



**the evergreen
state college**
olympia, washington

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

June 9, 2016

Trustees Attending:

Emily Dunn-Wilder
Fred Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen
James Wigfall

Staff Present:

Kelly Bush, Sustainability in Prisons Program Manager
Felix Braffith, Director of TRIO Programs
George Bridges, President
John Carmichael, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Phyllis Esposito, Member of the Faculty
Sharon Goodman, Director of Residential and Dining Services & Recreation
and Athletics
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Carri LeRoy, Member of the Faculty
Michelle Ma, Chief Communications Officer
Tom Mercado, Director of Student Activities
Emily Pieper, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Jeanne Rynne, Director of Facilities
Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Director of Planning and Budget
Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of
The Evergreen State College Foundation
Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others Present:

Brant Eddy, Staff Representative to the Board
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Sandra Yannone, Faculty Representative to the Board

Mr. Goldberg called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.. A quorum was present.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion Mr. Nicandri moved approval of the minutes of the May meeting. The motion was
2016-07 seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's Report

President Bridges reported on his activity since the previous meeting, highlighting work on fundraising, the work of the Diversity and Equity Council, and the start of the Provost search.

Capital Projects

The Board heard a presentation on the draft Residential Master Plan presented by Kurt Haapala and Anne Roderer (Mahlum) and Greg Strickler (Anderson Strickler). Ms. Roderer reviewed the planning assumptions and goals, Mr. Haapala displayed design concepts, and Mr. Strickler discussed the financial feasibility of the draft plan. He noted that Residential and Dining Services reserves will be required for debt service in the early years of the plan. Mr. Haapala reviewed the plan phases from 2017 through 2025. Director of Facilities Jeanne Rynne described the timeline for Phase I of the plan, the construction of new First-Year student housing in anticipation of demolition of Residence Halls A through D.

Ms. Rynne and Ross Whitehead of Schreiber Starling & Lane reviewed the pre-design for renovation of the Seminar I building which had been initially presented to the Board in May. Trustees asked about the cost of renovating the Health and Counseling Center compared to relocating the center to a new facility. The initial estimate for renovation was \$200,000 compared to \$5.6 million to relocate the center to a new facility. Ms. Rynne noted that moving the center to a new facility would eliminate the need to locate, renovate, and equip a temporary center during the renovation of the Seminar I building.

Motion Ms. Proffitt moved to adopt Resolution 2016-02 delegating authority for the Seminar I
2016-08 Building Renovation Project Predesign. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Ms. Rynne presented the proposed \$39.2 million 2017-19 Capital Budget Request. The draft request had been initially presented at the May meeting.

Motion Mr. Kessler moved to adopt Resolution 2016-03 delegating authority for the 2017-19
2016-09 Capital Budget Request. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Ms. Rynne discussed the 10-year capital plan that the college will submit as part of the capital budget request. She highlighted several changes from the version previously adopted in 2014. She said that the Board will be asked to approve the 10-year capital plan at the July meeting.

Operating Budget

The President's Chief of Staff, John Carmichael, reviewed a proposal for modifying the previously adopted 2016-17 operating budget. The proposal would recognize revenue from tuition and fees for 3,928 students (Full-Time Equivalent) as part of the base operating budget. This would be an increase of \$696,818 (64 FTE) in the FY 2017 base operating budget. This additional revenue would be available for addressing ongoing budgetary needs, including fully funding the collective bargaining agreement with the United Faculty of Evergreen and funding the Exempt Compensation plan. This proposal had previously been presented at the May meeting.

Motion Dr. Gonzales moved to modify the previously approved biennial operating budget,
2016-10 revising upward the revenue assumed from tuition by \$696,818 for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Director of Student Activities Tom Mercado, Assistant Director Emily Pieper, and Services and Activities (S&A) Fee Allocation Board Coordinator Jake Hurner presented the S&A Board's recommendations for allocation of Tier II funding for registered student organizations for the 2016-17 year.

Motion 2016-11 Ms. Proffitt moved to approve the 2016-17 S&A Tier Two budget as developed by the S&A Fee Allocation Board totaling \$367,320. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Director of Planning and Budget Lisa Dawn-Fisher described the process for submitting the College's 2017-19 operating budget request to the Office of Financial Management and the legislature. She discussed six decision packages that the College will request funding for: compensation, plant maintenance and operations; STEM/High Demand enrollment; Teacher Shortage response; Faculty and Staff Development; and Student Success. She said that Board will be asked to approve a general framework for the request at the July meeting so that staff can develop technical requests over the summer for submission by September 15.

Interagency Agreement

Carri LeRoy, Member of the Faculty, and Kelli Bush, Sustainability in Prisons Project Manager, described the Sustainability in Prisons project. The project is funded through an interagency agreement with the Department of Corrections. Dr. LeRoy asked the Board to delegate the authority to the President (or his designee) to finalize a new interagency agreement.

Motion 2016-12 Mr. Nicandri made a motion to delegate to the President or his designee the authority to enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Corrections for Sustainability in Prisons Project for the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Public Comment

Mr. Goldberg invited public comment. There was none.

Diversity and Equity Council

Member of the Faculty Phyllis Esposito and Director of TRIO Programs Felix Braffith described the work of the newly charged Diversity and Equity Council, which they co-chair. They summarized the group's charge and described a week-long summer institute that the group plans. The Council's work involves deconstructing policies and procedures at Evergreen that affect equity on campus. At the same time, the Council will be engaged in working with faculty and staff on understanding their own identities.

Executive Session

Mr. Goldberg announced that the Board would move into executive session to review the performance of a public employee. He said that the Board would return to an open public meeting at 1:00 p.m.. The executive session was extended by announcement to 1:15, at which time the Board returned to an open meeting.

Chair's Report

Mr. Goldberg recalled that he began the year with several concerns and ideas, including a focus on sexual violence prevention and response, an interest in the College's risk and insurance policies, an interest in mentorship programs, and a desire to consider franchise strategies for meeting student needs. He expressed appreciation for President Bridges's openness and work on these and other areas.

Student Trustee Report

Trustee Emily Dunn-Wilder reflected on her year as student trustee, including her work on communication, marketing, and visibility. She urged the Trustees to communicate with students to ensure that the intentions that lie behind the Board's actions are clear.

President's Report

President Bridges thanked Vice President for Academics and Provost Michael Zimmerman for his work on behalf of the college as he transitions to a new role in the President's office.

Dr. Bridges invited Vice President for Advancement Amanda Walker to report on fundraising. Ms. Walker said that the Foundation has received \$2.7 million in gifts this fiscal year and is nearing its goal of \$2.8 million. In addition, the Foundation has received \$2.4 million in binding pledges this year, compared to \$700,000 in the previous year. When gifts and binding pledges are combined, the Foundation had its most successful year to date.

President Bridges invited Sandy Yannone to report as the Faculty Representative to the Board. She described the recent work of the faculty, including passage of a resolution calling on faculty to participate in professional development related to diversity and equity and to reflect on that work as part of their evaluations. She said that Faculty Agenda Committee chair Liza Rognas has called for a summit of all faculty groups working on curriculum for early in the Fall.

Dr. Bridges invited Brant Eddy to report as Staff Representative to the Board. He reported that staff groups continue to have great energy for both institutionally-supported and spontaneous efforts to improve service to the campus.

Recognition of Retiring 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 Cheri Lucas-Jennings, Rob Smurr, Gail Tremblay, and Sherry Walton.

Motion 2016-13 Ms. Proffitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-04 appointing Cheri Lucas-Jennings as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Motion 2016-14 Mr. Kessler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-05 appointing Rob Smurr as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Motion 2016-15 Mr. Nicandri made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-0 appointing Gail Tremblay as Faculty Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Motion 2016-16 Dr. Gonzales made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-07 appointing Sherri Walton 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. Goldberg invited the recipients present to say a few words.

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Gretchen Sorensen, Chair

Dave Nicandri, Secretary