



**the evergreen
state college**
olympia, washington

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

July 8, 2015

Trustees Attending:

Fred Goldberg
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen

Absent: Irene Gonzales
James Wigfall

Staff Present:

John Carmichael, Deputy to the President and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Tom Mercado, Director of Student Activities
Emily Pieper, Senior Student Organizations Advisor
Thomas L. Purce, President
Jeanne Rynne, Director of Facilities
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget
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:

Jeff Beaulac, GSU Representative to the Board
Jonathan Lindsay, Alumni Representative to the Board
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Goldberg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.. A quorum was present. He announced that the Board would move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining, reconvening in an open meeting at 10:30. The Board returned to an open session at 10:40 after the executive session was extended ten minutes by announcement of the chair.

Operating Budget

President Purce recommended the Board adopt the proposed operating budget for the 2015-17 biennium, noting that although the state's biennial budget had been signed by the Governor, additional legislative action was needed to operationalize the budget. Executive Director for Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter noted that the proposed Board action had been reviewed at previous board meetings. He highlighted the state's investment in lowering tuition, providing \$4.3 million in operating revenue for this purpose. The estimated proportion of a student's educational costs that would be covered by the state under this budget increases from 39% to 47%.

**Motion
2015-28**

Mr. Nicandri made a motion to adopt the proposed 2015-17 operating spending plan:

| College Spending Plan by Fund Type | 2015-17 Spending Plan |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| State General Fund | \$47,329,000 |
| Education Legacy Trust Fund | 5,450,000 |
| Tuition Revenue | 60,196,232 |
| Local Dedicated Funds | 15,238,400 |
| Grants & Contracts | 9,850,000 |
| <u>Non-Budgeted Service/Auxiliary Funds</u> | <u>28,227,000</u> |
| TOTAL SPENDING PLANS | \$166,240,632 |

And including changes to mandatory fees as follows:

- a) Decrease resident undergraduate tuition by 5% in 2015-16 and by 15% in 2016-17; and
- b) Increase non-resident undergraduate and resident graduate tuition levels 5% per year
- c) Increase non-resident graduate tuition levels 3% per year; and
- d) Increase the Student and Activities fee by 2% per year; and
- e) Increase Housing Rates by an average of 2% per year; and
- f) Increase Dining Plans by an average of 3.5% per year; and
- g) Increase the Community Health and Counseling Fee by 6% in 2015-16 and by 4% in 2016-17.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

S&A Fees

Vice President for Student Affairs Wendy Endress reviewed the proposal for Services and Activities Fees presented at the May meeting.

**Motion
2015-27**

Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the 2013-2015 Services and Activities Fee biennial budget as developed by the Services and Activities Fee Allocation Board, totaling \$6,207,526; approve an increase in the Services and Activities Fee of two percent for 2013-2014; and approve an increase in the Services and Activities Fees of two percent for 2014- 2015. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Capital Budget Actions

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley described the capital budget for 2015-2017 as the best he had seen in his time at the college. He noted that further legislative action was pending to operationalize the state capital budget. Director of Facilities Jeanne Rynne reviewed the proposed action.

Lecture Hall

Director of Facilities Jeanne Rynne discussed a proposed resolution approving a budget for the renovation of Purce Hall and delegating authority for the project. She reported that considerable value engineering was required to make the project fit within the available budget. Much of the media equipment for the building was moved into bid alternates. Ms. Rynne was asked about plans for making the building rotunda more conducive for student social and study needs. She reported that plumbing and electrical work in the space will support a variety of flexible options.

**Motion
2015-30**

Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve Board Resolution 2015-19:

The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College approves:

- a) The Guaranteed Maximum Price for the renovation of the Lecture Hall, negotiated in good faith in accordance with RCW 39.10 with Absher Construction, the GC/CM, in the amount of \$12,247,000.
- b) Board approval of the above referenced GMP is contingent upon the Legislature passing a 2015-17 capital budget that includes the construction appropriation for the Lecture Hall Renovation equal to \$16,310,000.

The motion was seconded and approved on a voice vote.

Resolution Recognizing D. Lee Hoemann

**Motion
2015-31**

Mr. Goldberg made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-18 recognizing the contributions of D. Lee Hoemann:

WHEREAS D. Lee Hoemann has served the college for 25 years in the President's office and, since 2006, as Vice President for College Advancement; and

WHEREAS during her tenure, income from gifts and contributions to the Foundation have more than doubled; the Foundation's assets have increased 275%; and the endowment has more than tripled; and

WHEREAS literally thousands of Evergreen students have received scholarships from the Foundation that are a direct result of Lee's work and the work of the team that she has led; and without these scholarships many students would not have had access to Evergreen; and

WHEREAS when Lee retires this year, she will leave behind a powerful legacy in the form of an engaged Board of Governors, a dedicated staff; and a growing and active alumni network;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the students, faculty, staff and alumni of The Evergreen State College, expresses profound gratitude to D. Lee Hoemann for her many years of dedicated and successful service.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Student Services Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement

**Motion
2015-32**

Ms. Proffitt made a motion to approve the collective bargaining agreement negotiated with the Student Services Support Staff Union. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's report

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as Alumni Representative to the Board. Mr. Lindsay reported on the Alumni Associations participation in Olympia's Music in the Parks program.

President Purce invited Jeff Beaulac to report as Geoduck Student Union Representative to the Board. Mr. Beaulac said that the GSU had not met since the Board's previous meeting. He expressed a hope that the GSU might have regular meetings with the next president.

President Purce invited Vice President for College Advancement Amanda Walker to provide a fundraising update. Ms. Walker said that as of June 30 the Foundation had received more than \$2.9 million in gifts, exceeding the goal of the year. A full report will be offered in the fall.

Public Comment

Mr. Goldberg invited public comment. There was none. The Trustees discussed the process for inviting public comment. Deputy to the President John Carmichael offered to draft a written policy regarding public comment for the Board's consideration.

Minutes

Mr. Kessler made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Fred Goldberg, Chair

Dave Nicandri, Secretary