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A major change in the organization of The Evergreen State College academic deans' offices was approved by the college's Board of Trustees Tuesday (April 6) in an on campus meeting that concluded with the retirement of Trustee Trueman L. "Bink" Schmidt of Olympia.

Schmidt, who has served on Evergreen's board since August of 1967, said he was retiring to spend more time with his family. The recently retired Administrative Vice President of Olympia Brewing Company was honored by fellow trustees and college staff for helping guide the college through its formative years, selecting a campus site, choosing its first president, giving guidance in all aspects of planning, and serving as the board's first chairman.

Evergreen Vice President and Provost Edward J. Kormondy presented a plan for reorganizing the college "deanery", which presently includes four full-time academic deans who serve three-year, rotating terms. The new plan calls for two full-time deans with four year terms which could be renewed up to an additional eight years. The two would be aided by two assistant deans with two-year, non-renewable terms. One assistant dean would be appointed each year to provide an alternating cycle. The assistant deans would rotate back into the faculty after their two-year service.

Kormondy's plan, approved unanimously by the board, calls for nomination for the two deanships to be opened on campus immediately with a deadline of April 13. He hopes to appoint the two new full-time deans by May 3, and to implement the new plan by the first of September.

Kormondy noted that, of the current four academic deans, two will have completed their three-year terms by the end of Spring Quarter; the other two will be asked to

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submit resignations as deans effective the first of September. All will remain on Evergreen's staff, and the two whose terms have not expired will be encouraged to apply for the new, four-year appointments.

In other board business, trustees voted to discontinue the requirement that new students pay a \$50 advance deposit, which has been refunded when the student graduates or withdraws. Instead, the board authorized a \$50 advance fee payment which would be applied directly to new students' first quarter tuition and fees. The advance payment will reserve a student's place at the college and give the administration a means for estimating enrollments.

Trustees also: approved creation of a Memorial Student Loan Fund in memory of Thomas McCarty, late husband of Evergreen Bookstore Manager Doris McCarty; accepted a \$4,000 scholarship donation from Seattle Northwest Security for minority students with an academic interest in finance; and set the next Trustees meeting for May 6, 1976.