

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

January 9, 2013

Trustees Attending: Irene Gonzales
Erin Harms
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen
James Wigfall
Paul Winters

Staff Present: John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board
John Craighill, Internal Auditor
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
Julie Garver, Director of Government Relations
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Allen Olson, Academic Dean
Sarah Pedersen, Academic Dean
Steve Trotter, Executive Director for Operational Budget and Planning
Thomas L. Purce, President
Laurel Uznanski, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
Amanda Walker, Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni
Programs
Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others present: Kitty Jones, Staff Representative to the Board
Shannon Phillips, Summit Law Group
Richard Weiss Faculty Representative to the Board
Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room of The Evergreen State College. A quorum was present. Mr. Kessler announced that the board would move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and to discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation. He said that the board would return to open meeting at 1:30 p.m. The board returned to open meeting as scheduled.

Mr. Kessler recognized newly appointed trustee James Wigfall and welcomed him to the board.

Memorandum of Understanding with the United Faculty of Evergreen

Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Zimmerman and Academic Dean Allen Olson presented a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding with the United Faculty of Evergreen memorializing agreements over summer session, including faculty compensation for teaching in summer.

Motion Dr. Gonzales made a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the
2013-01 United Faculty of Evergreen memorializing agreements regarding summer session. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Academic Program Presentations

Academic Dean Sarah Pedersen introduced two groups of students who presented work from their academic programs. Sara Fiksdal, Charisa Lawson, and Gabrielle Brochaw presented a scene from a musical that they performed as part of the Musical Theatre in Cultural Context program taught by Marla Elliott and Rose Jang. Heather Englund, Nicholas Yates, and Kumar Skutt-Kakaria presented work from the Business and Culture Along the Silk Road program taught by Hirsh Diamant, Thuy Vu and Bobbie McIntoch. The students read a verse from the Dao De Jing in Chinese, provided their English translation, and offered an analysis.

Legislative and Budget Overview

Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter reviewed Governor Gregoire's biennial operating budget proposal in the context of the college's budget request. President Purce noted that the Council of Presidents is advocating for a proposal which would freeze resident undergraduate tuition for two years and provide \$225 million in new state re-investment in public baccalaureate institutions. Director of Government Relations Julie Garver described the emerging committee structure and committee membership in the two chambers of the legislature.

Chairs's Report

Mr. Kessler invited Ms. Harms to report as Student Trustee. Ms. Harms said that Winter quarter is just beginning and the parking lots are full.

Mr. Kessler invited the board's Audit Committee to report. Dr. Gonzales reported that she and Mr. Winters had met earlier that day with Internal Auditor John Craighill. She invited Mr. Craighill to address the board. Mr. Craighill reported on a recently completed audit of the faculty extended leave process. The audit's recommendations for a clearer process for handling extended faculty leave are being implemented. Dr. Gonzales and Mr. Winters complimented Mr. Craighill on the audit.

Mr. Kessler noted that Kristin Hayden's resignation from the Board created a vacancy in the Vice Chair position.

Motion Ms. Proffitt nominated Dr. Irene Gonzales to fill the vacant Vice Chair position. The
2013-02 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler said that the board needed to decide on criteria for the proposed trustees' scholarship in addition to the criteria required to qualify for the Gates Foundation matching grant.

Motion Mr. Nicandri proposed that recipients of the Trustees' Scholarship demonstrate
2013-03 leadership and an interest in pursuing a career in a leadership capacity. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Kessler asked for a review of the minutes from the November meeting

Motion Mr. Nicandri moved that the minutes of the November meeting be adopted as presented.
2013-04 The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's Report

President Purce invited Richard Weiss to report as Faculty Representative. Dr. Weiss said that the faculty's shared governance work is concentrated on two major assignments: the Curriculum Disappearing Task Force and the Hiring Priorities Disappearing Task Force. The faculty are considering ways to improve the hiring process for faculty. Dr. Weiss noted that the agreement between the college

and the United Faculty of Evergreen does not include paid summer institutes. He said that summer institutes have often been an important opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration and that the college should find ways to keep that work going.

President Purce invited Kitty Jones to report as Staff Representative. Ms. Jones said that continuing concern about staff salaries has been sharpened by the loss of several valuable members of the staff. Their departures are often interpreted as a symptom of the college's compensation struggles. She also noted staff work in response to the flu epidemic.

President Purce invited Vice President for College Advancement Lee Hoemann and Associate Vice President for Development and Alumni Programs Amanda Walker to provide a fundraising report. Ms. Hoemann noted a number of staff changes in College Advancement include Ms. Walker's new title, the departures of Jason Wettstein, Amy Lyn Ribera and Mary Ann Steele. Abby Kelso will fill the Executive Associate role with a revised job description. Ms. Walker reported on work to develop lasting relationships leading to gifts supporting the college. A conservative accounting of gifts, binding pledges, and matching funds received to date shows almost \$3 million raised this year, exceeding last year's record-setting total.

President Purce reviewed highlights from this schedule.

Other Business

Paul Winters announced his intention to retire from the board. He expressed confidence in the future of the Board, President Purce's leadership, and the work of the college.

Mr. Kessler adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Keith Kessler, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary