

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

September 23, 2013

Trustees Attending: Fred Goldberg
Talia Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
James Wigfall

Absent: Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen

Staff Present: Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations
John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Julie Garver, Director of Government Relations
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dave Kohler, Director of Business Services
Micah McCarty, Special Assistant to the President for Tribal
Government Relations
Collin Orr, Director of Business Services
Thomas L. Purce, President
Laurel Uznanski, Associate Vice President for Human Resource
Services
Amanda Walker, Associate Vice President for Development and
Alumni Programs
Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others present: Andrew Beattie, Staff Representative
Drew Buchman, Faculty Representative
Craig Chance, Chair of the Board of Governors of The Evergreen State
College Foundation
Jonathan Lindsay, Alumni Representative
Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Gonzales called the meeting to order on time at 12:00 p.m. She announced that the Board would meet in executive session until 1:00 p.m. to discuss real estate and collective bargaining. Talia Goldberg recused herself from the collective bargaining discussion. The Board returned to an open public meeting as scheduled.

President Purce introduced Talia Goldberg, Student Trustee. He also introduced Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations, and Micah McCarty, Special Assistant to the President for Tribal Government Relations. Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley introduced Director of Business Services Dave Kohler.

Report from The Evergreen State College Foundation

Craig Chance, Chair of the Board of Governors of The Evergreen State College Foundation reported on the Foundation's activities over the past year. He highlighted the Foundation's fundraising success and the engagement of the board and staff. Vice President for College Advancement Lee Hoemann described a series of travelling seminars and thanked Mr. Chance for his unparalleled record of consistent giving to the Foundation. Amanda Walker, Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Programs, described early successes in the Foundation's goal to raise \$4.1 million this fiscal year.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Federation of State Employees

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley recommended that the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Federation of State Employees, representing the classified employee bargaining units.

Motion 2013-28 Mr. Nicandri made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Federation of State Employees, representing the classified employee bargaining units, providing a one-time payment of \$551 to employees covered by the classified staff collective bargaining agreement as of September 4, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Supplemental Capital Request

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley recommended that the college borrow \$12.5 million to acquire a permanent site for the college's Tacoma program. He recommended seeking legislative authority to borrow \$12.5 million through a Certificate of Participation. The current lease payment in Tacoma could be redirected to pay off the debt over time.

Motion 2013-29 Mr. Nicandri made a motion to approve a Supplemental Capital Budget Request to request authorization to enter into a Certificate of Participation through the Office of the State Treasurer for an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 for the purchase of a permanent site for the Tacoma Program. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Supplemental Operating Budget Request

Director of Government Relations Julie Garver described the college's proposed supplemental operating budget request. The college would seek legislative funding portions of the classified collective bargaining agreement negotiated in 2012 that were approved but not funded in the previous legislative session. She noted that the college will also seek a technical correction to adjust the college's assumed enrollment levels.

Motion Dr. Gonzales made a motion to approve the 2014 Supplemental Operating
2013-30 Budget Request to request funding for the classified collective bargaining agreement negotiated in 2012 and approved by the legislature in 2013. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chair's Report

Motion Mr. Nicandri made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. The
2013-31 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler invited Ms. Goldberg to report as student Trustee. Ms. Goldberg said that she looked forward to engaging with students and the Geoduck Student Union during her term.

Mr. Kessler noted that the Board conducted its annual evaluation of the President during the July meeting. By policy, the Board's evaluation is documented in writing. Mr. Kessler read the Board's written evaluation. He especially commended the President's leadership of the college through the legislative cycle and during collective bargaining. President Purce thanked the Board for its support and gave credit to Evergreen's extraordinary faculty and staff. He singled out retiring Director of Business Services Collin Orr as an exemplar of Evergreen's community spirit, support for students, and devotion to the college.

President's report

President Purce invited Drew Buchman to report as Faculty Representative to the Board. He said that he looked forward to a third stint in the role of Faculty Representative and thanked the Trustees and President for their work on behalf of the college.

President Purce invited Andrew Beattie to report as Staff Representative to the Board. Mr. Beattie said that, as an Olympia native and current employee, he feels a special affinity for the college and looks forward to serving as Staff Representative for the year.

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as Alumni Representative to the Board. Mr. Lindsay said that he is filling the role of Alumni Representative while the Alumni Association Board of Directors is under review. A meeting of the alumni is planned as part of Return to Evergreen on October 19.

President Purce invited Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael Zimmerman to report on current work. Dr. Zimmerman described the first publication of The Evergreen State College Press, which will feature student work. He noted the upcoming accreditation site visit. He also described the success of the college's first, pre-orientation civic engagement institute, which engaged approximately 40 students.

President Purce invited Vice President for Student Affairs Wendy Endress to report on new student orientation. Dr. Endress described the incoming class of new students and the activities and programs planned to orient them to the campus. She gave credit to staff in Student Affairs for their work through the initial weekend.

President Purce discussed notes from the summer Senior Staff retreat, which focused on strategic planning for the college. He described his schedule since the previous meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Kessler invited public comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



Keith Kessler, Chair



Anne Proffitt, Secretary