

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

Thursday, December 10, 1981  
The Evergreen State College Campus  
Daniel J. Evans Library, Room 3112  
Olympia, Washington

Trustees Present: Robert J. Flowers      Absent: Wesley E. Berglund  
Herbert Gelman  
Thelma A. Jackson  
Jane B. Sylvester

Representatives to the Board Present: Betty Estes, Faculty  
Janice Wood, Alum  
Absent: Georgette Chun, Staff  
Jeffree Stewart, Student

Staff Present: Mike Bigelow, Budget Officer  
Betsy Diffendal, Assistant Academic Dean  
Dan Evans, President  
Chuck Fowler, Director of College Relations  
Rita Grace, Recording Secretary  
Rainer Hasenstab, Faculty  
Mary Hillaire, Faculty  
Judy McNickle, Director of Information Services  
Coleen Ray, Faculty  
Dick Schwartz, Vice President for Business  
Byron Youtz, Vice President and Provost  
See permanent roster for others attending

Others Present: Rachel Camp, wife of former Trustee  
Hal Halvorson, former Trustee  
Ray Meredith, former Trustee  
Rich Montecucco, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Eugene Wiegman, former Trustee  
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CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, AWARD RECOGNITION, APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sylvester at 10:40 AM.  
President Evans welcomed former Board members Hal Halvorson (from Spokane) and Gene Wiegman (from Tacoma), who had been invited to attend the meeting and a Christmas luncheon for Trustees, former Trustees and spouses. Trustees were joined by Rachel Camp and Ray Meredith later in the meeting. Chairman Sylvester invited introductions from the audience.

Chuck Fowler presented the Board of Trustees with the Governor's Public Affairs award (for the best public relations program). Evergreen received 9 of 39 awards given by the Washington State Public Information Council; Mr. Fowler recognized people attending the meeting who had received awards or who had been instrumental in obtaining the awards (Sue Washburn, Wyatt Cates, Woody Hirzel, Steve Hunter, Brad Clemmons, Mark Clemens, Judy McNickle, and Les Eldridge). Chairman Sylvester expressed her congratulations.

Motion Bob Flowers moved acceptance of the agenda. Seconded  
81-57 by Mrs. Jackson and passed.

1983-84 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST - Action

Mr. Schwartz reviewed briefly the 1983-84 capital budget request for, among other projects, the Athletic/Recreation complex (the No. 1 priority); energy projects; equipment; and the Vancouver site acquisition. Mr. Wallbom discussed the architectural selection process, indicating that, as requested by the Board, he had made known to the Division of Engineering and Architecture the college's desire to have input into the selection process regarding philosophy, goals, and directions of the college. Trustee Jackson asked the Division's response; Mr. Wallbom felt the response was positive and the fact that two people from the college sit on the selection team will be of benefit.

Motion Mr. Gelman moved approval of the capital budget request  
81-58 document for 1983-84 in the amount of \$15,011,800.  
Seconded by Mr. Flowers and passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 1981 MEETING - Action

Motion Mrs. Jackson moved approval of the minutes of the  
81-59 November 12, 1981 meeting as distributed. Seconded  
by Mr. Flowers and passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CPE Report (Evans)

President Evans highlighted some of the elements of the annual report compiled for the Council for Postsecondary Education. For the second year in a row, the college had an FTE fall enrollment exceeding previous years. The 2622 FTE this year is up 20 percent from fall 1978 when the Legislature acted to mandate a study of Evergreen, resulting in a growth plan. The original targets set by the Legislature were not funded in subsequent years. President Evans also mentioned the teacher certification program with UPS; the increase in the student enrollment from Southwest Washington (particularly direct from high school); an increase in two-year transfer student enrollment from community colleges; and the success and completion of the fall athletic program. The staff will send the report to current and former Trustees.

Report from Former Trustee Halvorson

Chairman Sylvester invited former Trustee Halvorson to comment on changes. Mr. Halvorson expressed his delight at the enrollment news, the sports program, and complimented President Evans on his contributions to the school.

RECEPTION FOR TRUSTEES, FORMER TRUSTEES, STAFF AND FACULTY

The Board recessed at 11:00 AM for cookies, coffee and conversation; the regular meeting reconvened at 11:35 AM.

## LONGHOUSE PROJECT PRESENTATION - Policy Discussion

Faculty Member Mary Hillaire prefaced the Longhouse project presentation with comments about the history, nature and philosophies of Native Americans in the United States.

The Native American studies expansion plan requests approval to seek a site or sites located where the land meets the water for the construction of a Native American Longhouse, a gathering place for designed diversity, a place of hospitality and an environmental setting for alternative education. In addition, the group requests the following actions of the Board: (1) an affirmation or go-ahead to the students and faculty in the academic programs to begin the next phases of planning--environmental impact statement and lay-out of a plan where the land meets the water; (2) the selection or volunteering of a Board member to represent the Trustees on a Planning Advisory Board; and (3) proposed earmarking of \$5,000 to be used between now and June to defray the costs of Native American studies/ Environmental Design students and faculty who will be visiting traditional Longhouse sites, preparing designs, and setting up community links with Native American communities in this portion of the state.

Ms. Hillaire presented a slide/oral presentation of the vision of the Longhouse.

Student Joe Waterhouse discussed the value of cedar to the Native Americans, indicating there is enough cedar on campus to build a Longhouse structure and emphasized the value of the project to Native Americans who would gather to share knowledge, and to others on campus and around the state. Mr. Waterhouse mentioned that construction could be done by those involved and proposed that one of the two sites on campus which were previously Native American dwelling sites be used as a location for the Longhouse project. He indicated he would share Longhouse plans with Trustees.

Coleen Ray, a graduate of Evergreen, introduced her husband, David Ray, who works with Thurston County human services delivery. Mr. Ray discussed the problems in identifying social and environmental services for the Indian population. He envisions this facility as a clearinghouse (there is no central source for various state, federal and other agencies to use to find out about population and contacts) for such things as dissemination of information, study grants, federal research projects, etc. This additional revenue would be cleared through the college. This could be the first place in the country that centers on the issues of Native American social service needs. Mr. Ray thought he could get support from his department if that would sway the Trustees' decision. Faculty Member David Whitener shared his perceptions of the proposed Longhouse, discussed the planning needed, and asked for an expression of support from the Board for the concept and a go-ahead with the planning.

Others who commented were: Wesley Penn, student; Anne Lawton Lunt, student; Pablo Schugurensky, student; and Miriam Hillaire, student.

Chairman Sylvester expressed appreciation for the informative and sensitive presentation. Questions from Trustees included: whether the design of the

project was dependent upon receipt of grants (no) and what percentage of existing cedar on campus would be utilized to construct a 30 x 60 foot Longhouse (10 - 12 good sized trees would be needed).

President Evans felt the next stage for the Board would be to take under advisement the specific requests (mentioned previously) and pointed out the attached list of major questions (dated 12/3/81) which needed to be responded to in order for the Board to have sufficient information on which to base a decision.

#### PROGRESS REPORT ON CURRENT YEAR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - Policy Discussion

In preparation for a Trustee retreat and formulation of Trustee goals for 1982-83, Byron Youtz highlighted progress on the current year's goals and objectives for academic-related areas of campus; Dick Schwartz covered progress in the remaining areas of the college. Jane Sylvester asked for a listing of the problem areas in preparation of the retreat.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Continued

##### Admissions Statistics (Evans)

President Evans reported that winter quarter applications and admissions were below last year; however, registration seems to be the same at this point. Applications for next fall are 25 percent ahead of last fall at the same time, with admissions 40 percent ahead.

##### Legislative Update (Eldridge)

Les Eldridge reported the end of the session actions: the budget cut for Evergreen was 5 percent; the bills which didn't pass included HB 784 (which attempted to make increases in revenues) and the Evergreen closure bill which is still in the House Higher Education Committee. He indicated the outlook for the January session is difficult since the combination of cuts and taxes passed does not equal the projected short-fall and the Legislature will be reluctant to increase taxes as the time for elections nears. There is a possibility of a moratorium on capital budgets during the upcoming session. Mr. Eldridge invited participation at Evergreen's legislative reception (February 25) and the Council of Presidents/alumni association reception (date to be determined).

At Mr. Halvorson's suggestion, Trustees Gelman and Sylvester expressed interest in meeting with Representative Bond during the upcoming legislative session.

##### Budget Report (Evans)

President Evans reported that Evergreen needs to reduce its budget by 5 percent. The college is currently operating on the basis of a budget cut of 10.1 percent of the original allocations for this fiscal year. The President's Council will review the situation. The staff has agreed to: (1) maintain the current target enrollment of 2500 FTE for next fall, and (2) run summer school on a self-sustaining basis for next year. President

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