



**the evergreen  
state college**  
olympia, washington

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

**April 13, 2017**

**Trustees Attending:** Fred Goldberg  
Irene Gonzales  
Rhianna Hruska  
Keith Kessler  
David Nicandri  
Anne Proffitt  
Gretchen Sorensen

**Staff Present:** George Bridges, President  
John Carmichael, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board  
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs  
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Sandra Kaiser, Vice President for College Relations  
Tina Kuckkahn-Miller, Director of the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center  
Ken Tabbutt, Interim Provost  
Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of The Evergreen State College Foundation

**Others Present:** Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General  
Sandra Yannone, Faculty Representative to the Board

Trustee Gretchen Sorensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in Room 3103 of the The Evergreen State College's Library Building. A quorum was present, with Trustees, Goldberg, Gonzales, Hruska, Kessler, and Sorensen attending by phone. Trustees Nicandri and Proffitt attended in person.

President Bridges thanked the Board for its diligence in considering the proposed investment in a new Fiber Arts Studio. He said that the college is at an inflection point in its history, and that the Fiber Arts Studio represents an opportunity to build for the future. He recommended that the Board approve the project.

**Budget Update**

The President's Chief of Staff John Carmichael provided a brief overview of the House and Senate operating budget proposals for the 2017-2019 biennium. Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley provided an overview of the capital budget proposals.

### **Fiber Arts Studio**

Tina Kuckkahn-Miller, Director of the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center, and Amanda Walker, Vice President for Advancement, reviewed the fundraising progress and plans for the Fiber Arts Studio and for the Longhouse and Indigenous Arts Campus. Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley presented the proposed budget for the project. The Trustees discussed the history of the project, the difficult bidding environment for construction projects, and policies and procedures for managing capital construction projects supported by philanthropy.

**Motion** Dr. Gonzales made a motion to approve the proposed budget and construction contract  
**2017-07** for the Fiber Arts Studio project. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Sorensen called for public comment. There was none

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Gretchen Sorensen, Chair

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David Nicandri, Secretary