



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

May 9, 2017

Trustees Attending: Fred Goldberg
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Rhianna Hruska

Absent: Irene Gonzales
Gretchen Sorensen

Staff Present: George Bridges, President
John Carmichael, President's Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Sharon Goodman, Director of Residential and Dining Services
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Sandra Kaiser, Vice President for College Relations
Scott Morgan, Director of Sustainability
Colleen Rust, Director of Government Relations
Ken Tabbutt, Interim Vice President for Academics and Provost
Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of
The Evergreen State College Foundation

Others Present: Janet Goss, GMMB
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Goldberg called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Motion Mr. Nicandri moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was
2017-08a seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President Bridges provided an overview of the agenda.

Strategic Planning

President Bridges discussed three of the college's strategic priorities: student recruitment and promotion of Evergreen, enhancing student success, and strengthening fundraising.

Legislative and Budget Update

Director of Government Relations Colleen Rust reported that the regular legislative session had seen few policy actions regarding higher education. She reported that the two legislative chambers remain far apart on their operating budget proposals.

John Carmichael, the President's Chief of Staff, provided an update the college's internal budget planning. He noted that the college forecasts lower enrollment in 2017-18, which will reduce available

operating dollars. In the event that the legislative budget is not passed before the Board's June meeting, staff will ask the Board for temporary spending authority to operate the college until a full biennial budget framework is available.

First Year Housing Project

Director of Facilities Jeanne Rynne introduced Kurt Haapala of Mahlum Architects, who presented an overview of planning for the First Year Student Housing project. Mr. Haapala reviewed the project timeline and goals and discussed at length the site selection process. The planning team determined that a site near the Costantino Recreation Center (Site Option 3) provides the best site in light of the projects goals and budget.

Chair's report

Mr. Goldberg noted that Trustees Anne Proffitt and David Nicandri would form the Nominating Committee for the Board.

He invited Sandy Yannone to report as faculty representative. Ms. Yannone reported that faculty attention as the academic year concludes is concentrated on the candidates for the Vice President/Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion, on proposals from the standing committee on the curriculum, and on the development of a teaching and learning center.

Mr. Goldberg invited Mimi Alcántar to report as staff representative. Ms. Alcántar described work underway to improve support of LatinX and undocumented students.

The meeting was briefly interrupted by a power outage.

Sustainability

Director of Sustainability Scott Morgan introduced graduate fellows working on sustainability issues and described work to inventory the college's greenhouse gas emissions and update the college's climate action plan.

Strategic Messaging and Promotion

Vice President for College Relations Sandra Kaiser reviewed the timeline and process for refreshing the college's brand identity. She introduced GMMB principal Janet Goss, who reviewed the group's work to date. She reported that the research phase of the project is concluding and the team is shifting to brand development.

Student Trustee report

Trustee Rhianna Hruska provided an update on the selection process for the next student trustee. The Geoduck Student Union has provided a list of potential student trustees to the Governor's office. The Governor's office is reviewing the list.

President's Report

President Bridges asked Vice President for Advancement Amanda Walker to provide an update on fundraising. She reported that the Foundation's three-million dollar goal for fundraising this year has already been surpassed. She noted that the Trustees had received a draft of a proposed renewal of the agreement between the college and the Foundation. The Board will be asked to act on the agreement at a future meeting.

President Bridges asked John Carmichael, Chief of Staff, to speak to the Board's Delegation of Authority. Dr. Carmichael briefly reviewed the Delegation of Authority. In general, the Board's authority is delegated except where the Board has specifically retained authority or where the actions set major policy or strategic direction. The delegation does not speak specifically to authority for rule-making. When the college engages in rule-making a determination must be made about whether the proposed rule-making

sets a major policy or strategic direction. He noted that the college has initiated the process for revising the Student Conduct Code. Vice President for Student Affairs Wendy Endress discussed the Student Conduct Code and the process for developing a proposed revision.

President Bridges asked Interim Provost Ken Tabbutt to discuss academic issues. Dr. Tabbutt discussed a recent review of the Reservation Based/Community Determined program. As a result of that review, the program has been renamed the Native Pathways program. The program will be consolidated to three sites and will have an on-line hybrid option.

Dr. Tabbutt also discussed a proposed change in the Sustainability in Prisons Project. To date, the long-standing project has been managed as a faculty initiative. Dr. Tabbutt proposed designating the program as a public service center, led by a staff director. This change will require Board approval at a future meeting.

Dr. Tabbutt also described the college's accreditation process, which will culminate in a self-study and site visit in the Fall of 2018.

Public Comment

Student Diems Haffner-Ratliffe spoke to college's climate action plan. He said that he is working to renew student interest in the plan. He encouraged the college to continue pursuing a goal of carbon neutrality. He said that his is circulating a petition among students and had collected more than 100 signatures so far.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Gretchen Sorensen, Chair

Dave Nicandri, Secretary