



Office of the President

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Dear Evergreen Community,

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, January 24, 2024, Dr. Gordon and I provided an update on the college's response to the tragedy that occurred on campus in December. A student representative from the Geoduck Student Union joined the meeting as a community representative.

The Board unanimously approved our request to spend up to \$1 million from the contingency reserve fund. These funds will be used to address housing facilities issues, anticipated costs from the State Patrol's investigation, relocating students from the seven mods with propane fuel sources, and temporary help with communications support. Local media, including [The Olympian](#) and [KIRO 7](#), covered the Board's decision.

Last week we completed inspections of all campus housing spaces, including the occupied mod buildings, Building A, and 14 apartment buildings. This includes 84 apartments with 403 bedrooms. We did not find any safety issues that warrant relocating more students. As expected, the inspections yielded a comprehensive list of maintenance work orders, many of which concern heating systems. A contractor is now working on these systems to make the necessary repairs.

Continue sending your questions and comments to community-response@evergreen.edu and visit www.evergreen.edu/campustragedy for more information and resources.

Sincerely,

John Carmichael, President

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