

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE NEW FOUR YEAR STATE COLLEGE

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Office of Governor Daniel J. Evans  
Legislative Building  
Olympia, Washington  
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schmidt at 10 a.m. The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Camp who was excused.

Others present:

Governor Evans  
Members of Southwest Washington State College Committee  
And other members of the public.

The Press:

Dale Nelson, Associated Press  
Mike Layton, Daily Olympian  
Gordon Schultz, Lacey Leader  
Robert Cummings, Tacoma News Tribune  
Michael Flynn, United Press International  
KING - TV  
KIRO - TV

The Chairman called on Mr. Halvorson, chairman of the Site Selection Committee for a report. He read the following:

The Site Selection Committee of the New Four Year State College is proud to announce the selection of a site for the College in an area which is located on the Cooper Point Peninsula, approximately two miles North West of Olympia.

The site when acquired will embrace approximately 1,000 acres of land with about 3,000 feet of water frontage on Eld Inlet.

The Committee strived to select a site that is largely unimproved acreage and were mindful of their obligation to disrupt as few citizens as possible. We feel that this site fulfills the intent and wishes laid down by the Legislature when they enacted Chapter 47, Laws of 1967.

In arriving at this decision many factors were considered. Foremost among these is an awareness that the College serve the educational needs of the State of Washington for this generation as well as those to come.

In order to fulfill this need the Committee felt it absolutely essential to obtain a site of at least 1,000 acres of land. This minimum acreage figure was arrived at from information and discussion with other colleges and universities.

I would like to point out at this time the valuable role that Stanford Research Institute and Whitacre Engineering Inc. played in assisting the Committee in arriving at its conclusions. Acting as research staff for the Committee they have met with them many times during the past month and provided the information required to evaluate the many alternative sites.

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Other important factors considered were:

1. Suitability for building and development.
2. Cost of developing adequate services such as: Water, Sanitary Sewer and other utilities.
3. Esthetic factors such as natural beauty, rolling topography, view of water, mountains and other distinctive environmental conditions.
4. Proximity to state government.
5. Providing educational opportunities for students in the State of Washington and particularly in the southwest portion of the state.
6. Amenities of site in attracting an outstanding faculty.
7. Freedom of nuisance factors.
8. Service and interaction with surrounding communities.
9. Accessibility to transportation.
10. Relationship to total community planning and development.
11. Nearness to desirable residential areas.
12. Employment opportunities for students and student wives.
13. Future area expansion possibilities.

We firmly believe that the Cooper Point Peninsula site fulfills these criteria better than alternative locations considered within the 10 mile radius specified in the law.

This locale is blessed with extreme natural beauty having a view of Puget Sound, the Olympics, the Black hills, Mount Rainier and the Cascade Range. The topography can be described as gently rolling from a high point of 243 feet, gradually sloping to sea level on Eld Inlet.

The soil characteristics are such that it will present no unusual building difficulties. Because of its close proximity, water and sanitary sewage services can be economically provided by the City of Olympia.

The area is presently served by a grid of County roads and is approximately two miles from the Grays Harbor and Shelton freeways and is within five miles of the State Capitol Campus. The Committee also believes this site will allow for favorable interaction and cooperation with surrounding communities for such functions as emergency fire and police protection and other community services and facilities.

The Board today will ask the Thurston County Planning Commission to move immediately to develop comprehensive planning and zoning requirements on the Cooper Point Peninsula.

The Committee wishes to express their appreciation for the cooperation and assistance given them and their consultants in coming to this conclusion. Material assistance came from:

Department of Natural Resources  
Olympia Port Commission  
State Department of Highways  
U. S. Soil Conservation Service  
Thurston County Extension Agent  
Washington State Patrol

Cities of Olympia and Lacey  
Chambers of Commerce  
Thurston County Assessor  
Attorney Generals Staff  
Department of General Administration  
    Division of Engineering and Architecture  
    Division of Purchasing  
Dr. Garrett Heyns  
Leroy Hittle  
Gerald Sophie  
Temporary Council on Higher Education  
Thurston County Commissioners  
State Parks and Recreation Commission

67- 38 On motion of Mr. Halvorson, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the report of the Committee was adopted and the site recommended by the Committee was approved.

67- 39 On motion of Mr. Halvorson, seconded by Mr. Saunders, the Interim Executive Director was instructed to write to the Thurston County Planning Commission to ask it to take steps immediately for zoning the Cooper Point peninsula. Motion carried.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. and a Press Conference was conducted by Governor Evans.

  
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TRUAMAN L. SCHMIDT, Chairman

  
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MRS. NEAL TOURTELLOTTE, Secretary