

SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

Tuesday, January 11, 1977
The Evergreen State College Campus
Daniel J. Evans Library, Room 3112

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Meredith at 4:00 PM.

Trustees Present: Thomas Dixon
Herbert D. Hadley
Halvor M. Halvorson
Raymond Meredith

Staff Present: John Aikin, Director of Computer Services
Judy Annis, Director of College Relations
Jovana Brown, Dean of Library Services
Dave Carnahan, Associate Dean of Library Services
Dean Clabaugh, Administrative Vice President
Cruz Esquivel, Member of the Faculty
Debbie Fetterly, Offset Duplicator - sitting with Board
Rita Grace, Recording Secretary
Helen Hannigan, Accountant
Phil Harding, Member of the Faculty
Rindetta Jones, Affirmative Action Officer
Edward Kormondy, Vice President and Provost
Charles McCann, President
Doris McCarty, Bookstore Manager
Maxine Mimms, Member of the Faculty
Charles Nisbet, Member of the Faculty
Carol Olexa, Member of the Faculty - sitting with Board
Larry Stenberg, Dean of Enrollment Services
Ernest Thomas, Director of Third World Coalition
See permanent roster for others attending

Others Present: Howard Cook, Student
James Desautel, KOMO TV
Ed Evans, KOMO TV
Matt Groening, Cooper Point Journal
Colleen Hunt, Student
Ernie Jones, Student - sitting with Board
Bob McLeod, KGY Radio
Rich Montecucco, Assistant Attorney General
Bob Peterson, KOMO TV
Brad Pokorny, Cooper Point Journal
Alice Watts, The Daily Olympian
See permanent roster for others attending

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

All Trustees were present except Janet (Tourtellotte) Holmes who was out of the country and unable to attend.

President McCann introduced media people in attendance.

PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION - Action

Trustee Hadley, chairman of the Presidential Selection Advisory Committee, reported activities following the Board's December 9 meeting: On December 20, Selection Committee members who could be contacted were informed that Governor Evans was interested in Evergreen's presidency; at the December 22 meeting of the Presidential Selection Advisory Committee, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Governor Evans be appointed.

Mr. Dixon shared his personal experience with regard to this recommendation, concluding that in spite of his concern for affirmative action, he was convinced that, given the facts, he would have to vote for Governor Evans, who he believes will enhance Evergreen's public relations image in this state and across the country. Mr. Dixon added his belief that Governor Evans' appointment will enhance Evergreen's future enrollment.

Prior to moving the appointment of Daniel J. Evans as President, Trustee Halvorson indicated his gratitude for the chance to recognize the attributes of Dan Evans:

Daniel J. Evans has demonstrated superlative administrative skills and integrity as the Governor of Washington State for the past twelve years;

Daniel J. Evans' record as a legislator and as Governor demonstrates a keen understanding of his ability to respond to the needs of all Washington's citizens;

Daniel J. Evans has, throughout his twenty-year public career, stood for quality education for all of Washington's students, and at the same time, developed an in-depth knowledge of and ability to work with problems facing Washington State higher education;

Daniel J. Evans has consistently demonstrated an understanding of, and sympathy for, and support of The Evergreen State College;

Daniel J. Evans is committed to the future growth and development of this college and to its continued maintenance of high standards and equal opportunities for all persons;

Daniel J. Evans is the deliberative and unanimous choice of all 15 members of The Evergreen State College's elected Presidential Search Committee;

Daniel J. Evans has the complete confidence of the Evergreen Board of Trustees.

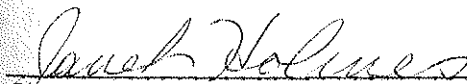
Mr. Halvorson moved that the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College on this 11th day of January, 1977, appoint Daniel J. Evans the second president of The Evergreen State College pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contract attached hereto. Seconded by Mr. Dixon and passed. In her absence, Mrs. Holmes had telegraphed the Trustees her concurrence with this vote.

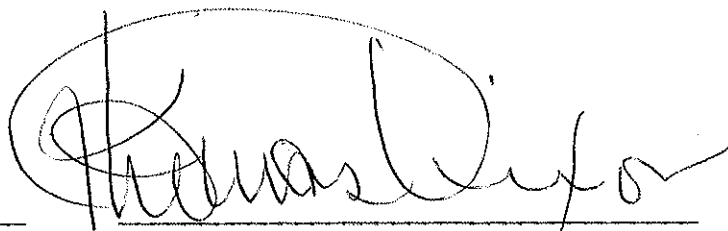
Bud Cook, representing the Wednesday Student Forum, read a statement (attached) expressing student concerns regarding the method of selection and asked that in the future an active search for a series of qualified candidates be utilized as the method for selection.

Carol Olexa, faculty member (and sociologist) sitting at the Board table, also expressed her concern about the process, saying she'd like to see affirmative action apply to all echelons.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this special meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.


JANET HOLMES, Chairman


THOMAS DIXON, Secretary

Attachments (2)

January 10, 1978

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: The Wednesday Student Forum
SUBJECT: The Presidential Selection

As members of the Wednesday Student Forum who have been meeting consistently this year to discuss governance issues at Evergreen, we would like to make a statement concerning the selection of the next president of Evergreen College.

To clear up any misunderstandings, we would first like to state that the conflict in our minds over the selection of Dan Evans as president arose from the method of selection, not necessarily the selection of Evans himself. The students on the search committee became participants based on the belief that a search process provided the potential to review a wide variety of people of different races, sexes, and occupational backgrounds in order to select the person best suited for the future of Evergreen.

In retrospect, the method for selecting Dan Evans was dealt with in a fashion that has become all too common in America today. The lack of complete disclosure from the Board concerning their contacts with Evans throughout the fall resulted in a complete mockery of the "Presidential Search Committee" and the student participants on it. Many groups, including students, minorities, and women, believed that this committee was going to be above the political gamesmanship that has been so common of organizations in the past. As students, we would like to see our involvement in governance issues at Evergreen as a part of our learning process. This latest experience reflects the Board's lack of commitment to seriously interact with students on issues concerning the future of the college. The major consequence will be the widening of a credibility gap between students and the Board of Trustees.

Recognizing the political reality of Evans's appointment, i.e. that the job offer cannot now be retracted, we submit that in the future an active search for a series of qualified candidates be utilized as the method for selection. We believe that active participation in decision making by students, staff, and faculty in issues of this nature is necessary in order to avoid violation of our expectations of community governance.