# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

### June 13, 2013

**Trustees Attending:** 

Fred Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
Erin Harms
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen
James Wigfall

**Staff Present:** 

John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
Julie Garver, Director of Government Relations
Andrea Heisel, Associate Dean of Library Operations
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement

Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration Steve Laing, Director of the Career Development Center

Collin Orr, Director of Business Services

Thomas L. Purce, President

Al Saari, Computing and Communications Project Manager

Steve Trotter, Executive Director for Operational Budget and Planning Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others present:

Kitty Jones, Staff Representative

Sebastiano Trinh, Geoduck Student Union Representative

Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Richard Weiss, Faculty Representative

### Thursday, June 13, 2013

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of The Evergreen State College. A quorum was present. Mr. Kessler announced that the board would meet in executive session to discuss collective bargaining and the performance of a public employee. He said the Board would return to open meeting at 11:00 a.m. At that time, he announced an extension of the executive session until 11:15 a.m. The Board returned to open meeting at that time.

### Legislative Update

Director of Government Relations Julie Garver reported on the first special session of the legislature. She said that the public baccalaureate institutions continue to emphasize their concerns about making institutional base funding dependent on the outcome of a revenue referendum. Executive Director for Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter described statewide efforts to plan for the possibility that no state budget is enacted before the end of the fiscal year. The Office of Financial Management is working to develop contingency plans. Plans would vary among state agencies depending on sources of funding and on constitutional, statutory and contractual mandates. In the event of a short delay, the college will require some interim spending authority to continue operations until the Board can approve a

budget. In the event of a longer delay, the college could continue operations for a period of time by drawing upon non-appropriated revenue sources.

### **Quarterly Financial Reports**

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley and Director of Business Services Collin Orr reviewed quarterly financial reports for the third quarter of the fiscal year. Mr. Orr noted that the college moved money out of the state's Local Government Investment Pool into federal financial instruments.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Kessler invited public comment. There was none.

The Board recessed for lunch and reconvened in Seminar II, C1107 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Collective Bargaining Agreement**

President Purce recommended that the Board approve a collective bargaining agreement with the college's Student Services Support Staff Union bargaining unit, represented by the Washington Federation of State Employees. He said that the proposed contract represented a mutual agreement that was in keeping with the values of the college and responded to concerns about compensation, predictability in employment, and clarity around performance and evaluation.

Motion 2013-08

Dr. Gonazles moved that the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Student Services Support Staff Union be approved. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler expressed the pleasure of the Board that an agreement had been reached and expressed confidence that the agreement would provide the foundation of a good working relationship with the new bargaining unit.

### **Temporary Spending Authority**

Mr. Kessler noted that the Board had discussed in the morning session the need to grant temporary spending authority. Dr. Purce said that the recommended resolution reflects the uncertainty about the final legislative budget. The resolution would provide the President with temporary spending authority based on the previous biennium's pattern. The President would exercise this authority with guidance expected from the executive branch.

Motion 2013-09

Ms. Proffitt moved Board Resolution 2013-01, Delegating Temporary Spending Authority to the President, as follows:

The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College delegates to the President the authority to expend funds after June 30, 2013 according to the spending plan adopted by the Board for the 2011-13 biennium. This delegation of authority shall remain in effect until modified by the Board or until the state's biennial operating budget for 2013-15 is adopted and the Board acts to set tuition, fees, and the college's operating budget spending plan for the 2013-15 biennium.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

### **Expansion of the Reservation Based/Community Determined Program**

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael Zimmerman noted that the Board heard about the proposed expansion of the college's Reservation Based/Community Determined Program at its May

meeting. He recommended that the Board formally approve expansion of the program outside of Washington State. The Board's action would allow the college to accept the invitations from Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Hayward, Wisconsin and the Wind River Development Fund, Fort Washakie, Wyoming to offer Evergreen's Reservation Based/Community Determined Program to students on their respective reservations.

Motion 2013-10

Mr. Nicandri moved to expand the Reservation Based/Community Determined program to sites beyond the boundaries of Washington State. The motion was seconded and

passed on a voice vote.

### Strategic Planning

President Purce said that preparatory work for strategic planning has been ongoing. He recommended the Board formally delegate to the President the authority to appoint a strategic planning committee to be chaired by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The committee would work with any Trustee liaison that the Board might designate and would report regularly and confer with the full Board.

Motion 2013-11

Mr. Nicandri moved to direct the President to begin a formal strategic planning process that results in a new strategic plan for Evergreen. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

#### Staff Transitions

Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino introduced the new Director of the Career Development Center, Steve Laing. Mr. Laing discussed staff transitions in the office and new programs offered in collaboration with other offices and programs at Evergreen.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael Zimmerman introduced Andrea Heisel, Associate Dean of Library Operations. Dr. Zimmerman acknowledged the leadership of Academic Dean Sarah Pederesen, who led a reorganization of the Library which resulted in the creation of the new position which Andrea Heisel fills.

President Purce introduced Al Saari, Computing and Communications Project Manager. Dr. Purce recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2013-02 recognizing the contributions of Al Saari on the occasion of his retirement.

Motion 2013-12

Dr. Gonzales moved to adopt Resolution 2013-02 (attached) recognizing the contributions of Al Saari. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Saari thanked the Board, President Purce and his colleagues at Evergreen for their efforts over the past 43 years.

Trustee Erin Harms presented proposed Resolution 2013-03 recognizing the contributions of Vice President Art Costantino on the occasion of his retirement and designating the College Recreation Center as the Costantino Recreation Center.

Motion 2013-13

Ms. Harms moved to adopt Resolution 2013-03 recognizing the contributions of Vice President Art Costantino and designating the College Recreation Center as the Costantino Recreation Center. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Dr. Costantino thanked the Board, President Purce and his colleagues at Evergreen.

### Chair's Report

Mr. Kessler said that he had observed in two sessions of the Equality and the Constitution program taught by member of the faculty José Gómez. Mr. Kessler said that he was impressed by the quality of the teaching and the by the students in the program. He encouraged other Trustees to make plan similar classroom visits.

Motion 2013-14

Ms. Proffitt moved to adopt the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was seconded

and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler asked for a report from Ms. Proffitt and Dr. Gonzales who comprise the Board's Nominating Committee.

Motion 2013-15

Dr. Gonzales presented a motion from the Nominating Committee to appoint Keith Kessler as Chair, Irene Gonzales as Vice Chair, Anne Proffitt as Secretary, David Nicandri as Liaison with the Board of Governors, and Fred Goldberg and Irene Gonzales as members of the Audit Committee for the Boards 2013-2014 term. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler invited Ms. Harms to report as Student Trustee. Ms. Harms thanked the Board and staff for their support over the past year and openness to hearing student voices. She urged the Board to continue engaging students and working for greater visibility on campus in the next year. Mr. Kessler, Ms. Proffitt and Dr. Gonzeles thanked Ms. Harms for her service to the college and wished her continued future success. Dr. Purce presented a gift from the Board.

### President's Report

President Purce noted that the Goldberg family received the Bud Koons Award at the recent Recognition Dinner. Dr. Purce presented Fred Goldberg with a photograph and gift in recognition of the award.

President Purce invited Kitty Jones to report as Staff Representative to the Board. Ms. Jones said that she echoed the earlier remarks of Mr. Kessler and President Purce regarding the collective bargaining agreement with the Student Support Services Staff Union. She expressed gladness, relief, and gratitude to everyone involved in bargaining. On behalf of colleagues who bargained from the union side, she expressed relief that they are now able to devote all of their time again to students.

President Purce invited Sebastiano Trinh to report as the Geoduck Student Union Representative to the Board. Mr. Trinh said that the GSU installed a community white board at the Housing Community Center and arranged for a taco truck to visit campus. He also thanked Dr. Costantino for his service to the college's students.

President Purce invited Vice President for College Advancement Lee Hoemann to provide a fundraising report. Ms. Hoemann said that the Foundation is certain to exceed its goal for the year of \$2.9 million in gifts. She also noted that the Board achieved its goal of 100% participation in giving this year.

President Purce reviewed highlights of his schedule for May and June.

### **Appointment of Emeritus Faculty**

Academic Vice President and Provost Michael Zimmerman, on behalf of the faculty, recommended that the Board confer the title of Emeritus Member of the Faculty on Eddy Brown, Susan Fiksdal, Linda Moon Stumpff, Bill Ransom and Matt Smith.

Motion 2013-16	Dr. Gonzales made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-04 appointing Eddy Brown as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.
Motion 2013-17	Ms. Sorensen made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-05 appointing Susan Fiksdal as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.
Motion 2013-18	Mr. Nicandri made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-06 appointing Linda Moon Stumpff as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.
Motion 2013-19	Mr. Wigfall made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-07 appointing Bill Ransom as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.
Motion 2013-20	Mr. Goldberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-08 appointing Matt Smith as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Dr. Zimmerman presented a gift to each of the new Emeritus Faculty members and Mr. Kessler invited the recipients to say a few words.

Mr. Kessler adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Keith Kessler, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary

Attachments: Resolutions 2013-02, 2013-03, 2013-04, 2013-05, 2013-06, 2013-07 and 2013-08.



### Resolution No. 2013-01

of the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College

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Done this 13th day of June 2013, in open meeting by the Board of Trustees.

Keith Kessler, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary