

Trustees Attending: Melinda Bratsch-Horsager
Karen Fraser
Fred Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
David Nicandri
Miguel Pérez-Gibson
Ed Zuckerman

Trustees Absent: Monica Alexander

Staff Present: George Bridges, President
Connie Gardner, Title IX Coordinator
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: Dawn Leopardo, Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Paul Przybylowicz, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

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 1:30 p.m. Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Harris confirmed a quorum.

Chair's opening remarks

Chair Karen Fraser shared that a special meeting will be scheduled in the near future dedicated to the presidential search.

Chair Fraser shared that the Senate Ways and Means committee hearing reported that financial impacts from COVID are more prominently falling on the regional colleges and universities and the community colleges compared to the research universities.

President's report and agenda overview

President George Bridges reported on an encampment situated on city property adjacent to our Tacoma campus where people who are experiencing housing insecurity live. He reported that recently a resident of the encampment was shot and killed by a neighbor. The College will continue to work with Tacoma police and the City of Tacoma to coordinate response and ongoing safety in the area.

President Bridges shared that the College continues to see increasing numbers of applications for the Master in Teaching (MiT) program for the spring. The MiT program has increased maximum enrollment from the original level to 45 anticipated enrolled students at the encouragement of Chair Fraser at the last Board of Trustees meeting.

In an effort to assess returning to more in person instruction with the release of the COVID vaccine for Fall 2021, President Bridges charged a workgroup to develop plans. The group will also consider a vaccination policy which aligns with federal and state policies. Information on plans for Fall 2021 instruction will be sent out to the Evergreen community when the plan is developed.

President Bridges gave an overview of the agenda.

Public comment

Executive Associate to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Harris reported that one community member provided written comment via the public comment web form. She indicated the submitted public comment will be shared with the Trustees per the Board of Trustees public comment policy.

Title IX

Title IX Coordinator Connie Gardner presented to the Board of Trustees requesting approval to file for a second Emergency Rule-Making for the Student Code of Conduct in order to comply with the Title IX Regulations of 2020. Approval of this request from the Board will allow 120 additional days for the Title IX Office and Student Rights and Responsibilities to work on the permanent rule-making. If the second Emergency Rule-Making is approved and filed December 9, 2021, the Emergency Rules will be set to expire April 8, 2021. Final adjustments to the Student Code of Rights and Responsibilities will be made prior to the April 8, 2021 deadline and brought to the Board of Trustees for approval then submitted as permanent rules. Title IX Coordinator Gardner shared that the Title IX changes required may be rescinded by the next incoming U.S. Presidential Administration, however, given the timeline of changes, the plan with the Title IX Office is to move forward with permanent rule making for the current regulations.

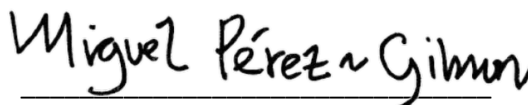
Motion 2020-46

Vice-Chair Fred Goldberg moved to approve the emergency student conduct rules pending permanent rulemaking. The motion was seconded by Trustee Melinda Bratsch-Horsager and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.



Karen Fraser, Chair



Miguel Pérez-Gibson, Secretary