

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

September 22, 2014

Trustees Attending:	Fred Goldberg Irene Gonzales Keith Kessler David Nicandri Anne Proffitt Gretchen Sorensen Nicholas Wooten	Absent:	James Wigfall
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Staff Present:

Tony Alfonso, Director of Computing and Communications
Phil Betz, Director of Admissions
Neil Bowerman, Director of Labor Relations
John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Paul Gallegos, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Affairs and Title IX Coordinator
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
Steve Hunter, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Casey LaLonde, Director of the Childcare Center
Meryl Lipman, Media and Community Relations Manager
Elizabeth McHugh, Director of the Health and Counseling Center
Sara Martin, Interim Director of Student and Academic Support Services
Thomas L. Purce, President
Jeanne Rynne, Director of Facilities
Todd Sprague, Executive Director of Marketing, Communications & College Relations
Laurel Uznanski, Associate Vice President for Human Resource Services
Amanda Walker, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of The Evergreen State College Foundation
Michael Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Others Present:

Andrew Beattie, Staff Representative to the Board
Abir Biswas, Faculty Representative to the Board
Joyce Irvine, Chair of the Foundation Board of Governors
Jonathan Lindsay, Alumni Representative to the Board
Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Andrea Warren Hamos, Academic Search

Mr. Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced that the board would move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining. Following the executive session, the trustees would attend the Convocation assembly before returning to an open public meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The board returned to an open public meeting as scheduled.

Introductions

Three newly appointed staff members were introduced: Tony Alfonso, Director of Computing and Communications; Phil Betz, Director of Admissions; and Meryl Lipman, Media and Community Relations Manager.

The Evergreen State College Foundation

Joyce Irvine, Chair of The Evergreen State College Foundation Board of Governors, and Amanda Walker, Associate Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation, provided a report on the foundation's activities. Ms. Irvine thanked the trustees for their commitment to establishing an endowed scholarship. She noted progress the Foundation has made on increasing the number of scholarships and the number and size of gifts to the Foundation. She discussed efforts to recruit, orient and develop members of the Board of Governors. Ms. Walker discussed plans related to the Alumni Association. The association was created as a part of the college in the 1970's. The Board of Trustees will be asked to dissolve the current Alumni Association so that it can be reconstituted as part of the Foundation.

Washington Federation of State Employees Classified Contract

Motion Dr. Gonzales made motion to approve the negotiated classified employees' collective
2014-33 bargaining agreement between The Evergreen State College and the Washington Federation of State Employees. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Renovation of the Lab I Basement

John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Jeanne Rynne, Director of Facilities, described a proposed capital project to renovate the basement of the Lab I building.

Motion Ms. Proffitt made motion to approve Resolution 2014-28 delegating authority to the
2014-34 President or his designee to award an architecture and engineering contract for the Science Lab I Basement Renovation Project to Stock & Associates Architecture for \$568,100. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chair's Report

Mr. Kessler noted that the Board had completed its annual evaluation of the president at the July meeting. Board policy calls for a written record of the evaluation. Mr. Kessler presented the written evaluation and said that copy of the evaluation would be placed in the college files. He expressed the board's appreciation for the president's work and its regret at losing the president to retirement.

Mr. Kessler noted that Assistant Attorney General Colleen Warren had accepted another assignment in the Attorney General's office, making this her last meeting with the board. He expressed the board's appreciation for her advice and counsel.

Minutes

Motion Mr. Goldberg moved adoption of the minutes of the board's July 10 meeting. The
2014-35 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Motion Mr. Nicandri moved adoption of the minutes of the board's July 25 meeting. The
2014-36 motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Student Trustee's Report

Mr. Kessler invited Nicholas Wooten to report as the student Trustee. Mr. Wooten said that he was honored to have an opportunity to speak at Convocation. He described his plans to work with the Clean Energy Committee. He said that he had met with some Geoduck Student Union representatives and hoped to attend their meetings this year.

President's Report

President Purce invited Andrew Beattie to report as the staff representative to the board. Mr. Beattie provided a written report. He noted that September is a very busy month for staff. He discussed work to revitalize new student orientation and described a successful employee appreciation event.

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as the alumni representative to the board. Mr. Lindsay talked about the Return to Evergreen events planned for October 18 and the scholarship reception planned for the same day.

Presidential Search

Andrea Warren Hamos from Academic Search discussed the presidential search. She described the history of the firm, the process of developing the position profile, and search timeline. The group discussed the number of finalists to be selected. The charge to the search DTF calls for three to five finalists. The group discussed the role of spokesperson for the search. The charge to the DTF designates the board chair as spokesperson. Mr. Kessler agreed that the chair of the search DTF might serve as spokesperson for the purpose of some campus communications. Dr. Hamos noted that additional outreach to students would occur during the first week of the quarter. Trustees expressed concern regarding the change in the Presidential Search timeline. Trustees asked for regular updates on the progress of the search.

Campus Safety Update

An update on campus safety was presented by Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs; Elizabeth McHugh, Director of the Health and Counseling Center; and Paul Gallegos, Special Assistant to the President for Diversity Affairs and Title IX Officer. Dr. Endress noted that the board heard concerns about campus safety during public comment at the board's July meeting. Ms. McHugh described the college's Sexual Misconduct Response Network and the work of the Office of Sexual Violence Prevention. She described the college's programs designed to prevent sexual misconduct and to provide individual support, counseling, and referral to people subject to sexual violence and misconduct. Prevention efforts focus on developing critical mass of people with the skills, training, and willingness to prevent violence. Mr. Gallegos described work at the federal and state levels to end sexual violence on college campuses and Evergreen's participation in that work.

Public Comment

Mr. Kessler invited public comment. Student Debra Peri described difficulty getting the college to recognize changes of name and gender identification; concerns about the timeline, levels of trust, and communication in the presidential search; and concerns about safety on campus, including the reporting of sexual assaults.

Faculty Representative's report

President Purce introduced Abir Biswas, Member of the Faculty, who will be serving as the faculty representative to the board. Dr. Biswas said that the Faculty Agenda Committee had resolved to make time on their agendas so that Dr. Biswas can convey information to and from Board of Trustees meetings.

Student Orientation

Vice President for Student Affairs Wendy Endress and Interim Director of Student and Academic Support Services Sara Martin described the goals and schedule of new student orientation.

Mr. Kessler adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Keith Kessler, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary