

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

Thursday, February 11, 1982
The Evergreen State College Campus
Daniel J. Evans Library, Room 3112
Olympia, Washington

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

Representatives to the Board Present: Georgette Chun, Staff
Betty Estes, Faculty
Jeffree Stewart, Student

Absent: Janice Wood, Alum

Staff Present: Mike Bigelow, Budget Officer
Les Eldridge, Director of Community Relations
and Assistant to the President
Dan Evans, President
Chuck Fowler, Director of College Relations
Rita Grace, Recording Secretary
Dick Schwartz, Vice President for Business
McDonald Smith, Security Chief
David Wallbom, Director of Facilities
Ken Winkley, Business Manager
Byron Youtz, Vice President and Provost
See permanent roster for others attending

Others Present: Richard Montecucco, Senior Assistant Attorney
General
See permanent roster for others attending

CALL TO ORDER, ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA, AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sylvester at 1:35 PM.

Motion 82-3 Mrs. Jackson moved approval of the minutes of the
January 21, 1982 meeting as distributed. Seconded by
Mr. Gelman and passed.

REVISION TO WAC 174-104-010 AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING

Trustee Gelman stated that the Trustees' desire in moving the regular meeting time to 1:30 PM was to free up the morning for Trustee activities on campus, such as work sessions, committee meetings, etc.

Motion 82-4 Mr. Gelman moved, in accordance with Administrative
Procedures Act requirements, to schedule a public hearing
on April 8 at 1:45 PM to consider revision to WAC 174-104-010,
relating to time of regular Board meetings. Seconded by
Mrs. Jackson and passed.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Investment Report and WOIS Progress Report (Schwartz/Winkley/Chase)

Ken Winkley reviewed the investment report for the period ending December 31, 1981, mentioning the fluctuation of the average interest rate earned between January - December, 1981. In response to a request from Chairman Sylvester, Mr. Winkley distributed a glossary of abbreviations used in the investment report. After further discussion, Mr. Winkley thought it would be beneficial for the investment report to include a comparison of the estimated revenues with actual interest earnings. (Mr. Winkley will prepare the appropriate report for the finance committee.)

Mr. Schwartz told Trustees he felt that the Washington Occupational Information Service will be able to meet their budget through June 30, 1982. Elton Chase reviewed WOIS' plans to develop articles of incorporation for WOIS to become a non-profit organization, with the transfer to a non-profit status at the end of June.

BREAK

As Trustees recessed at 2 PM to have informal conversation and coffee with those attending, President Evans announced that Ed Arnone's newswriting class was covering the meeting as a course exercise.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued

Plan for 2.6 percent Budget Reduction (Evans/Bigelow)

President Evans told Trustees that the requested 2.6 percent budget reduction represents the Governor's view of the current shortage expected by the end of the biennium of \$160,000,000. In order to accomplish a 2.6 percent reduction for the biennium, the college's share of the reduction would be slightly over 5 percent in the second year (on top of the several cutbacks this year - 2%, 3%, 5%).

Mike Bigelow reviewed the two plans which will be presented to OFM to reduce the college budget by \$656,422, 2.6 percent of the biennium general fund appropriation. Factors included in this plan are: (1) reduction of 227 students and 12.4 faculty under Plan B and 135 students and 7.4 faculty under plan A; (2) the uncertainty as to whether or not OFM would allow the college to run a self-supported summer school; (3) the reduction decisions incorporate the priorities and decisions reached last October in determining the anticipated 10.1 percent cut. Under both plans there will be no restoration in the second year of the biennium.

President Evans added that the reduction plan does not represent actual internal allocations for the second year of the biennium and discussed conversations with the Office of Financial Management regarding summer school.

Trustee Gelman wondered if, in cutting the number of faculty and staff, there would be savings in other areas (i.e. recruitment and marketing). Byron Youtz responded that growth is a long-term objective; the college is

trying to prevent trimming back to a point where there would be no method of moving forward when funding is available. Any reduction in student enrollment is a deterrent to the momentum that has been established. President Evans added that past cuts were taken in other areas to preserve the academic area.

President Evans asked for Trustee approval with the understanding that this represents a plan to respond to the Governor's request, but that the college will bring to the Board the actual spending plan for the second year of the biennium following internal allocation discussions.

Motion
82-5

Mr. Gelman moved approval of submission to the Office of Financial Management a 2.6 percent budget reduction plan for 1982-83 totaling \$656,422 with the following elements:

Plan A assumes a self-supported summer school with a reduction of 135 students and 7.4 faculty; alternate Plan B, presented in the event OPM does not allow a self-supported summer school, assumes a reduction of 227 students and 12.4 faculty. Seconded by Mr. Flowers and passed.

Legislative Update (Eldridge)

Les Eldridge reported (1) following President Evans' testimony on a data processing bill before the House Appropriations General Government Committee, higher education was removed from the language of the bill; (2) HB 784, the omnibus higher education bill (raising graduate tuition and other provisions generating revenue from higher education), passed the Senate Ways and Means committee; (3) none of the caucuses seem to have the votes to provide a majority for any revenue raising or budget cutting solutions; (4) the session is to end on March 11; (5) reminded Trustees of the February 17 and 25 legislative receptions; and (6) discussed Senators Goltz and Guess' tuition bill which would raise Evergreen's tuition about 25 percent higher than other universities.

Mr. Eldridge indicated that the CPE staff response to Evergreen's annual report emphasizes the necessity of bringing statutory enrollment goals in line with legislative funding. The report will be mailed to the Trustees.

Admissions Statistics (Evans)

Mr. Evans reviewed spring and fall 1982 admissions statistics. Applications in the last several weeks (particularly transfer) are down. Byron Youtz thought the introduction of the application fee may be affecting the number of applications. Recent statistics indicate that Evergreen has a larger share of community college transfers than any other institution in the state (compared to size).

Washington Student Lobby (Evans)

President Evans mentioned that ultimately a decision may be requested of the Board regarding the creation of a statewide Washington student lobby.

The method of funding (voluntary negative check-off) would require Board of Trustees' approval.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Evans mentioned the April 18-20 AGB meeting in Denver. Attendance will be discussed at the February 25 retreat.

Trustees are to prioritize goals and objectives at the February 25 retreat.

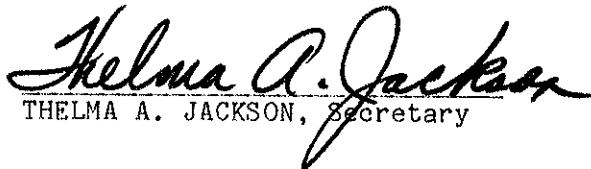
Trustees were invited to participate in the phone-a-thon fund-raising efforts.

President Evans mentioned Evergreen's inclusion in the New York Times Selective Guide to Colleges, which describes and rates 275 of the best and most interesting four-year colleges in the nation. Edward Fiske, editor for the New York Times, selected Evergreen as one of the colleges deserving special praise as he discussed the Guide on the Larry King talk show.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.


JANE B. SYLVESTER, Chairman


THELMA A. JACKSON, Secretary

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