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Nine Washington residents have accepted appointments by The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees to a Citizens Evaluation Committee which will help the college measure its performance as the state's newest public four-year institution of higher learning.

Board Chairman Halvor M. Halvorson of Spokane said the committee, which includes representatives of various segments of the general public, will conduct its meetings on the Evergreen campus, starting May 10 and running through May 14. The committee later will forward a report and any recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Members of the Evaluation Committee include Reginald James Clizbe of Spokane, Manager of Personnel and Administrative Services for Washington Water Power Company; Ben Stone of Spokane, President of Spokane Culvert and Fabricating; Emary B. Piper of Longview, a retired public school vice principal, and former vice president, Longview Educational Association; Raymond Meredith of Olympia, President of Meredith Hallmark and recently appointed to the Evergreen Board of Trustees.

Barbara Baer, Executive Vice President of the Seattle Federation of Teachers; Karen Fraser, Mayor of Lacey and policy analyst, Washington State Office of Community Development; Charles Lassiter of Tacoma, pharmacist and retired U.S. Army Captain; Velma Haliburton of Tacoma, a former social worker with the Tacoma School District who currently teaches Women's Studies at Tacoma Community College; and Katherine M. Bullitt of Seattle, active in a variety of Seattle civic and educational enterprises, former Massachusetts teacher and trustee and alumna of Radcliffe College.

Commenting on formation of the committee, Halvorson said, "Evergreen is now concluding its fifth year of operation and has graduated a full four-year class of students. In order to measure the effectiveness of our educational programs and services as a public college,

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we're interested in an evaluation from citizens of the state, people who are not involved in our day-to-day operations."

Halvorson said that Evergreen already has completed two institutional self-studies on the way to receiving full accreditation from the Commission on Higher Schools of the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

"This kind of evaluation, as well as the mutual evaluations of students, faculty and staff--unique to Evergreen--has been useful to us, but we think there is great value in augmenting that information with feedback from a broad cross-section of the general public," he added. "The trustees and President Charles McCann think it's healthy for any public agency to examine itself in this fashion."

The committee--in addition to reading material about the college's goals, objectives and programs--will interview students, parents of students, staff, faculty, graduates, internship field supervisors, and employers of Evergreen graduates. Members also will observe classes, tour facilities, attend special campus activities, and examine such documents as faculty and student evaluations, student exit interviews, and academic program histories.

A final evaluation session, pulling together information and observations from the week's work, is scheduled for the afternoon of May 14. A formal written report to the Board of Trustees is expected later.