

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

March 11, 2008

Trustees Attending:

Anne Proffitt
Paul Winters
Alexandra Valin

Absent: David Lamb
Karen Lane
Martina Whelshula

Representatives to the Board:

Angel Cruz, Alumni Association Representative
Trevor Kinahan, Geoduck Student Union Representative

Staff Present:

Don Bantz, Academic Vice President and Provost
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
John Carmichael, Executive Assistant to the President/Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Collin Orr, Director of Business Services
Thomas L. Purce, President
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
Artee Young, Director of the Tacoma Program

Others Present:

Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Trustee Anne Proffitt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Seminar II Building, Room B3105 of The Evergreen State College. Ms. Proffitt noted that a quorum was not present and said that no action would be taken at this meeting.

Executive Session

Ms. Proffitt said that the Board would meet in Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss collective bargaining strategy. The Board returned to open public meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Accreditation Work Session

Several members of the group drafting the college's accreditation self-study document were introduced: Provost Don Bantz, Executive Assistant John Carmichael, Associate Vice President Steve Hunter, and Member of the Faculty Matt Smith. The group presented a draft executive summary of the self-study, a list of strengths and weaknesses identified, and discussed recommendations received in the 2003 interim accreditation visit and the college's response.

Tacoma Program Update

Tacoma Program Director Artee Young provided an update on the Tacoma Program. She described the background and qualifications of the faculty teaching in Tacoma and discussed her efforts to reach out to the Tacoma community. Dr. Young introduced a group of students in the Tacoma Program who presented their end-of-quarter project, a film examining media bias.

Legislative Update and Budget Outlook

Director of Government Relations Julie Suchanek discussed the legislative session that is underway. She discussed policy bills affecting higher education. Executive Director for Operational Planning and

Budget Steve Trotter compared the college's budget request to the Governor's budget proposal and the House and Senate budgets. Ms. Suchanek said that the final conference budget is expected to be approved within the week.

Quarterly Financial Report

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley and Director of Government Relations John Hurley presented quarterly financial reports for the period ending December 31, 2007, including a statement of net assets, a statements of revenue and expenses, operating expenditures by division, capital appropriations and expenditures, and a budget summary.

President's Report

President Purce invited Trevor Kinahan to report as the Geoduck Student Union (GSU) Representative to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Kinahan said that the GSU had been involved in developing a campus smoking cessation program and held a successful town hall meeting. Following the riot on campus on February 15, the GSU worked with the administration to organize community forums. The GSU appointed students to participate in the campus review of event policies and procedures, and worked with student groups (such as the Greeners for Truth and Reconciliation) to encourage dialogue and solutions for creating community. Mr. Kinahan said that students were concerned that the damages paid to the County Sheriff's office would negatively affect the college's academic program. He also reported that the GSU was frustrated in working with Facilities to respond to student concerns about ADA access on campus, especially through construction areas.

President Purce invited Angel Cruz to report as the Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Cruz described recent activities, including work to establish an Alumni Association chapter in Portland, which led to a general clarification of the relationship between the Alumni Association and the college.

President Purce described the campus climate and community response to the February 15 riot, and summarized recent and upcoming activities on his calendar.

Public Comment

Ms. Proffitt invited public comment. There was none. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Karen E. Lane, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary