

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TWELVE
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Boardrooms

Centralia College

Centralia, Washington

Study Session/Regular Meeting

October 22, 2020

3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Roll Call

Board members present:

Doris Wood-Brumsickle, Chair

Debbie Campbell, Vice Chair

Court Stanley

Stuart Halsan

Mark Scheibmeir

• Tenure Presentation Session

Katie Hart, third year probationary faculty, gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Slowing the Spread During an Infodemic.” Katie provided information on her background and proceeded to explain how students navigate the profuse amount of information that is available to them through the internet. Katie explained SIFT; a method she teaches to students to help fact check their information.

- S – Stop. Do you know the source of information?
- I – Investigate the source.
- F – Find trusted coverage.
- T – Trace to the original.

Katie described how this system helps students with their research. The library is still a place that provides students an environment where they can find the help they need, accurate information, and helps students “sift” through the volumes of information that is out there.

Brian Rauscher, third year probationary faculty, gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Advising/Counseling & Guided Pathways at Centralia College.” Brian gave a brief explanation of how he decided to become a counselor. He provided an example of a student who demonstrated how counselors are able to assist Centralia College students with their educational and career decisions.

Brian also gave a brief introduction regarding Guided Pathways and explained meta-majors and programs of study, exploratory sequence, and the goal of degree math and college level English within one year. Brian promised a more in-depth discussion of Guided Pathways at a later date.

Mary McClain, third year probationary faculty, gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Mindful Inclusion.” Mary briefly introduced herself and then spoke about how people have bias; it is inherent in the human condition. To be aware of biases is the first step in combating the effects of a bias. Mary used an interactive exercise to demonstrate her thesis and noted that the exercise is one that she teaches to her students.

An unconscious bias can influence a decision – in hiring, recruitment, and in business. Mary stated that when a student is taught to be aware of a personal bias and that personal views are subjective and influenced by experiences, values, friends, and education, they become more aware. Knowing, or being aware, helps make decisions that are based on qualifications and requirements rather than subjective biases.

Kelly Erickson, third year probationary faculty, gave a PowerPoint presentation on “Commas and Cannibalism.” Kelly provided several examples that demonstrated how important the placement of a comma can be. There were real life examples as well as several humorous articles that emphasized the importance of punctuation. Kelly stated that English 101 has several rules and has the potential to be mundane; Kelly strives to keep her classes interesting with humor and engaging material.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Doris Wood-Brumsickle, Board Chair

Dr. Bob Mohrbacher, Board Secretary