

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

September 19, 2011

Trustees Attending:	Carver Gayton	Absent:	Keith Kessler
	Irene Gonzales		
	Kristin Hayden		
	Denny Heck		
	Wilbert Piña		
	Anne Proffitt		
	Paul Winters		

Staff Present:

John Carmichael, Executive Assistant to the President
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs
Julie Garver, Director of Government Relations
Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Thomas L. Purce, President
Paul Smith, Director of Facilities
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget
Amanda Walker, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Programs
Michael Zimmerman, Academic Vice President and Provost

Others present:

Glen Kriekenbeck, Chair, Foundation Board of Governors
Joe Tougas, Faculty Representative to the Board
Jonathan Lindsay, Staff Representative to the Board
Colleen Warren, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Monday, September 19, 2011

Paul Winters called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

State Budget and Policy Outlook

Executive Director for Operational Planning and Budget Steve Trotter reviewed the recent state revenue forecast, which projects a significant budget shortfall. Prior to the forecast, the Governor asked state agencies, including Evergreen, to develop budget reduction plans up to the 10% level. The revenue forecast suggests larger reductions will be needed. Because large portions of the state budget are protected from further cuts, some agencies, including higher education institutions, would experience a disproportionately large share of budget cuts. For those agencies, there is talk of cuts up to the 30% level. State funding makes up one revenue stream for the college's budget, so the percent cut to the overall budget would be proportionately less. The downstream effect of the cut on the next biennium would depend in part on how the cut is distributed across the two fiscal years in the current biennium.

Mr. Trotter noted that the Board-approved spending plan for the current biennium included a contingency fund in the second fiscal year. The contingency fund was intended as a source for strategic investment. Instead, it may absorb part of the impending budget cut.

Director of Government Relations Julie Garver provided an update on policy actions following the legislative session. The six public baccalaureate institutions submitted performance plans on September 1, as required by House Bill 1795. The performance indicators in the plans are largely set by law and designed to align with the national "Complete to Compete" measures.

President Purce described a meeting on September 12, convened by the Governor and including the President and Board chairs of the public baccalaureate institutions. The meeting included discussion of the sector's successes in productivity. The Governor would like some additional indicators developed to help illustrate the successes and contributions of higher education institutions.

Report from The Evergreen State College Foundation

Lee Hoemann, Vice President for College Advancement and Executive Director of The Evergreen State College Foundation, introduced a new Major Gifts Officer, Stella Chang. Foundation Board Chair Glen Kriekenbeck reported on the Foundation's past year. He highlighted the Art of Living event, urging Board members to attend. He also described plans for alumni outreach during the 40th year celebrations. Amanda Walker, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Programs reviewed the Foundation's income to date, highlighting a grant to support graduate fellowships in sustainability from the Cargill Foundation. She described plans for a series of events marking the college's 40th academic year, culminating in an alumni gathering on campus on May 18-20, 2012.

Capital Projects

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley introduced Director of Facilities Paul Smith. Mr. Smith described the bid process for the Lecture Hall Pre-design project.

Motion 2011-15 Dr. Gayton made a motion to adopt Board Resolution 2011-11 delegating authority for the pre-design of the Lecture Hall Building:

The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College delegates authority to the President or his designee to enter into an architecture and engineering contract for the pre-design of the Lecture Hall Building with ZGF Architects of Seattle, WA for an amount not to exceed \$256,300.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Mr. Smith described the bid process for design of Science Lab I, 2nd Floor renovation.

Motion 2011-16 Dr. Gayton made a motion to adopt Board Resolution 2011-12 delegating authority for the design of the Science Lab I – 2nd floor renovation:

The Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College does: Delegate to the President or his designee the authority to enter into an architecture and engineering contract for the design of the Science Lab I – 2nd Floor Renovation project with McGranahan Architects of Tacoma, WA for an amount not to exceed \$522,300.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Accreditation Update

Academic Vice President and Provost Michael Zimmerman provided an update on accreditation. He described the new accreditation process put in place by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and noted that the college had turned in its first report of the accreditation cycle. The

commission will send the report to peer reviewers who will provide feedback. The commission would formally accept the report in January. The next report, due in two years, will include a site visit from peer reviewers. Dr. Zimmerman noted that the college's report was the result of broad consultation and identified areas for improvement.

Chair's Report

Mr. Winters discussed the Board's retreat, scheduled for October 12. Executive Assistant John Carmichael said that a facilitator had been identified and a location in Tacoma or Seattle will be selected. Mr. Winters said that he will contact each of the Board members individually to collect input for the agenda.

Motion 2011-17

Ms. Proffitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the July and August meetings as presented. The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

President's Report

President Purce invited Student Trustee Wilbert Piña to report. Mr. Piña thanked Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino and Director of Student Activities Tom Mercado for their work examining daycare needs at the Tacoma program.

President Purce asked Vice President for Student Affairs Art Costantino to report on fall enrollment and new student orientation. Dr. Costantino said that official counts of fall enrollment would be reported to the Board at the next meeting, after 10th day counts are taken. Preliminary counts suggest that the college is on target to achieve annual average enrollment of at least 4,500 FTE, with at least 23% paying nonresident tuition. He noted applications from freshmen had declined, but that transfer applications increased. Dr. Costantino distributed the schedule of new student orientation activities.

President Purce invited Jonathan Lindsay to report as Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Lindsay said that construction projects were a prominent presence on Red Square over the summer and that it was nice to have those project complete. He said that the morning's Convocation event worked well.

President Purce invited Joe Tougas to report as Faculty Representative to the Board. He said that the Faculty Agenda Committee is working with Provost Michael Zimmerman and the Remodeling Teaching and Learning at Evergreen Disappearing Task Force to plan faculty work around student academic statements and faculty advising. The Agenda Committee anticipates concluding that work in Fall quarter, and then turning attention to the structure of the curriculum.

President Purce described highlights from his schedule.

Mr. Winters adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Paul Winters, Chair

Carver Gayton, Secretary