

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

January 15, 2014

Trustees Attending:	Talia Goldberg Irene Gonzales Keith Kessler David Nicandri James Wigfall (by phone)	Absent:	Fred Goldberg Anne Proffitt Gretchen Sorensen
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Staff Present:

Kristina Ackley, Member of the Faculty
Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations
John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board
John Craighill, Internal Auditor
Jesse Drescher, Student
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Julie Garver, Director of Government Relations
Dave Kohler, Director of Business Services
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
John McLain, Academic Grants Manager
Alison Styring, Member of the Faculty
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget
Thomas L. Purce, President
Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others Present:

Andrew Beattie, Staff Representative
Dante Garcia, Geoduck Student Union Representative
Jonathan Lindsay, Alumni Representative
Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. in the Board Room of The Evergreen State College. In addition to Mr. Kessler, Trustees Talia Goldberg, Irene Gonzales, and David Nicandri were in attendance. Mr. Kessler noted that when Mr. Wigfall joined the meeting by phone, a quorum would be present. He announced that the Board would meet in executive session until 10:45 a.m. to discuss collective bargaining. At that time, he announced a ten-minute extension of the executive session. The Board returned to an open meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Financial Reports

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley and Director of Business Services Dave Kohler presented financial reports from the periods ending June 30, 2013 and September 30, 2013. Mr. Kohler discussed year-to-year variances and provided detail about accounts receivable.

Legislative and State Budget Update

Director of Government Relations Julie Garver said that the college's priority requests were included in Governor Inslee's budget proposal. She said that the legislative session is likely to focus on technical adjustments to the biennial budget passed last year, with a strong desire by legislators to adjourn on time. Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter summarized Governor Inslee's budget proposal. Dr. Garver described some policy bills getting attention early in the session, including the DREAM act, which would make undocumented students eligible for state financial aid programs.

Annual Audit Plan

Internal Auditor John Craighill said that he had met with the Board's Audit Committee to review his annual risk assessment and audit plan. The full board has now received copies of the annual risk assessment and audit plan. Mr. Craighill responded to questions about training for college employees and the whistleblower programs at the state and the college.

Lunch

The Trustees moved to CAB 301 for lunch with members of the Geoduck Student Union and the Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board. They returned to the Board Room at 1:30 p.m.

Summer Undergraduate Research Program

Academic Grants Manager John McLain described the college's new Summer Undergraduate Research Program. The program began as an effort to advance faculty research agendas while building a stronger undergraduate research program. The first year of the program provided stipends and money for supplies to 15 students who worked on faculty research projects over the summer. He introduced Member of the Faculty Alison Styring, who described a project setting up bird monitoring stations with a student. Faculty member Kristina Ackley introduced student Jesse Drescher who presented ethnographic research on indigenous placemaking focused on the 2013 canoe journey.

Student Trustee Report

Trustee Talia Goldberg said that she met with the student Trustees and Regents of the state's other public baccalaureate institutions. She said that she attended the first General Assembly of the Geoduck Student Union. She also discussed the need to ensure academic rigor in programs for first year students.

Quorum

Mr. Wigfall joined the meeting by phone, establishing a quorum.

Annual Audit Plan

Motion **2014-01**

Dr. Gonzales made a motion to approve the annual audit plan for the 2013-14 year.
The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Management Teams for Collective Bargaining

Motion Mr. Nicandri made a motion to appoint the following staff to conduct collective
2014-02 bargaining with the Washington Federation of State Employees Classified Staff bargaining unit:

- Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations
- Laurel Uznanski, Associate Vice President, Human Resource Services
- Holly Joseph, Executive Associate to VP for Finance & Administration
- Casey Lalonde, Campus Children's Center Director
- Julie Slone, Executive Assistant to the Provost

and to appoint the following staff to conduct collective bargaining with the United Faculty of Evergreen bargaining unit:

- Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations
- Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget
- Walter Niemiec, Associate Vice President for Academic Budget and Financial Planning
- David, McAvity, Academic Dean, Budget and Space
- Andrew Reece, Academic Dean, Curriculum
- Sarah Ryan, Academic Dean, Evening and Weekend Studies

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Minutes

Motion Mr. Nicandri moved to approve the minutes of the November 2013 meeting. The
2014-03 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's Report

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as the alumni's representative to the Board. Mr. Lindsay described a recent visit to Washington DC to meet alumni and planned alumni events in Portland and Seattle. He noted recent successes connecting alumni to current academic programs.

President Purce invited Andrew Beattie to report as the staff representative to the Board. Mr. Beattie shared discussions with the college's auxiliary services staff, the Division of Student Affairs, and science operations staff.

President Purce invited Dante Garcia to report as the Geoduck Student Union's representative to the Board. Mr. Garcia described the GSU's General Assembly as an opportunity to deepen the relationship between the GSU and the student community. Issues emerging include student group participation and ownership by incoming students and the difficulty in seeing and building on the history of past student work at Evergreen.

President Purce invited Vice President for College Advancement Lee Hoemann to report on fundraising. Ms. Hoemann reviewed progress toward annual fundraising goals. She highlighted

the February 20 Art of Living event in Tacoma. She said that a naming opportunity associated with a new weaving studio may be available in the Spring.

President Purce distributed an executive summary of a report by Maguire Associates on the college's student recruitment, marketing, and financial aid programs. He discussed the ten key initiatives recommended by the report.

Public Comment

Mr. Kessler invited public comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Keith Kessler, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary