

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE**

March 19, 2012

Trustees Attending: Irene Gonzales
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Wilbert Piña
Anne Proffitt
Paul Winters

Absent: Kristin Hayden
Gretchen Sorensen

Staff Present: John Carmichael, Executive Assistant to the President
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
Steve Hunter, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Thomas L. Purce, President
Paul Smith, Director of Facilities
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget
Jane Wall, Assistant Director for Government Relations
Michael Zimmerman, Academic Vice President and Provost

Others present: Tasha Church, Geoduck Student Union Representative to the Board
Matt Lane, McGranahan Architects
Joe Tougas, Faculty Representative to the Board
Jonathan Lindsay, Staff Representative to the Board

Mr. Winters called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of The Evergreen State College. A quorum was present with Trustees Gonzales, Kessler, Nicandri, Proffitt and Winters present. Mr. Winters announced that the Board would meet in executive session to discuss collective bargaining and real estate and would return to an open meeting at 1:45 p.m. At 1:45 p.m., Mr. Winters announced a ten-minute extension of the executive session. The Board returned to an open meeting at 1:55 p.m. Mr. Piña had joined meeting.

Lecture Hall Pre-design

Paul Smith, Director of Facilities, described the pre-design process for renovation of the Lecture Halls. The campus committee charged with recommending a pre-design concept is considering four general concepts: retain 75% of the existing structure and replace the balance with new construction, retain 50% of the existing structure and replace the balance with one-story new construction, retain 50% of the existing structure and replace the balance with two-story new construction, or replace 100% of the existing structure with a new building. Mr. Smith described the committee's process for engaging campus stakeholders and the input received to date. He invited Board members to provide input into the pre-design process. A final recommendation will come to the Board for approval in May.

Lab I, 2nd Floor Renovation Design

Mr. Smith introduced Matt Lane from McGranahan Architects, who presented the proposed design for renovation of the Lab I Building, 2nd floor. Mr. Lane compared the as-built drawings to the proposed design. He estimated that the project would be within 4% of budget at the end of the design development phase and would be on track to stay within budget. The design is intended to support a LEED Silver

designation. The bid documents will be prepared with alternate elements that could improve the building if bids and budget allow.

Energy Savings Contract

Mr. Smith described a proposed energy savings contract. The contract would replace lighting fixtures in the parking lot with low-energy usage LED fixtures. The new light poles would be considerably shorter than the current fixtures, placing them below the tree canopy, improving lighting in some areas and making them easier to maintain. The contract would also test occupancy sensors in the library stacks, which would reduce lighting in areas when they are not in use. These projects would be largely complete by the end of the fiscal year.

Capital Project Updates

Mr. Smith announced that the CAB Renovation received a LEED Gold designation. He also provided an update on the renovation of the COM Building, noting that the project has required additional, unanticipated asbestos abatement.

Legislative Update

Director of Government Relations Julie Garver provided an update on the ongoing legislative session. She said that the House-passed and Senate-passed budgets make no further reductions to overall support for Evergreen. Both budgets reduce the state payment for employee benefits.

Dr. Garver summarized the House-passed operating budget. She noted that the budget would require the college to reallocate General Fund money to expand enrollment in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields starting in the next academic year. This would be challenging given that the curriculum is already planned and advertised. In addition, the proposed House budget would prohibit General Fund money from being used to support intercollegiate athletics. The budget would preserve funding for the State Need Grant and State Work-Study programs. The budget also allows certain community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. Dr. Garver also reviewed the Senate-passed budget, which contains no restrictions or provisos on higher education, preserves the State Need Grant and State Work-Study programs, and allows certain community colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. Assistant Director for Government Relations Jane Wall summarized policy bills before the legislature.

Executive Director for Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter discussed the impact of the proposed legislative budgets on the college. He noted that the Board-approved biennial budget included \$1.5 million in the second fiscal year that could be used either for strategic investments or to mitigate budget reductions. The budgets that have passed both chambers are within those planning parameters. He noted that state revenue collections remain depressed and that further budget cuts remain within the realm of possibility.

Appointment of Management Team for Collective Bargaining

Motion Mr. Nicandri made a motion to appoint Holly Joseph, Casey Lalonde, Sarah Mealy,
2012-02 Julie Slone and Sharon Storer to conduct collective bargaining with the Washington State Federation of State Employees classified employees bargaining units. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Science Lab I - Second Floor Renovation Design

Motion Ms. Proffitt made a motion to approve the design of the Science Lab I - Second Floor
2012-03 Renovation project. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Evergreen Energy Savings Contract, Phase 3

Motion Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve a project budget of \$754,000 for the Evergreen Energy Savings Project – Phase 3, which includes Department of Enterprise Services fees, the design, construction and verification of the new energy efficiency project, state sales tax, project management costs, and project contingency; and to authorize the award of the contract to the Department of Enterprise Services (DES), which has contracted with McKinstry to provide the design, construction and verification services, in the amount of \$732,040 (includes Enterprise Services interagency fee and Washington State sales tax) to install new, energy efficient LED lighting in parking lots B, C, and F and new lighting ballasts and controls in the Library stacks; and to authorize the President (or designee) to execute the contract. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chair's report

Mr. Winters invited Mr. Piña to report as Student Trustee. Mr. Piña said that he is entering his last quarter at Evergreen. He said that he has observed progress in the relationship between the Geoduck Student Union and the administration. He thanked Julie Garver for her work at the state capitol.

President's Report

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as Staff Representative to the Board. Mr. Lindsay noted the ongoing planning for Evergreen's 40th anniversary celebrations May 17-20.

President Purce invited Tasha Church to report as the Geoduck Student Union's (GSU) Representative to the Board. She said that the GSU is making progress on appointing students to committees. She noted discussion of graffiti on campus and endorsed the idea of a graffiti wall.

President Purce invited Joe Tougas to report as the Faculty Representative to the Board. Dr. Tougas described work underway and planned for this summer and fall to implement the RTaLE recommendation for student academic statements. He said that the faculty anticipate charging a Disappearing Task Force that will examine the long-range curriculum in a way that has not been done in the past decade. The faculty are also taking time to learn about the campus services available to serve students, especially those students struggling with a stressful environment or with other health and counseling issues. Dr. Tougas also expressed concern about proposed legislative budgets that would redirect funds to specific curricular areas on short notice.

President Purce asked Vice President for College Advancement Lee Hoemann to present a development report. Ms. Hoemann reported on plans for the 40th anniversary celebration, noting that all past President's plan to attend. She reported that alumnus Matt Groening will participate in a panel during the Return to Evergreen weekend. She said that the Board will be asked to read resolutions recognizing some 40th anniversary achievements.

President Purce asked Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Steve Hunter to discuss enrollment for fall 2012. Mr. Hunter reported that applications are down compared to last year. The decline is most striking in applications from transfer students. Although demographic trends suggested that the college might experience a decline in applications from in-state freshmen, those numbers appear to be holding steady. The college typically receives another 1,000 applications between this time and the beginning of fall quarter. Staff are working to encourage applications and to improve yield from the applications received. If the rate of applications does not increase, Mr. Hunter estimated that the college could fall 150 students short of the budgetary goal of 4,500 FTE. The lost tuition revenue would be approximately one million dollars.

President Purce noted that he and the Vice Presidents have formed several work groups in response to enrollment and budgetary challenges. He invited Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino to describe the enrollment-related work groups. Dr. Costantino said that a work group is examining possibilities for expanded service to Hispanic, veteran and international students. In addition the Strategic Enrollment Group is exploring steps to improve recruitment and service to freshmen and transfer students, both in-state and out-of-state. Academic Vice President and Provost Michael Zimmerman said that the college is signing an agreement with Pierce College to facilitate the transfer of international students to Evergreen and plans to form similar agreements with other community colleges. Dr. Zimmerman also reported on work groups looking at ways to increase summer enrollments and to develop self-sustaining educational outreach programs. He said that the college is moving forward to establish a language study consortium with other local institutions and to pilot a 30-credit program for special education certification which would enroll some non-matriculated students. He also described other initiatives under consideration, including an MFA program in creative writing, a leadership program for new students, a summer remedial education program, and options for providing service to high school students. Finally, Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley described a work group examining options for capital projects funded through local revenue bonds and for public-private partnerships for residence hall construction.

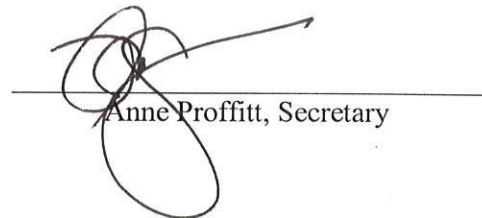
Minutes

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Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Winters adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.


Paul Winters, Chair


Anne Proffitt, Secretary