

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

Thursday, October 1, 1981
The Evergreen State College Campus
Daniel J. Evans Library, Room 3112
Olympia, Washington

Trustees Present: Wesley E. Berglund
Robert J. Flowers
Herbert Gelman
Thelma A. Jackson
Jane B. Sylvester

Representatives to the Board Present: Larry Eickstaedt, Faculty
Jan Lambertz, Staff
Jeffree Stewart, Student
Janice Wood, Alum

Staff Present: John Aikin, Director of Computer Services
Richard Alexander, Academic Dean
Mike Bigelow, Budget Officer
Rita Cooper, Director of Employee Relations
Les Eldridge, Assistant to the President and
Director of Community Relations
Dan Evans, President
Chuck Fowler, Director of College Relations
Rita Grace, Recording Secretary
Jeanne Hahn, Member of the Faculty
Rainer Hasenstab, Member of the Faculty
Rob Knapp, Member of the Faculty
David Marr, Member of the Faculty
Charles McCann, Member of the Faculty
John Perkins, Academic Dean
Dick Schwartz, Vice President for Business
Barbara Leigh Smith, Academic Dean
Byron Youtz, Vice President and Provost
See permanent roster for others attending

Others Present: Ed Michelson, KGY
Rich Montecucco, Senior Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sylvester at 11:35 AM.
President Evans introduced Janice Wood, the new alumni representative, and other guests.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Admissions Statistics (Evans)

President Evans told Trustees of the uncertainties associated with the fall registration, estimating that the final headcount will be 2700 or 2800 students (compared to 2805 last year). The contract enrollment target is

2500 annual average FTE (compared to 2375 FTE last year). He also related an increase in students direct from high schools in Thurston County and Washington State and an increase in Third World students.

In response to a comment from Trustee Flowers, Provost Youtz assured Trustees that course titles were indicative of content. Chairman Sylvester commented about a PI article regarding Evergreen's sailing program. Trustee Flowers felt the article had demonstrated a link between the community and the school.

1981-83 OPERATING BUDGET REDUCTIONS - Action

President Evans reviewed the request from the Governor to reduce the college budget by 10.1 percent, or \$2,884,000 (including a salary shortfall of \$191,000) and to spell out the impact of a 20 percent reduction should the common schools win a court suit which would exclude them from the 10.1 percent cut.

Byron Youtz distributed resolutions passed by the faculty on September 30 and a two-page explanation of the plan recommended to achieve the 10.1 percent reduction. This proposal is a short-term solution which attempts to set up the mechanisms for action should there be no legislative tax relief. Provost Youtz outlined in detail the process and people involved in developing the recommendation.

Mr. Bigelow reviewed the total lump sum reductions of \$1,042,000 (includes utilities reduction; turning back research money; eliminating or making summer school self-sustaining; postponing the Master of Environmental Studies program to the first year of the next biennium should funds be provided; reduction in library resources; using local funds; and utilities funded from tuition funds, the latter requiring authorization from the Legislature).

Vice President Schwartz discussed the plan to achieve targeted cuts in instructional affairs, business affairs, students affairs, and presidential affairs (totaling \$1,842,000 for the biennium). He also outlined details of plan F-2 which reduces overall student enrollment by 155 students this year and 505 next year and shifts \$114,600 more to year two rather than reducing staff and faculty contracts by that amount this year.

Mr. Youtz reviewed other plans explored, including closing the college for a week--considered by staff to be a breach of contract with students and an economic hardship for those in lower income brackets.

Should there be no tax relief and the 10.1 percent cut carry into next year, the Trustees will be asked to declare a state of financial exigency (probably in January or February) and would require college reorganization. Should there be a declaration and implementation of a 20 percent cut, the Board will be asked to declare financial exigency immediately.

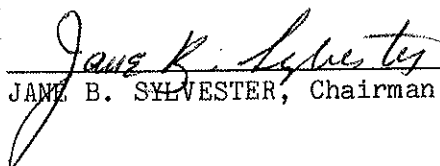
President Evans commended the work done by faculty and staff working together to develop the recommendation to the Board.

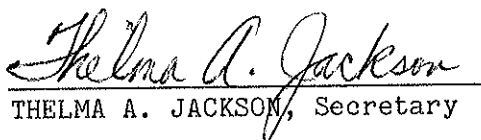
The Board recessed for lunch and an executive session at 12:45 PM and reconvened the special meeting at 1:55 PM.

Motion
81-43

Mr. Gelman moved adoption of plan F-2 to reduce the college's operating budget by 10.1 percent with a mandatory reconsideration of the financial status of the institution immediately after a determination is made by the Legislature and hopefully at the November meeting; and, if that is too far away after a determination has been made as to the tax status by the Legislature, that a special meeting be called. Components of the plan include: a 7 percent reduction in staff by not filling 25 positions; the budget shortfall of \$2,884,000 be met by lump sum reductions totaling \$1,042,000 plus a 6.5 percent reduction across the board for all units in the first year and 7.2 percent in the second; cuts to part-time positions, student positions and non salary areas; no RIF in 1981-82 at the 10.1 percent reduction level; preservation of quality in terms of academic teaching load for 1981-82; shifting of \$114,600 reduction to the second year of the biennium. The motion was seconded by Mr. Berglund and passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10 PM.


JANE B. SYLVESTER, Chairman


THELMA A. JACKSON, Secretary