SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

I. AGENDA
   A. Call to Order
      The special meeting of the Western Wyoming Community College District Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:01 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2012, in Board Conference Room 3071, Rock Springs Campus, Vice President Jim Roth presiding.

   B. Approval of Agenda
      1. Trustee Eckman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was not seconded but was approved by vote.

II. RECOMMENDED ACTION
   A. New Business
      1. Consideration of Support for WACCT Initiative
         At the recent Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees (WACCT) meeting, the membership voted in favor of participating in the Complete College America State Alliance program. “Established in 2009, Complete College America is a national non-profit with a single mission: to work with states to significantly increase the number of Americans with quality career certificates or college degrees and to close attainment gaps for traditionally under-represented populations.” (www.completecollege.org/about/) While the final decision to participate as an Alliance state rests with the Governor, the WACCT is asking the Board of Trustees of each Wyoming community college to provide a letter of support for the initiative. The WACCT has also asked for letters of support from the Wyoming Community College Commission, and the Wyoming Community College President’s Council.
Recommendation
To approve support for the WACCT initiative to participate in the Complete College America Alliance of States program and to provide a letter acknowledging that support.

Vice President Roth gave an explanation of the initiative and the request from the WACCT for each community college to provide a letter of support endorsing the alliance application. Trustee Eckman made a motion to approve support for the WACCT initiative and to provide a letter acknowledging that support. Trustee Eckman then asked what demands participation would place on college staff and what WWCC’s responsibilities would be. Dr. Leach said that there would be no additional demands on college staff because WWCC already collects and reports the same data required by the alliance through IPEDs and similar reporting. Dr. Leach said that WWCC had been ranked 13th in the nation by CNN Money for success rates and that both the ACCT and the AACC have completion agendas. Dr. Leach presented figures on completion rates in Wyoming and the nation, with Wyoming showing the highest completion rate nationally, and WWCC showing the highest completion rate in the state. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the benefits of participation in the alliance, WWCC’s current participation in various voluntary data gathering and reporting endeavors, and Wyoming’s lack of national recognition for completion rates.

The motion was not seconded but was approved by vote.

III. ADJOURNMENT
Having no further business to act on, Vice President Roth adjourned the special meeting at 12:45 p.m.

NOTE: Additional information (tapes and/or addenda) from this meeting is available in the Board Office.

Above recorded by:

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Kandy Frink

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WWCC Board President

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WWCC Board Secretary