

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

Wednesday, March 8, 1989
Continued March 10, 1989
Daniel J. Evans Library
Olympia, Washington

Trustees Attending:

Kay Boyd
Herbert Gelman
George E. Mante
Richard S. Page
William T. Robinson
David K. Y. Tang
Allan M. Weinstein

Representatives
to the Board
Present:

Jeanne Hahn, Faculty
Kitty Parker, Staff
Janine Thome, Alumni

Staff Present:

Pris Bowerman, Faculty
Jon Collier, College Architect
Kathleen Garcia, Executive Assistant to the President
Rita Brackenbush, Administrative Assistant to the
President
Patrick Hill, Vice President & Provost
Ken Jacob, Director of Facilities
Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President for
Governmental Relations
Gail Martin, Vice President for Student Affairs
Margarita Mendoza de Sugiyama, Special Assistant to the
President
Joseph Olander, President
Les Purce, Vice President for College Advancement
Tom Rainey, Faculty
Mike Wark, Information Specialist
Ken Winkley, Vice President for Finance & Administration

Others Attending:

Dee Brookings, Assistant Attorney General
Denny Dawson, Attorney General's office
Mike Grant, Assistant Attorney General
Richard Kennedy, Seattle-Northwest Securities Corp.
Lee Voorhees, Jr., Foster Pepper & Shefelman
See permanent roster for others attending

The Board met in a work session at 11:00 AM. Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President for Governmental Relations, discussed the Governor's tax reform measure with Trustees.

The public meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM by Chairman Tang. President Olander introduced Les Purce, who has just joined the College as the Vice President for College Advancement. Dr. Purce comes to Evergreen

from Pocatello, Idaho. President Olander called on Ted Hong to introduce Sothy Ken, a third year Evergreen student who has just been notified that she is one of the five national recipients of the Student Humanitarian Award (for voluntary community service). Ms. Ken will donate her \$1500 award to the Olympia Refugee Center.

Trustees agreed to move action items to later in the meeting to accommodate anticipated additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Report on Status of Mid-Contract Termination with Adequate Cause

Faculty member Pris Bowerman discussed the mid-contract termination with adequate cause policy, mentioning that the faculty's interest in this policy paralleled that of the institution. The standards by which faculty would be judged are the standards of professional conduct in the faculty handbook. The policy builds upon and begins with the kind of informal procedures that have successfully mediated disputes in the past. The procedures for informal settlement of issues, formal hearing, and summary suspension are all initiated by the Provost. There is a range of sanctions from a written reprimand to ultimate dismissal of a faculty member.

Chairman Tang expressed appreciation for the time and energy which has gone into the development of this policy.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Action

Motion Mr. Page moved approval of the minutes of the February 8,
89-06 1989 meeting, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Mante and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION - Continued

Legislative Update

Jennifer Jaech reviewed the bill which limits the authority of the Trustees over S&A fees and the bill requiring half of the governing boards to be alumni. Another bill which has risen as a top priority would affect tuition over the next couple of years. If current law remains in effect, tuition for graduate students would jump 60% over the next two years.

APPROVAL OF LIST OF PEER INSTITUTIONS - Action

Ms. Jaech also mentioned peer institution comparisons for budget purposes. Following detailed discussion, the Trustees approved the list of peers the College has been informally using.

Motion Mr. Page moved approval of the attached list of 35 public
89-07 colleges and universities to serve as Evergreen's national comparison group. The list represents a compromise, as the methodology originally employed and consistent with the Higher

Motion Education Coordinating Board guidelines generated a group of
89-07 private schools, which the HEC Board would not endorse. Seconded
cont. by Mr. Weinstein and passed.

Legislative Update - Continued

Ms. Jaech apprised the Trustees of the branch campus bill, which is a House ratification of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's role and work. The Senate passed the access bill which raises enrollment lids at institutions and scales back the funding and size of the UW proposed branch campus.

Affirmative Action Annual Report

President Olander commended Ms. Mendoza de Sugiyama for the forms she developed--the Higher Education Personnel Board is considering adopting Evergreen's forms. Margarita Mendoza de Sugiyama told Trustees that the College is doing very well in meeting affirmative action goals. People are being educated and are supportive of affirmative action efforts.

Soviet Union Slide Presentation

Faculty member Tom Rainey, who serves as Director of the graduate program in environment studies, took Trustees on a "slide" tour of Soviet Nature Reserves (one of the largest reserve systems in the world).

Haas Foundation Scholarship Award Presentation

Forrest Wilcox introduced Michelle Connor, this year's recipient of the Haas Foundation Scholarship Award (based on academic achievement) for students in communications and journalism. Chairman Tang presented the award certificate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed into executive session at 3:15 PM to discuss with counsel the West vs. Jones lawsuit and specific personnel issues related to the mid-contract termination policy. The meeting reconvened at 4:00 PM.

HOUSING, PHASE III - Postponement

President Olander informed Trustees of the withdrawal of the low bidder for the construction of Housing, Phase III, for 213 additional students. Vice President Winkley stated that the next bid was \$210,000 higher than the low bid. Staff requested additional time to evaluate the risks involved prior to making a recommendation to the Trustees. Mr. Winkley introduced Dick Kennedy from Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation, who discussed in detail the issuance of revenue bonds in the sum of \$3,750,000. Mr. Kennedy informed Trustees that there is a firm offer for this issuance and recommended purchase of municipal bond insurance (which guarantees a AAA rating) at a cost of approximately \$45,000. Mr. Kennedy distributed a copy

of the bond purchase contract, a listing of comparable bond sales, a weekly bond buyer index, and a preliminary official statement dated March 2, 1989. The true interest cost is at 7.54% (the cost to borrow \$3,750,000 over 20 years). Bond Counsel Lee Voorhees from Foster Pepper and Shefelman stated that, if Trustees adopted the resolution to accept the purchase offer today, the College will have sold the bonds.

President Olander suggested finalizing this action via a conference call on Friday. Assistant Attorney General Mike Grant recommended having a quorum of Trustees present with a speaker phone and conference call with the remaining Trustees. Lee Voorhees distributed and discussed a draft of the resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds. He endorsed the recommendation to adjourn today's meeting and continue and reconvene the meeting on Friday, with the proper notification to media (and a quorum present).

Trustees agreed to reconvene the Board meeting on Friday, March 10, at 9:00 AM.

OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION - Continued

Student Governance Proposal

Students Vikki Michalios and James Dannen reported the results of the vote on the student governance proposal: 85% of those voting (575 people voted) ratified the proposal. The first general assembly will take place the second week of next quarter. A formal proposal based on this interim adoption will come to the Board later in the spring.

TESC Tax Reform Position

Trustee Page suggested the attached language regarding Evergreen's tax reform position which endorses putting this issue on the state ballot. Trustees Boyd, Gelman and Weinstein are to attend a meeting of the Council of Presidents and the Governor on this issue on March 13.

RECESS AND CONTINUATION ON MARCH 10

Motion 89-08 Mr. Page moved to recess the public meeting and continue the discussion regarding Housing, Phase III, on Friday, March 10, 1989. Second by Mr. Mante and passed.

The meeting recessed at 4:58 PM. The attached notice concerning continuation of the meeting to March 10 was posted on Library 3112. Phone calls were made on March 9 to notify the Seattle Post Intelligencer, the Seattle Times, the Centralia Chronicle, the Aberdeen World, and the Tacoma News Tribune. Written notices were also mailed to each of the above on March 9. Notice of continuation of the Board meeting to March 10 was hand delivered on March 8 to: The Olympian, KGY radio, KQ 92 radio, and KLDY radio.

At 9:10 AM on Friday, March 10, Vice Chair Gelman reconvened the Board in a public session with a quorum of four Trustees present (Boyd, Gelman, Mante and Page). Trustees Tang and Weinstein participated in the meeting via a conference call speaker phone. Trustee Robinson was unavailable.

HOUSING, PHASE III - Action

President Olander apprised Trustees that (1) the scaled back items (ie - dumpster enclosures, vaulted ceilings, skylights, and entry ways) are contained in the recommendation; and (2) the preferred funding proposal would protect housing reserves in order to address deferred maintenance needs in existing housing.

Vice President Martin outlined the sources of the one-time proposals for funding the Phase III shortfall: (1) stacking chairs instead of wood chairs - \$18,750; (2) excess accumulation in Housing Phase II sinking fund - \$60,000; (3) Conference Services buys linen for Phase III - \$17,600; (4) Housing borrows through inter-fund loan (to be repaid after five years) - \$74,099; (5) Admission application fee - \$30,000; and (6) reduction in Housing administrative costs - \$46,000 (for a total of \$236,449).

Ms. Martin responded to questions and commented that this proposal represents a very high level of inter-divisional cooperation, and it shows a college-wide commitment to Housing.

Motion 89-09 Mr. Gelman moved approval of entering into an agreement with Seattle Northwest Securities for purchase of the bonds to provide housing for 213 students and that the Board approve attached Resolution No. 2-89, entitled "Resolution of the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in the sum of \$3,750,000 secured by revenue from the College Housing System for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of College housing." Seconded by Mr. Mante and passed.

Vice President Winkley recommended acceptance of the second low bid and indicated that every procedure is in place to move ahead with Walsh Construction. This company has built housing for WSU, UW, WWU and Portland State University.

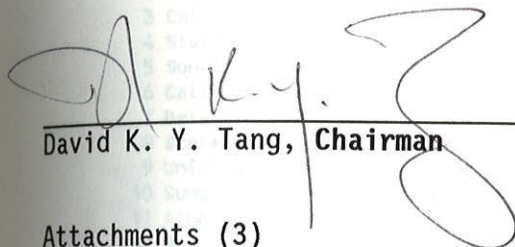
Assistant Attorney General Mike Grant advised the College to not take any action with regard to the bid bond of the lowest bidder until the rights of the parties have been reviewed.

Motion 89-10 Mr. Mante moved to accept the base bid of Walsh Construction Company, Seattle, Washington, in the amount of \$2,765,000 for the construction of Housing, Phase III. Seconded by Ms. Boyd and passed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.


David K. Y. Tang, Chairman


Kay Boyd, Secretary

Attachments (3)