other colleges. Alan thought that we probably could do so.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve: 2010-11 Instructional Calendar

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member Jinkins, the Board unanimously approved the 2010-11 Instructional Calendar

B. Approve: Storage Area Network Upgrade

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member Jinkins, the Board unanimously approved the storage area network upgrade.

C. Approve: Exceptional Faculty Awards

There are two categories for the exceptional faculty awards: 1) Faculty Excellence Awards [$3,500]; and 2) Faculty Development Awards [$3,000]. Although the names were not given at the meeting because they will be announced on April 17 during the Professional Development Day activities, the President recommended the recipients of the two categories be:

**Faculty Excellence Awards ($3,500):**
Jackie Gorman, Mathematics
Rich Weidman, Health Information Management

**Faculty Development Award ($3,000)**
Ralph Hitz, Earth Sciences – Web GIS Development Training, July 2008

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member Walton, the Board unanimously approved the Exceptional Faculty Award recipients as stated above and the amount of the awards.

D. Approve: Faculty Emeritus Appointment

**MOTION:** Upon a motion by Board member Jinkins, the Board unanimously approved Faculty Emeritus status for Marlene Bosanko.

V. Classified Staff Report—Because she had to leave the meeting early, Chair Edwards invited Linda Van Doren, Classified Staff President, to give her report at this time. Linda provided reports on December and January meetings and events and provided details about the May 6 Breakaway. This summer the 2009 STTACC Conference will be in Bremerton and six people have expressed an interest in attending. They are holding another car wash this spring to raise funds. Board member Jinkins asked Linda what her sense is of the CSO reaction to the budget. Linda shared that a lot of people are scared. Administrative staff have done an outstanding job letting people know what’s happening, but there is still insecurity and foreboding.

VI. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. Commitment to Innovation Initiative: Community

Dan Small, Vice President of External Relations and Assistant Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, provided a handout on TCC’s Strategic Plan Community initiative. He discussed the two goals for this initiative: 1) Enhance communication and involvement among members of the college community. This goal addresses concerns in the 2007 PACE Survey; and 2) Restructure community partnerships to benefit students and the college. Dan went over the strategies of these goals. We are implementing ways of engaging the college community such as faculty lecture series and the Center for Ethical Development Speakers’ Bureau. A key concern was communication between departments on campus. Some of the ways this has been addressed is by executive staff having greater visibility, holding brown bag lunch forums to discuss and answer questions of concern about the budget (which are now video-streamed), across-campus social activities, and a “Mission Launch.” We are inventorying and analyzing existing community partnerships, evaluating the fit with TCC’s mission, and we have a new grant, in partnership with Goodwill Industries and Lower Columbia Community College, from the Department of Labor for $1.9 million to create a transportation career pipeline for disadvantaged adults and youth.
We have restructured The Bulletin and it is now an ongoing news feed. Dan stated that Rachel Payne, Dale Stowell, and the Marketing team have done a great deal of work to improve the publication. Dan also mentioned his column, Small Talk, in which he keeps everyone up to date on the budget situation and legislative news.

Committee information and meeting notes have been added to the portal so that our structured governance is transparent to all staff.

B. Legislative Update

Dan Small remarked that it has been a tough legislative session. It will end on April 26. Dan provided a handout detailing the House and Senate Operating Budgets that came out. The Senate and House both want us to enroll the same number of students this year with less money. The House budget is a 14.3% cut over a two-year period. The Senate budget takes us down to a 9.4% reduction. The tuition increases are at 5% for our system in the Senate and 7% in the House budget. UWT would like a 14% tuition increase and the Governor agreed. The Pell Grant will go up some but not enough to cover 14%, although the increase in Pell grants is pretty substantial. There is an effort being made to make it an entitlement program with automatic increases. However, only a certain number of students are eligible for Pell Grants; many are not. President Transue remarked that an unfortunate national fact is that only about 50% of community college students take advantage of financial aid because they don’t understand it and subsequently don’t benefit from it. How do we get the information to people so they better understand that this is something available to them? Board member Whang suggested having faculty address it with students and Board member Jinkins suggested that we need to teach students about financial aid before that so they know they can come to college. Mary Chikwinya mentioned that the process is daunting and often discourages people.

Board member Jinkins asked about the state budget and why the Senate budget was tough but the House budget is worse? Where did they put the money? Dan doesn’t know where the House is investing the dollars. He mentioned the possible increase in payments by employees for their health benefits and the fact that there will be no salary increases. Retirement contributions will be decreased from what they are right now. The capital budget and our Health Careers Building is the biggest source of concern. The Senate capital budget funded it but the House did not. We already have $300,000-$400,000 and five years of work invested in it. Dan sent letters signed by all of our legislators, Multicare and Franciscan, to Hans Dunshee and Timm Ormsby stating that we need the design funds back in the budget. Board member Jinkins suggested Dan ask Multicare and Franciscan to call Chopp and Dunshee. President Transue stated that Dan accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time.

C. Bridge Program Reconfiguration

Mary Chikwinya, Vice President of Students Services, stated that TCC has had a long-standing partnership with The Evergreen State College. Recently we looked at the program and what the needs are now that the environment has changed. Valerie Robertson has been the Dean of the program and she, Mary and Tim Stokes have looked at and reshaped the program again. They are looking at ways to ensure it is as effective and efficient as it can be. Mary explained the process. The goal was to have the partnership be an integrated experience. TCC students would receive their AA here and transfer to Evergreen. We broadened the opportunity and are offering ten credits a quarter. It provides flexibility for a student who decides they want to do something else. There has been a steep decline in enrollment and we’ve resourced support services. President Transue stated that we think we can have a lot more students go to Evergreen Tacoma by offering the flexibility.

Board member Walton asked how we can get the information out to the community. Mary responded that she’s been working with Evergreen President Artee Young and Vice Chancellor Don Bantz to create a marketing plan.

VI. REPORTS

A. Administrative Report

President Transue briefly mentioned the following:

1. We had an exciting afternoon with Senator Patty Murray here today. She was here to discuss the subject of financial literacy and participate on a panel with President Transue, Melanie Dressel of Columbia Bank, a single mom and a TCC student.
2. We’ve selected Jim Walton as our 2009 Distinguished Alumnus! Jim became one of the most respected leaders in our community by serving the citizens of Tacoma in many key positions such as Human Rights Director and City Manager. His dedication to the people he has served for over 35 years is evident in his support of and participation in many programs including HOPE VI, the Youth Build Program, and the Local Employment & Apprenticeship Training Program. Jim has been actively involved with many service organizations and is a founding member of the Black Collective. He has received several awards for his service to the community, including an Honorary Degree from TCC in 2004.

3. Rita Housseiny who was introduced at the March Board meeting as a 2009-10 All-USA Academic team member from TCC and who also made it into the Nationals for the All-USA competition, was just selected as a 2009 Coca-Cola National Finalist for the Phi Theta Kappa Society. As a finalist, she will receive a check for $1,000.

4. Articles about TCC:
- *The News Tribune* published an article about financial literacy and included pictures and information about TCC counselor James Mendoza who teaches classes on the subject. The article drew some interesting comments in their website blog.
- *The News Tribune* has given TCC athletics some good press the last few months, this time writing an article about our Titan backup third baseman and relief pitcher who represented his native South Africa in the World Baseball Classic.
- *The Weekly Volcano* and *The Tacoma Weekly* had great articles about our feminist art show in the Gallery.
- *The Peninsula Gateway* highlighted the free GED classes the TCC Gig Harbor campus offers. These classes are funded by community sponsorships and annual fundraisers.

Events coming up:
- Friday, April 17, is Professional Development Day at which Board member Jinkins will be speaking.
- Our Operational Planning Retreat is on April 20 where we establish strategies for accomplishing the goals for our six strategic plan initiatives (learning, student services, community, diversity, excellence and innovation, and work environment).
- We are hosting a job fair.
- Our accreditation interim evaluation visit is scheduled for April 28 and 29.
- April 29 is our special board meeting to interview Ellen Pinto candidates.

B. Faculty Report—Mike Towey, Faculty Union Representative, reported that faculty are feeling relief that the major decisions for reducing the budget will be deferred until fall. There is a general view that we will somehow weather the storm. On a larger scale, there is an effort to impact the legislators through students and faculty.

C. Associated Students Report – Nora Price, President of the Student Body, said that during spring break about 20 students joined others to build 12 houses for Habitat for Humanity, one of which was for a TCC student’s family. The Senate meetings are going well. The S&A budget committee met today for the first time. There will be tricycle races the end of May.

D. Foundation - Christopher Algeo, President of the Foundation, was unable to attend but Mel Zanjani reminded the Board about the 9th annual Wine Classic on May 9. She also mentioned that the Foundation Board has added two meetings on April 27 and June 23.

E. Board report: None

VII. REMARKS- None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION—
At 5:32 p.m. Chair Edwards announced that the Board would adjourn to Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss employee performance. No action was expected to be taken.

At 5:55 p.m. the Board reconvened to open public meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Dave Edwards, Chair