

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

**Wednesday, February 13, 1991
Daniel J. Evans Library
Olympia, Washington**

Trustees Attending: Herbert Gelman
Lila S. Girvin
Christina A. Meserve
Constance W. Rice
John N. Terrey
Carol Vipperman
Allan M. Weinstein

**Representatives
to the Board
Present:** Dave Howat, Staff
Jon Martin, Alum
Rita Pougiales, Faculty

Staff Present: Patty Brooks, Executive Director of Development
John Cushing, Chair of the Faculty Agenda Committee
Sandy Hanson, Director of Information Services and
Publications
Lee Hoemann, Executive Assistant to the President
Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President for
Governmental Relations
Russ Lidman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Provost
Gail Martin, Vice President for Student Affairs
Les Purce, Interim President
Rita Sevcik, Administrative Assistant to the President
Jamil Qureshi, Vice President for Finance and
Administration

Others Attending: Christy Brigham, WashPIRG
Mike Grant, Assistant Attorney General
Laura Reed, WashPIRG

Work Session

The Board met in work session between 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Following a book seminar held Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 PM on the book Boards That Make a Difference, seminar participants joined Trustees in reviewing the next steps which should be undertaken by the Board and a potential time frame. It was agreed that the Board should invest time in this process, and as a starting point, Trustees should define the role of the Board. Trustees will use the morning work session on March 13 for this purpose. Trustees will review the following documents as background:

Enabling legislation (House Bill 596), general powers and duties of the Board of Trustees (RCW 28B.40.120), College mission statement (as approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board), report of the Values and Aspirations committee for strategic planning, the social contract (WAC 174-121-010), and Board of Trustees bylaws.

Public Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Vipperman at 1:34 PM.

CHAIR'S/PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chair Vipperman commended Barbara Smith and Jean MacGregor for putting together an excellent Washington Center conference on diversity. She acknowledged the contribution of Interim President Purce who gave the keynote address which she felt was exceptionally well done. She expressed pride in the work done by Evergreen people.

Dr. Purce called on Vice President Gail Martin and student Larry Jefferson to update the Board on the progress of student government. Larry discussed a specific project undertaken addressing the concerns of students with regard to the war. Gail Martin commended Larry and other students working to establish a student government at Evergreen.

Vice President Martin reviewed the history of security and issues of personal safety on campus. Dr. Purce asked Jennifer Jaech to update the Board on legislative issues (proposed enrollment/tuition increase and the "candy" tax).

Following comments received by Trustees at the last meeting, Dr. Purce shared his perspective surrounding the issue of diversity. He outlined some of the ongoing efforts being made to address these issues and also identified the challenges involved. He mentioned specifically the Governor's conference, strategic planning, "upweek" efforts, the work of the Washington Center, and a proposal for training around issues of diversity in the work place. Progress reports will be made on an ongoing basis to keep the Board informed of our continued commitment.

Dr. Purce also announced the March 3 Asian Tribute and invited Trustee attendance.

Chair Vipperman suggested that Trustees receive copies of the Washington Center resource book distributed at the "Ourselves Among Others" conference.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action

Motion Dr. Rice moved approval of the minutes of the January 9, 1991
2-1-91 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Weinstein and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION**WashPIRG Projects**

Laura Reed (WashPIRG campus organizer) and student Christy Brigham reported on projects undertaken by WashPIRG during the year (\$500 raised fall quarter for a hunger and homelessness project, with continuing efforts this quarter; environmental audit; environmental voters guide; a toy safety project; tracking of legislative bills concerning social issues; a recycling campaign; and a pollution prevention project). Ms. Brigham read a resolution regarding pollution and requested Trustee endorsement. Chair Vipperman requested that WashPIRG work with Vice President Martin and Dr. Purce in order to assure that the appropriate considerations are given (particularly with regard to Trustees' legal liabilities and rights in terms of taking such a position). Trustee Gelman wondered if the requirement for reaffirmation could be dropped. The reaffirmation drive allows WashPIRG to find out what projects students are interested in being involved in. Laura Reed will take this issue to the WashPIRG Executive Director.

Selection of Trustee Representative to the Board of Governors


Herb Gelman suggested that traditionally the Chair serves as the ex officio representative to the Board of Governors. Carol Vipperman agreed to serve (with Christina Meserve serving as her alternate).

EXECUTIVE SESSION, DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rice announced that she will miss the March 13 meeting since she will be in Japan. There will be no meeting the evening of March 12.

Trustees adjourned into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 2:41 PM. Trustees reconvened and adjourned the public meeting at 3:42 PM.


Carol Vipperman, **Chair**


Lila S. Girvin, **Secretary**