

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

***Wednesday, February 12, 1992
Daniel J. Evans Library
Olympia, Washington***

Trustees Attending:

Lila S. Girvin
Frederick T. Haley
Edward F. Kelly
Christina A. Meserve
Constance W. Rice
John N. Terrey
Carol Vipperman

**Representatives
to the Board
Present:**

Nancy McKinney, Staff **Absent:** Cheryl Culver, Alum
J.E.B. Thornton, Student John Cushing, Faculty

Staff Present:

Edward Brown, Director of KEY Special Services
Peter Chapa, Director of Counseling and Health
Services
Jon Collier, Staff Architect
Carolyn Dobbs, Vice President for Student Affairs
Shannon Ellis, Dean of Student and Academic
Support Services
Sandy Hanson, Director of College Relations
Lee Hoemann, Executive Assistant to the President
Ken Jacob, Director of Facilities
Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President for
Governmental Relations
Russ Lidman, Vice President and Provost
Les Purce, Interim President
Jamil Qureshi, Vice President for Finance and
Administration
Arnaldo Rodriguez, Dean of Enrollment Services
Rita Sevcik, Administrative Assistant to the President
Mike Wark, Information Specialist

Others Attending:

Jan Frickelton, Assistant Attorney General
Merritt Long, Community Member
Bernice Youtz

PUBLIC MEETING:

The Board convened its regular meeting at 1:35 PM and approved the acceptance of the agenda as printed. Shannon Ellis introduced Edward Brown, newly appointed Director of KEY Special Services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action

Motion Dr. Terrey moved acceptance of the minutes of the January 14
2-1-92 and 15, 1992 meetings as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Haley and passed.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF BYRON YOUTZ - Action

The Chair read and, on behalf of the Board, presented to Byron's widow, Bernice Youtz, a resolution honoring the life and service of founding faculty member Byron Youtz. The Chair added her appreciation and condolences.

Motion By unanimous consent, the Board approved attached Resolution
2-2-92 No. 92-1, entitled "Resolution of the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College Honoring the Life and Service of Byron L. Youtz.

RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS - Action

Chair Vipperman expressed the Board's desire to officially acknowledge and thank the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their dedication and hard work. On behalf of the Board, she presented Resolutions of Appreciation to those members in attendance, including Marcia Husseman who served as staff support. Resolutions were mailed to those unable to attend. Committee members included: Faculty - Nancy Taylor (Chair), Duke Kuehn, Rita Pougiales; Staff - Diane Kahaumia, Nancy Koppelman, Judy Huntley, Bonnie Moonchild; Students - Diana Arens, Rio Lara-Bellon, Sarah Bradley; Community - Merritt Long; Alumni - Doug Riddels, Marilyn Ward; and Academic Dean - Jose Gomez. Trustee Terrey added that he had never seen a search committee that had taken its work more seriously and had given the energy that this group has.

LAB ANNEX III SCHEMATIC DESIGN - Action

Vice President Qureshi reviewed the history of this project, which is the final phase of the additions to the building and will allow the consolidation of all of the academic programs in the arts. The project cost \$1,356,500 and will add 5,240 square feet of additional space (combining three capital budget requests). The primary project is the Lab annex addition and remodeling of the existing shop; the second request is the addition of a mezzanine above the existing shop for design and small project work; the third request is for expansion of the existing ceramics studio. The project was funded by the 1991 legislature and is scheduled for completion in June, 1993. Following Board approval, the architectural firm of Carlson/Ferrin Architects will begin the design development phase. Construction is expected to begin in the fall. The architects were approved by the Board at the October 9, 1991 meeting. The requirements of the new Americans with Disabilities Act are being studied as they relate to this project.

Jon Collier provided an explanation of the project. He discussed the location

of the building, the scope of the work, the shape of the building, the site requirements, some environmental issues, the exterior expression of the building, and the cost estimate.

Dr. Purce asked for clarification regarding the kiln. Jamil Qureshi responded that the kiln area was not part of this project since funding had not been received.

Motion Dr. Terrey moved approval of the schematic design of the Lab Annex
2-3-92 III addition as presented in Tab 7 of the agenda of February 12, 1992 (with the understanding that the exterior design is subject to change). This project will provide project assembly space, a 3-D studio, a wood shop, and additional ceramics studio space. Seconded by Dr. Rice and passed.

CHAIR'S/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chair Vipperman expressed the appreciation of the Board and presented Board resolutions to Trustees Girvin and Terrey for their work on the presidential search committee and for their commitment of time to this process.

President Purce reported on the progress of the Vice President for Student Affairs search and the executive assistant search. He called on representatives to the Board to make comments. J.E.B. Thornton mentioned the emergence of a newly comprised consensus-based student government. He also indicated that a group of students will be going to Washington, D. C. for a student education and lobbyist program. Trustee Girvin raised the issue of student attendance at the sessions for presidential candidate interviews. J.E.B. made a commitment to get a public service announcement on the college radio station asking for student involvement.

For the record, Trustee Rice noted that **The Olympian** has done an excellent job of profiling the candidates that have been here so far. She added that Trustees really do want to see more students. Nancy McKinney mentioned the staff excitement about the presidential candidates and staff participation in the process.

Legislative Update

Jennifer Jaech reported that the House had passed its budget holding higher education at the 2 1/2 percent cut already taken. The budget assumes an increase in tuition in the same dollar amount as the Governor's proposal. The tuition increase legislation allows the Board flexibility to reduce tuition for resident undergraduate students by raising tuition rates of other students. Ms. Jaech also discussed tuition waivers with the Trustees, predicting the likelihood that the legislature will ask governing boards to reduce the number of waivers and to determine where reductions occur. To date, when the institution has been asked how it would reduce waivers, the staff has talked about waivers in the context of the values of the College (for example, since diversity is an important issue for the institution, it is likely that the College would strive to protect waivers offered to students of low-income and diverse cultural backgrounds). Trustees discussed the specific

waivers listed on Ms. Jaech's handout for 1992-93 projected waiver programs. Chair Vipperman expressed her personal view that it would be important to have a program for foreign exchange--the opportunity for our students to go abroad and students to come here.

Arnaldo Rodriguez mentioned that factors considered in the admissions process include: race and ethnicity; persons over 25; Vietnam era veterans; students with disabilities; and first generation students (students whose parents have not graduated from a four-year institution). He also indicated that cultural diversity is very broadly defined by Evergreen and includes more than students of color. Of the 4% financial aid/diversity waivers held, 1% is committed to people of diversity.

Trustee Rice felt that the most important area would be the area of financial aid/diversity. It would be extremely important to consider middle-class families and to discuss these issues further. She felt she needed more information and more time to discuss the issues before coming to a conclusion. Trustee Terrey agreed that financial need and diversity were key issues.

The Chair proposed that Trustees be given more information regarding each of the waiver programs listed on the handout: what falls into each category; which are required or optional; what kind of impact does it have; what are the reciprocity agreements; what kind of flexibility do the Trustees have? Before the Board could come to a consensus regarding how tuition waivers could be reduced, Trustees felt they needed more information. Detailed information will be provided.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION ITEMS, OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Proposal for Health Fee Increase - Discussion

Interim Vice President Dobbs introduced the proposals for an increase in two student fees, indicating further information will be provided, based on information Trustees would like to have, prior to action at the March meeting. She also thanked the Board for their level of commitment regarding the presidential search.

Shannon Ellis introduced Peter Chapa, Director of Counseling and Health Services, who reviewed the information in the executive summary and the recommendation that the mandatory health fee be increased from \$20/quarter to \$30/quarter. He indicated that, since 1983, utilization has increased nearly 200 percent. During the same time, the operating costs have increased 130 percent and fees were increased by 33 percent. This proposed increase in fees would generate \$234,720, which will be used to enhance nutritional counseling; HIV testing and counseling; increased drug/alcohol substance abuse program outreach/education; workshops and literature; and hire a permanent licensed medical assistant to work with the professional staff.

Trustee Vipperman asked about a co-pay arrangement for those who use these services as opposed to an across-the-board mandatory increase, particularly in light of a probable substantial tuition fee increase (Trustee Haley shared this view). Dr. Ellis indicated that this increase would provide a stable

funding base. Trustee Rice asked to see a breakout between resident dormitory use and commuter use. Dr. Purce indicated he would be interested in seeing comparison of size and staffing--he speculated that the cost issue had to do with the economies of scale.

APPLICATION FEE INCREASE - Action

Arnaldo Rodriguez informed Trustees that the current admissions application fee of \$25 was unanimously established by the four-year public institutions in 1985. As a result of budget reductions, these same institutions will be asking their boards of regents/trustees to increase the fee to \$35. He pointed out the amount of work required to evaluate credentials of a high school graduate. This is a very labor-intensive (and costly) mandated process. The same fee applies to in-state and out-of-state student applications.

Motion Dr. Rice moved approval to increase the current admissions
2-4-92 application fee from \$25 to \$35, effective for students applying for Fall, 1993 and thereafter. Seconded by Ms. Meserve and passed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING, OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

A special executive session meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10. The executive session will be continued at 9:00 AM the next morning. The regular meeting will be held on March 11, at 1:30 PM.

Longhouse

Trustee Rice requested background information on the Longhouse project (logged for discussion at the April meeting).

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.


Carol Vipperman, Chair


Lila S. Girvin, Secretary

Attachments