

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

January 9, 2008

Trustees Attending: David Lamb (by phone) Absent: Stan Flemming
Karen Lane Robert Segura
Anne Proffitt (by phone)
Martina Whelshula (by phone)
Paul Winters

Representatives to the Board: Trevor Kinahan, Geoduck Student Union Representative
Ernestine Kimbro, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Staff Present: Don Bantz, Academic Vice President and Provost
Eddy Brown, Academic Dean
Laura Coghlan, Director of Institutional Research
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
John Carmichael, Administrative Assistant to the President/Recording Secretary
to the Board of Trustees
Sharon Goodman, Director of Residential and Dining Services
Phyllis Lane, Dean of Student and Academic Support Services
Thomas L. Purce, President
Barbara Smith, Senior Scholar, Enduring Legacies Reservation-Based Project
Matt Smith, Member of the Faculty
Paul Smith, Director of Facilities
Julie Suchanek, Director of Government Relations
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget

Others Present: Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Trustee Karen Lane called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Seminar II Building, Room B3105 of The Evergreen State College.

President Purce introduced newly appointed Director of Government Relations Julie Suchanek.

Accreditation Update

Provost Don Bantz introduced Matt Smith, Member of the Faculty, who is the lead writer for the college's accreditation self-study document. They described the accreditation process that the college undergoes each decade. They discussed how the five foci and six expectations of an Evergreen graduate connect to the college's mission as a public liberal arts college. The self-study seeks to assess how well Evergreen's programs support that mission.

Capital Projects Update

Director of Facilities Paul Smith reviewed progress on capital projects. The Phase II Modernization of the Library Building is proceeding smoothly. The schematic design of the Longhouse renovation is in progress. The schematic design for the renovation of the College Activities Building is also in progress, with considerable input from the project team, which includes nine student members.

Residential and Dining Services

Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino introduced Director of Residential and Dining Services Sharon Goodman. Ms. Goodman described capital projects completed in Housing in 2007, including

elevator upgrades, renovations in B and C buildings, furniture replacement, and network switch replacements. She also discussed plans for capital projects in 2008, including fire safety upgrades, additional furniture replacements, relocation of the Housing Shops, and improvements in buildings I, J and K. Ms. Goodman led the trustees on a tour of renovated Housing units.

Student Retention

Vice President Art Costantino introduced faculty and staff working on student retention issues. Director of Institutional Research Laura Coghlan reviewed student retention data from 1997 through 2007, including retention data by class standing, ethnicity, location of study, and residency status. She compared Evergreen's retention to the retention at the state's other public baccalaureate institutions. Academic Dean Eddy Brown discussed the recommendations of the First Year Experience Disappearing Task Force and summarized student retention initiatives underway, including resumption of the "Beginning the Journey" orientation program, a new faculty governance assignment focused on student development and retention, and a more systematic approach to faculty advising. He also described ongoing efforts to develop a faculty cohort to teach Core programs for several years. Dr. Phyllis Lane, Dean of Student and Academic Support Services, summarized retention activities in the Division of Student Affairs, including a new mandatory advising workshop for new students, pre-orientation programs for targeted groups, and outreach activities by academic advisors. She also discussed the new Washington TRIO Expansion Program, funded with a \$500,000 legislative appropriation for the biennium, which seeks to expand services to 250 additional low-income students, students with disabilities, and first generation students.

Budget and Legislative Outlook

President Purce noted that the Legislature is convening in a short, supplemental session. He introduced Director of Government Relations Julie Suchanek and Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter. Ms. Suchanek reviewed the Governor's budget proposal to the legislature, emphasizing the Governor's proposals for education, which include an emphasis on campus safety and an interest in a new campus serving Snohomish County. Mr. Trotter compared the governor's recommendations to the college's budget request.

Establishing a Quorum

Trustee Karen Lane noted that a quorum was present, with Ms. Lane and Mr. Winters present, and Mr. Lamb, Ms. Proffitt and Ms. Whelshula attending by phone.

Reservation-Based Program

Provost Don Bantz introduced Provost Emerita Barbara Smith who described her work, funded by the Lumina Foundation, on the Enduring Legacies Project. Dr. Bantz said that the Tulalip Tribes have asked Evergreen to expand the college's Reservation Based/Community Determined program to Tulalip students. The college is prepared to begin the program immediately.

Motion Mr. Winters made a motion to authorize the expansion the Reservation
2008-01 Based/Community Determined program to students at the Tulalip Tribes. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Campus Master Plan

Director of Facilities Paul Smith reviewed the process to develop the proposed Campus Facility Master Plan, which the Board reviewed in November.

Motion Mr. Winters made a motion to approve the 2008 -2020 Campus Facility Master Plan,
2008-02 Volume 1. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Gear-Up Contract Approval

Vice President Art Costantino described the college's Gear-Up program serving middle school students in Tacoma. The program works closely with the Clover Park School District, and Dr. Costantino asked the Board to approve a renewal of the college's contract with the district.

Motion Ms. Proffitt made a motion to delegate to the president the authority to approve a
2008-03 contract between the college and the Clover Park School District concurrent with the sixth year of the college's GEAR UP grant, from September 15, 2007 to September 14, 2008. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Ms. Proffitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting. The
2008-04 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chair's Report

Trustee Karen Lane described a meeting called by the Governor to discuss ways that higher education might help to improve math and science education in the K-12 system. She also reminded the Trustees of the upcoming retreat on February 26.

President's Report

President Purce invited Ernestine Kimbro to report as Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees. She said that faculty are very busy. The faculty hiring priorities list is a current focus of faculty governance activity.

President Purce invited Trevor Kinahan to report as the Geoduck Student Union Representative to the Board of Trustees. He said that the Geoduck Student Union is planning a comprehensive survey of student life at Evergreen. They are also interested in a controversy surrounding an arborist's report that identifies hazardous trees on campus. The group is also looking at campus smoking policies and responding to a proposed ban of cigarette sales on campus. They are also working with the Services and Activities Fee Board on the budget for the Geoduck Union.

President Purce asked Vice President Art Costantino to describe the status of two new projects funded by student-initiated fees. Dr. Costantino said that the Late-Night Transportation program has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) and hopes to begin service by Spring Quarter. He said that the student-run Flaming Eggplant Café and the college have drafted a Memorandum of Agreement. The group has issued an RFP for the trailer that would be used for the café until the CAB renovation is complete.

President Purce asked Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget, to describe the college's Focus the Nation event. Mr. Trotter said that the college is working with Saint Martin's University, South Puget Sound Community College and Centralia College to hold events on January 30 focused on climate change. Campus events will occur during the day, and a community-wide event in downtown Olympia will occur that evening.

President Purce invited Director of Development Dick Francois to report on fundraising. Mr. Francois reported on a \$250,000 pledge for the Center for New Media, the first lead gift for the project. The Annual Fund is three percent above last year's level and the number of gifts has increased.

President Purce also summarized recent and upcoming activities on his calendar.

Public Comment

Ms. Lane invited public comment. There was none. The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m..

Karen E. Lane, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary