



**the evergreen
state college**
olympia, washington

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

September 21, 2015

Trustees Attending: Fred Goldberg
Irene Gonzales
Keith Kessler
David Nicandri
Anne Proffitt
Gretchen Sorensen
James Wigfall

Staff Present: George Bridges, President
Timothy Byrne, Construction Project Coordinator
John Carmichael, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board
Wendy Endress, Vice President for Student Affairs
Azeem Hoosein, Assistant Director for Facilities Project Management
Kelsey Hulce, Director of Development
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Alexandra Lamb, Major Gifts Officer
Amanda Walker, 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
Brant Eddy, Staff Representative to the Board
Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Goldberg called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.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 12:30. The Board returned to an open session as scheduled.

Facilities Actions and Updates

Assistant Director of Facilities Azeem Hoosein described a proposed project to renovate the basement of the Lab I Building. If approved, the project would begin in October and finish in time for the next academic year.

Motion Mr. Kessler made a motion adopt Resolution 2015-29, delegating authority to the
2015-33 President or his designee to award the construction contract to the apparent low, responsible bidder for the Lab I Basement Renovation Project, and further delegating authority to the President (or designee) to approve change orders for

the Lab I – Basement Renovation Project provided the total cost for the project does not exceed the approved project budget, \$5,045,000 including a contingency of \$331,600.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote

Mr. Hoosein and Project Manager Tim Byrne provided an update on the renovation of Purce Hall. Demolition is ongoing. Mr. Hoosein displayed architectural renderings and reviewed the design of the rotunda.

Project Pericles

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael Zimmerman said that the college had been invited to join Project Pericles, a national civic education and engagement initiative. Evergreen would be the first public institution to participate. Among the benefits of membership is access to faculty development opportunities.

Motion 2015-34 Dr. Gonzales made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-30 committing the college to a program of civic engagement and authorizing the President and Provost to staff and support that program within available resources. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Appointment of Kari Tupper

Chief of Staff John Carmichael presented a proposed resolution appointing Dr. Kari Tupper as a volunteer in College Advancement. He said that Dr. Tupper, who is President Bridges' spouse, performed a similar role at Whitman College and that formalizing the role would make it possible for Dr. Tupper to occasionally accompany President Bridges on official fundraising trips.

Motion 2015-35 Mr. Kessler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-31 appointing Dr Kari Tupper as a volunteer Advancement Associate. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's Goals

President Bridges presented a draft of his goals for the year. He noted that although his contract with the college requires him to present goals at this time, he would ordinarily want more time to engage students, faculty, and staff at the college before formulating goals. The six preliminary goals he presented were:

1. Develop a deep understanding of the priorities, culture, and organization of the faculty, staff, and students of the College.
2. Initiate and cultivate personal relationships with top donors, local community leaders, and prominent alumni of the College.
3. Initiate and cultivate personal relationships with prominent members of the Legislature and Washington State government agencies.
4. Review and assess the College's programs and initiatives for recruiting, admitting and enrolling Evergreen undergraduates.
5. Review and assess the College's programs and initiatives in advancement, communications, and development.
6. Develop and finalize a vision for Evergreen's future that aligns with and drives strategic planning.

Mr. Goldberg accepted President's Bridges preliminary goals. He asked President Bridges, as he gets to know the college, to pay special attention to opportunities to develop mentorship and entrepreneurship programs.

Advancement Report

Vice President for College Advancement Amanda Walker introduced two gift officers new to the college: Kelsey Hulce and Alexandra Lamb. She distributed a fundraising status report, noting a new major gift from Lynda Weinman and Bruce Heavin, who have created a \$300,000 matching fund for scholarship endowments and a \$500,000 matching fund for contributions to the Center for Creative and Applied Media endowment.

Community Representatives

Staff Representative to the Board Brant Eddy said that staff members are excited by the presidential transition. He noted that transitions and turnover in staff positions throughout the college are often a source of stress and concern for staff, as knowledgeable, long-time members of the community retire or leave for other opportunities.

Geoduck Student Union Representative Jeff Beaulac said that the GSU is getting organized for the year. The group looks forward to working with the new President and plans regular meetings in Tacoma. He said that the GSU will be polling students about legislative priorities.

Minutes

Motion Ms. Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting. The motion
2015-36 was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Chair's Report

Mr. Goldberg described topics that the Board is interested in discussing further over the course of the year. Those topics include campus safety, especially sexual violence prevention and response, a campus ban on bottled water, and ways in which the experience of guests at Commencement might be improved.

Public Comment

Mr. Goldberg invited public comment. Student Emily Dunn-Wilder described the work Evergreen's Shellfish Club. She invited Trustees to participate in one of the club's work parties on Evergreen's beach and to attend the campus clambake planned for George Bridges' first official day.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Fred Goldberg, Chair

Dave Nicandri, Secretary