

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees  
Board Minutes  
February 20, 2025**

	<p>WSU Tech Board of Trustees met face-to-face at 3:04 PM., on February 20, 2025. The meeting was held at NCAT with a virtual option.</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Maggie Topping, Bryan Frye, Matt Hesse, Doug Stark, Lily Wu, Enrique Villar, Derek Penn, Greg Stroud and Pete Meitzner</p> <p><b>Virtual:</b> Alicia Thompson and Nici Duncan</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Andrew Nichols, Meredith Olson and Khalilah Iraheta</p>
<b>Public Communications</b>	All proper notifications have been sent out and we have no speakers signed up to speak under Public Communications
<b>Make A Difference Student Award – Justin Pfeifer</b>	Alicia Reyes transitioned from WSUTech to WSU with the help of Danisha from WSU. Alicia is pursuing a marketing degree with a minor in entrepreneurship, aims to run a family business and has won the prestigious Adelante Scholarship, offering a full ride.
<b>Consent agenda</b>	<p>a. <b>BOT Meeting Minutes</b> Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Meeting Minutes on December 12, 2024 were provided to the Board electronically.</p> <p>b. <b><u>Board review &amp; ratification of employment offers -</u></b></p> <p><b>Kevin Ashworth, Faculty, AMT</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> TC, Aviation Maint. Tech, Powerplant, WSU Tech 19 years A&amp;P Mechanic Experience</p> <p><b>Ashleigh Taylor, High School Academic Advisor</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BA, Theater &amp; Communication, Newman University 2 years School Secretary Experience</p> <p><b>Kaleb Talkington, Admissions Counselor</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BBA, Marketing, Wichita State University</p> <p><b>Lauren Dorr, Specialist, Disability Services</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BS, Psychology, Fort Hays State University</p> <p><b>Tim Ryan, Industrial Project Manager</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BS, Computer Information Systems 26 Years Project Management Experience</p> <p><b>Brigetta Young, Faculty, Information Technology</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> MBA, University of Pheonix AAS, IT Essentials</p> <p><b>Thomas Terpening, Faculty, Food Business Management</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> AS, Culinary Arts, Johnson &amp; Wales University</p> <p><b>Raven Austin, Faculty, Metrology/Advanced Machining</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> TC, CNC Operator, WSU Tech TC, Machining Technology</p> <p><b>Amy Winter, Faculty, Sort Term Health 9mo</b> <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BS, Nursing, Pittsburg State University</p>

	<p><b>Shelby White, Faculty, Welding 9mo</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  TC, Welding Technology, Butler County Community College  6 years Welding Experience</p> <p><b>Levi Yager, Career Engagement Specialist</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  BA, Communications-Journalism, Wichita State University</p> <p><b>David Martinez, Faculty, Welding 9mo</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  22 years Welding Experience</p> <p><b>Janie Winecke, Faculty, Pilot Ground School</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  BS, Intelligence &amp; Security Studies  Flight Instructor Airplane Single Engine, Instrument Airplane</p> <p><b>Madison Cockerill, Faculty, Pilot Ground School</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  MS, Aeronautics-Aviation Education, Liberty University</p> <p><b>Kasey Patel, Faculty, Nursing</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  BSN, Nursing, Capella University</p> <p><b>Katelyn Konklin, Admissions Counselor</b>  <u>Education/Credentials:</u>  AFA, Graphic Design, Cowley Community College</p> <p>The consent agenda was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Doug Stark seconded by Greg Stroud, the consent agenda was approved.</p> <p>Motion carried: 11-0 with Andrew Nichols, Meredith Olson and Khalilah Iraheta</p>
<b>WSU update</b>	<p><b>University update</b> – Dr. Rick Muma  Dr. Muma announced that Dr. Monica Lounsbery was appointed as the new provost. She officially started on the same day as the previous provost's retirement. Dr. Lounsbery joins us from Long Beach, CA, bringing a wealth of experience and leadership to the role.</p> <p>BioMed – continues to move forward.</p>
<b>Reports of Officers</b>	<p><b>Vice President of Finance &amp; Administration</b> – Marlo Dolezal  Marlo presented the financial report, noting that tuition and fees are slightly up, and Excel and CTE revenue will be recognized next year. Post-secondary revenue growth will be seen in the next one to two years. Grant revenue is flat, and contributions are up by \$2.4 million, primarily from the foundation.</p> <p>The college is pacing over budget by \$3.1 million, with a forecasted net income of \$7.3 million.</p> <p>Cash continues to be invested in short-term treasury bills that can be cashed out as needed. Cash flow is currently on track to sufficiently support operational needs through the end of the fiscal year as well as fund cash reserves.</p> <p>The Finance Committee met this week and reviewed the financials in detail.</p> <p>The Financials were considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Lily Wu seconded by Pete Meitzner, the Financial were approved.</p>

Motion carried: 11-0 with Andrew Nichols, Meredith Olson and Khalilah Iraheta

**Fiscal Year 2026 Budget update – Teresa Seymour**

Teresa discussed the new tuition fees model, which simplifies tuition by including more fees under the main tuition rate.

The tuition fees committee met for over a year to develop this model, which has been well received by students.

The credit hour trend shows growth in high school enrollment, with a preliminary projection of staying flat for fiscal year 2026.

The budget process involves building credit hour numbers, discussing tuition fees, and diving into expenses in January.

**Vice President, Instructional & Academic Support – Trish Schmidt**

Trish introduced new programs, including a separate cyber security program and revisions to the architectural design program.

**Revisions**

**Architectural Design Technology**

To have a Technical Certificate we need to add one more credit

**Professional Pilot - SAAP**

The professional pilot program will be split into four independent certificates to support high school pathways.

**New Programs**

Cyber Security – AAS & TC

Currently, our cyber program is part of the Computer Support Specialist Program, but we are working to separate it into its own standalone program. While the preference is for it to be a transfer degree from a community college, we will have employers in the discussion, and we're hopeful their input will help guide the program in our desired direction

Motion to approve the above program revisions and new program were considered and discussed and thereupon the motion of Board member Matt Hesse seconded by Derek Penn. The AY 25.26 Program Revisions were approved.

Motion carried: 9-0 with Bryan Frye, Lily Wu, Khalilah Iraheta, Andrew Nichols and Alicia Thompson

**Vice President of Student Success – Dr. Justin Pfeifer**

Spring 2025 Census Enrollment Report

Credit hours up 9.2%

Headcount is up 10.4% with a total of 6503

provided an update on the enrollment census, noting that December's adult enrollment was down 7.3% but has since improved.

High school enrollment is up significantly, with over 450 applicants for 300 spots in the healthcare FRC.

Discussed the challenges of last-minute enrollment adjustments due to holidays and weather

Explained the growth in high school enrollment, with over 5000 credit hours gained in the fall and the same amount expected this spring. The high school partnerships are expanding, with 63 high schools currently involved.

Highlighted the unique programs offered, such as aviation and healthcare, which attract students from across the state.

	<p>The college is tailoring its approach to meet the specific needs of each high school, which has been successful.</p> <p>Largest semester overall – credit hours and headcount  Largest high school semester – credit hours ad headcount  Largest adult Spring semester – credit hours and headcount  Achieved 6,500 headcount – Strategic Plan Goal</p>
<b>Executive Session</b>	<p><b>Motion for Executive Session – 3:45 PM (Maggie Topping/Pete Meitzner)</b></p> <p>I move that we recess into Executive Session to discuss property. The session is expected to last approximately 20 minutes and will return to open session in this room at 4:05 PM</p>
<b>Reconvened</b>	<p>The meeting was reconvened into an open session at approximately 4:05 PM.</p> <p>Doug Stark made a motion to approve the NCAT Expansion Land Lease with a new Letter of Intent between WSU Tech and the Wichita Airport Authority with the objective to lease approximately 358,000 sq ft. seconded by Derek Penn</p> <p>Motion carried: 11-0 with Andrew Nichols, Meredith Olson and Khalilah Iraheta noted absent</p> <p>Motion was made by Greg Stroud for approval on Bond Financing. WSU Tech to engage outside bond counsel and a public finance firm to advise and assist with moving forward in issuing a bond to finance WSU Tech’s Capital improvement project.</p> <p>Motion carried: 11-0 with Andrew Nichols, Meredith Olson and Khalilah Iraheta noted absent</p>
<b>President’s Report</b>	<p><b>Legislative update</b></p> <p>Sheree provided a legislative update, noting a 25% cut in funding and the importance of restoring the operating grant.</p> <p>The college is also involved in lobbying efforts to maintain property rights and performance-based funding.</p> <p>Higher Education is better received in the Senate</p> <p><b>Campaign update</b></p> <p>Reminded the board this is the first College capital campaign, with 70% participation from the campaign cabinet and 100% from the foundation board.</p> <p>Sheree was selected to serve as the NCATC Affiliated Council representative on the AACC Board of Directors. Which is timely as the current president of AACC is retiring.</p> <p>The college is preparing for the Pull A Plane event on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This event raises funds for scholarships and educational efforts at B-29 Doc. The first plane pull is at 1:15 pm. Wagon Masters will be cooking burgers and hot dogs.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>At approximately 4:05 p.m., the meeting adjourned</p>

**Approved:**

Signature

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