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LONGVIEW---The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College, meeting here today, approved a proposal to revalue the college's academic study unit from the equivalence of 5 quarter credit hours to four quarter credit hours, effective with Fall Quarter, 1973.

In essence, the change will mean that full-time Evergreen students--those taking four units of creditable academic work, each worth 4 quarter hours--will receive the equivalent of 16 hours of study credit rather than 15 hours as was the case in the college's first two years of operation.

Two major reasons prompted the change, according to a report from Vice President and Provost Edward J. Kormondy. "First," Kormondy said, "Inasmuch as the average full-time undergraduate load at the other four-year state institutions was 15.9 hours--- according to a recent report by the Council on Higher Education--a student who transfers into Evergreen has been favored above a student who transfers from Evergreen.

"Second, this breaking of the Evergreen credit into a somewhat smaller piece will serve the needs and financial capabilities of part-time students, especially those not seeking degrees."

Evergreen's trustees also approved the award of contracts to the low bidders on three construction projects. Jones and Roberts of Tacoma received a \$3,525,000 contract for construction of the second phase of the college Laboratory Building; J.D. Dutton of Olympia was awarded a \$110,000 contract for site development work; and Pacific Sand and Gravel of Lacey received a \$66,990 contract for paving the south end of the college Parkway.

In other action today, Evergreen's trustees:

---Approved the sale of \$615,000 in tuition bonds to fund final construction work
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on the Parkway and for site improvements and utilities expansion on the campus.

---Set September 20 as the date for a public hearing on adoption of procedures providing a means of complying with Initiative 276 requirements for access to public college records.

---And approved an allocation of \$100,000 to the academic program.

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