



## Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 21, 2020

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**Trustees Attending:**

Monica Alexander  
Karen Fraser  
Fred Goldberg (by phone)  
Irene Gonzales (by phone)  
David Nicandri  
Miguel Pérez-Gibson  
Ed Zuckerman (by phone)

**Absent:** Lucera Cox

**Staff Present:**

George Bridges, President  
Susan Harris, Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of The Evergreen State College Foundation

**Others Present:**

Melinda Bratsch-Horsager, Geoduck Student Union (GSU) Representative to the Board of Trustees  
Cathy Flora, Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees

Chair Karen Fraser called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. in Room 3201 of the college's Daniel J. Evans Hall. A quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

Chair Karen Fraser called for public comment.

Evergreen student and Geoduck Student Union (GSU) member Cody Cook addressed the Board regarding sustainability on campus. Cody indicated that he just learned that there was a presentation on the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) ranking at the last Trustees meeting and is proud to hear the Board has recommended the College strive toward a platinum ranking. Cody believes that the College can achieve gold status very quickly. Cody encouraged the Board support progress in elevating our STARS ranking.

Evergreen student, GSU member, and GSU Disability Representative Eric Duvall-Winscher addressed the Board on issues of access for students with disabilities. Eric noted that many of the buildings were built prior to the enactment of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and present challenging access issues for individuals with disabilities. Eric also indicated that Access Services is difficult to navigate and there are flaws in many of the accommodations provided. Eric encouraged the Board and College to look into additional accommodations and provide more than the ADA requires and also suggested that the Board not let risk deter them from making improvements in the area of access for individuals with disabilities.

Chair Fraser thanked them for attending the meeting and presenting to the Board.

**Executive Session**

Chair Karen Fraser announced that the Board would move into executive session pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30 to review the performance of a public employee and 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, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. Chair Fraser said that they would be in Executive Session until 1:55 p.m. unless notified that she has extended the time. No final action will be taken in Executive Session. The executive session was extended three times and the Board returned to an open meeting at 3:15 p.m.

**Concluding Remarks**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Karen Fraser, Chair

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Irene Gonzales, Secretary