



Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 25, 2021

Trustees Attending: Monica Alexander
Melinda Bratsch-Horsager
Karen Fraser
Fred Goldberg
Miguel Pérez-Gibson
Ed Zuckerman

Absent: Irene Gonzales

Staff Present: George Bridges, President
John Carmichael, Vice President for Finance and Operations
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
Laurel Uznanski, Associate Vice President for Human Resource Services

Others Present: 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 2:01 p.m. and Secretary Miguel Pérez-Gibson confirmed a quorum.

Chair's opening remarks

Chair Karen Fraser commented that she and Trustee Miguel Perez-Gibson attended the wonderful inaugural raising of the flag of the Squaxin Island Tribe. It was an impressive, memorable and inspiring occasion. The flag raising reflects a permanent physical land recognition, and a friendship and close cooperating relationship between the college and the Squaxin Island Tribe. It symbolizes our intention to continue to strengthen our relationship over the next 50 years. The college is leading the way once again on Tribal and Indigenous programs and relationships.

The Executive Committee recently met and discussed the need to plan for the board retreat scheduled in September. Chair Fraser appointed a Board Retreat planning committee consisting of Trustee Ed Zuckerman (Committee Chair), Chair Fraser, and Secretary Goldberg. She asked that Trustees please provide input on the upcoming retreat agenda. Chair Fraser also shared that it is good practice for Boards to complete self-evaluations. She noted that Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Harris and President Elect John Carmichael will conduct research on Board evaluations and provide that information to the Board.

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 no one signed up for or submitted written public comment for this meeting.

Open Public Meetings Act exempt and executive session

Chair Karen Fraser announced the Board will go into a combined exempt and executive session to discuss bargaining 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. She stated that they will return to open session at 3:45 p.m. unless notified that she has extended the time. No final action will be taken in Executive Session. Open session resumed at 3:45 p.m. as announced.

Action item: motion on the student support services staff union (SSSSU) 2021-2023 collective bargaining agreement

Motion 2021-48 Trustee Ed Zuckerman moved to approve the student support services staff union (SSSSU) 2021-2023 collective bargaining agreement with the Washington Federation of State Employees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Goldberg and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.



Karen Fraser, Chair



Miguel Pérez-Gibson, Secretary