

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 29, 2021

Trustees Attending: Monica Alexander **Absent:** Irene Gonzales

Karen Fraser Fred Goldberg Sakiko Krishna Miguel Pérez-Gibson Ed Zuckerman

Participating Staff: John Carmichael, Interim President

Dexter Gordon, Executive Vice President

Susan Harris, Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board

of Trustees

David McAvity, Interim Provost and Vice President for Student and Academic

Life

Trevor Speller, Interim Vice Provost

Others Participating: John Caraher, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Sina Hill, Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees

Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General

Trygve Vandal, Geoduck Student Union Representative to the Board of

Trustees

Rod Younker, Partner and CEO Summit Law Group

In accordance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, and to curtail the spread of COVID-19, this meeting took place via Zoom. All participated remotely.

Chair Karen Fraser called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and Secretary Ed Zuckerman confirmed a quorum.

Chair's opening remarks

Chair Karen Fraser reminded panelists to please use the raise hand feature when wishing to speak during the meetings.

Public Comment

Chair Karen Fraser called for public comment. Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Harris announced that one student, Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, signed up for public comment.

Master of Public Administration student Melinda Bratsch-Horsager shared that she is serving as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Geoduck Student Union. She shared her hypothesis on what is contributing to the loss of campus morale and offered a possible solution to improve the college system at Evergreen. GSU Director Bratsch-Horsager noted the loss of staffing in the student activities area, as

well as others, which has limited student activities and services at the college. She recommended the rapid hiring of new staff to support campus life.

Open Public Meetings Act exempt and executive session

Chair Karen Fraser announced the Board will go into a combined Open Public Meetings Act exempt and executive session to discuss bargaining, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, and to review the performance of a public employee. She stated that the Board will return to open session at 4:20 p.m. unless notified that she has extended the time. No final action will be taken in the combined exempt/executive session. Open session resumed at 5:05 p.m. after five extensions.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Karen Fraser, Chair

Ed Zuckerman, Secretary