

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

***Wednesday, July 8, 1992  
Daniel J. Evans Library  
Olympia, Washington***

**Trustees Attending:** Lila S. Girvin                      **Absent:** Constance W. Rice  
Frederick T. Haley    John N. Terrey  
Edward Kelly  
Christina A. Meserve  
Carol Vipperman

**Representatives  
to the Board  
Present:** Nancy McKinney, Staff

**Staff Present:** Michael Beug, Academic Dean  
Bill Bruner, Member of the Faculty  
Carolyn Dobbs, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Ermelindo Escobedo, Special Assistant to the President  
for Affirmative Action  
Patty Firman, Executive Director of Development  
Sandy Hanson, Director of College Relations  
Lee Hoemann, Executive Assistant to the President  
Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President for  
Governmental Relations  
Jan Kido, Director of Master in Teaching Program  
Russ Lidman, Vice President and Provost  
Rudy Martin, Director of National Faculty/Member of  
the Faculty  
Sarah Pedersen, Dean of the Library  
Les Purce, Interim President  
Rita Sevcik, Administrative Assistant to the President  
Steve Trotter, Budget Officer  
David Whitener, Member of the Faculty  
Karen Wynkoop, Associate Vice Preside for Academic  
Budget & Financial Planning  
See permanent roster for others attending

**Others Attending:** Anne Blair, National Faculty Trustee  
Judith Brainerd, Graduate Student  
Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs-  
Elect  
Jan Frickelton, Assistant Attorney General  
Jane Jervis, President-Elect  
Ben Ladner, President of the National Faculty  
Kamilla McClelland, *The Olympian*  
Karen Munro, Community  
Colleen Ray, Graduate Student

## **WORK SESSION**

The work session was called to order at 9:15 AM by Acting Chair Lila Girvin. Interim President Purce stated that the items listed on the agenda are either

related to the budget in a direct way or involve some past history of projects that the Board has expressed concern about and interest in.

### National Faculty Presentation

Rudy Martin, the National Faculty Director on campus, introduced Dr. Ben Ladner, National Faculty President; Anne Blair, National Faculty Board Member; and Karen Munro, National Faculty supporter and former employee. The Acting Chair reminded everyone that, since this was a work session, there would be no formal action taken. Additional letters of support, received after the Board packet was mailed, were distributed. Ben Ladner reviewed the history of the foundation of the National Faculty, the establishment of the Northwest office and the distribution of offices in other locations. Karen Munro and Anne Blair reviewed their history and experience with the National Faculty program. These people urged Trustees to consider maintaining the National Faculty's present status and expressed the hope that Trustees would let them know what Trustees need to know in order to make a positive decision to continue the funding for the National Faculty. Rudy Martin identified and emphasized the benefits to faculty and pointed out the economic benefit to the campus and the community from this program.

Concerns expressed and questions asked related to the vision of the National Faculty; the relationship between the Washington State and the Northwest programs (and logistics of those programs); the trend for fewer participants and increased costs per teacher in the summer institute program; the plans included in grants with regard to enhancement of the program at Evergreen; and the communication between the National Faculty and Evergreen.

### Longhouse Presentation

Dr. Purce introduced and welcomed presenters David Whitener, Colleen Ray, and Judith Brainerd. He referred to the presentation on May 13 which provided historical perspectives and brought Trustees up to date with regard to issues and the physical facility. As background for this presentation, Trustees were mailed copies of an applications project by MPA students Colleen Ray, Judith Brainerd, and Lawanna Bradley. David Whitener talked about tribal endorsement and support and provided a definition and purpose of a Longhouse. Judith Brainerd reviewed the MPA applications project, discussing the purpose of the study (to discover why the Longhouse Education Resource Center has not received higher priority on Evergreen's agenda and what would be necessary to make it a reality) and the "action research" methodology (which seeks to understand motives and intentions rather than seeking the causes of behavior. Colleen Ray reviewed her background and interest in this project. She delivered her presentation accompanied by songs given to the Longhouse project and a slide of the ceremony of the "welcoming" pole. She framed the ten-year history using an "issue attention" cycle: (1) pre-problem stage; (2) alarmed discovery and euphoric enthusiasm for action on the problem; (3) realization of the high cost of significant progress on the issue; (4) gradual decline in the intensity of public interest in the problem; (5) the post-problem stage. Judith Brainerd continued the presentation with a list of recommendations: (1) that the administration make a decision--if the administration wants this facility, there needs to be a commitment from the President and the Board;



(2) that the role of the Longhouse be defined and agreed to by all parties; (3) that the role of the Native American community in administering the Longhouse be resolved; (4) that funding sources be identified; (5) that, when issues have been resolved, a coordinator be hired to coordinate all efforts whether economic, political or practical. As a final note, she proposed, to pay tribute to the woman whose vision began this idea, it would be appropriate to set aside October 21, 1992, the tenth anniversary of Mary Ellen Hillaire's passing, to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony of the Longhouse Education Resource Center. Trustees asked questions and expressed appreciation for the presentation.

### **Budget Overview**

Dr. Purce reviewed the presentation and reminded Trustees that approval is scheduled for the August meeting. Staff will try to incorporate Trustee input in the final recommendations. He stated that in the capital budget is a proposal for an initial request, given projections for increased space needs, for an educational center that would primarily be housed and be met through a request for a Longhouse.

### **1993-95 Operating Budget Request**

Steve Trotter distributed operating and capital budget requests and highlighted a 20 percent overall budget request above the current biennium appropriation (made up of a 3.2 percent increase required to carry forward existing operations and an increase for inflation). The policy initiatives include: Strengthening Multicultural Education; Student Life; Public Service; Employee Compensation/Development; Emerging Technologies; Mandatory Rate Adjustments; Physical Plant Maintenance; Air Quality; and Enrollment Growth/Evening and Weekend Studies.

Russ Lidman (and staff members) addressed these initiatives in terms of academic proposals. He highlighted especially K-12 partnerships. This budget request increases and proposes to re-deploy current appropriations used for improving K-12 education in the state. Even if the College decides not to continue the National Faculty contract, the Provost will request the directors of MIT and the Washington Center to make a proposal for enhancement for submission to the Legislature. Barbara Smith was present and expressed her support. Carolyn Dobbs discussed proposals in the Student Affairs area. Steve Trotter assisted in the discussion of the employee/development initiative, mandatory rate increases, and air quality; and Nancy McKinney discussed administrative computing. Steve Trotter and Dr. Purce reviewed plant maintenance.

Trustees broke for lunch and resumed the budget discussion following adjournment of the afternoon meeting. Dr. Purce discussed the College's proposal to participate in the timber trust funds. The administration believes the College would be eligible in approximately 1995 to participate. The opinion of the Office of Financial Management and the State Treasurer is that the College will not be eligible until 1997. An in-depth discussion ensued concerning enrollment growth/expanded and weekend studies. Trustee Vipperman pointed out the Board's discussion over the past year regarding



access issues and indicated she would like to see the College to continue moving in the direction of providing access--it appears higher education is going to have to continue to do with less and be more strategic about it. Dr. Lidman suggested the institution could come back with a proposal to address her concerns.

### **1993-95 Capital Budget Request and Ten-Year Capital Plan**

Steve Trotter provided an overview of the 1993-95 capital budget request and ten-year capital plan. The approach taken to accommodate the projected enrollment of 3800 FTE in the year 2010 is to add two facilities: a Longhouse in the 1993-95 biennium and construction of Phase II of the Seminar Building in the 1999-2001 biennium. Mike Beug discussed academic aspects of the structure containing a Longhouse plus the necessary support facilities and classroom support. He indicated that the College needs in September to convene a group of Native American community members, faculty and students to work on the design of the structure itself and to determine a location. Jon Collier discussed possible locations and other concepts. Trustee Girvin asked whether definite plans would need to be in place in order to request funding. The capital budget will need to be refined by the August Board meeting. Trustee Vipperman wondered what effort will be made to bring the Native American tribes into the planning so that this feedback can be incorporated. It seemed wise to her to start developing a strategy for private funding. Dr. Purce reviewed the strategy for making a request for public funds (to make a case for public support, the institution will need to demonstrate that the facility will be primarily education, scheduling has to be open with regard to the resources of the institution, and parameters of size and cost need to be defined). Tribal involvement will be difficult to accomplish by the submittal date. A lot of work needs to be done between now and the August meeting.

Mike Beug and Steve Trotter reviewed other academic program driven projects listed on the budget handout.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Acting Chair, Lila Girvin, called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM. Provost Lidman introduced Bill Bruner, faculty member who has been appointed as Dean of the Library effective in September. The agenda was accepted as distributed.

### **CHAIR'S/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Interim President Purce reported the impending appointment of the committee involved with training and selection of security officers. He announced the increase in the number of contributors to the annual fund and the receipt of the largest single gift in the College's history.

Trustee Haley asked what percentage of alumni are contributing to the College (staff will have a response by the next meeting).

Nancy McKinney reported that the state revenue forecast for the 1993-95 budget weighs heavily on people's minds.

**REPORTS, DISCUSSION ITEMS, OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION****Sexual Harassment Report**

The President reported that the sexual harassment policy has been finalized and that he would distribute the policy to campus, along with a letter, identifying changes he made (as a result of suggestions from faculty, staff, students and the College's Attorney General).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action**

**Motion** Ms. Meserve moved approval of the minutes of the June 10,  
7/1/92 1992, meeting as distributed. Seconded by Mr. Haley and passed.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING SECURITY - Action**

Dr. Purce recommended Board approval of a resolution authorizing the establishment of a commissioned police force, and which authorized the President or his/her designee to implement the core recommendations, and schedules an annual review by the Board of the activities of the police force. This resolution formally acknowledges the Board's action taken in June concerning security.

**Motion** Ms. Vipperman moved approval of Resolution No. 92-5, entitled  
7/2/92 "Establishment of a Commissioned Campus Police Force at The Evergreen State College." Seconded by Ms. Meserve and passed with Mr. Kelly voting against the motion.

Dr. Purce clarified that the resolution does not commission people but authorizes the College to begin establishment of that process. Student Mario Flores asked if this plan included arming personnel. Dr. Purce responded that the Board in its last meeting eliminated the aspects of the recommendation that involved arming any of the officers. Mr. Flores expressed his personal opinion that the Board should reconsider this matter--to either have a security department or a police department with officers performing as most reasonable people would expect from a bona fide police officer.

**AWARD OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION**

Dr. Purce read a resolution recognizing Carolyn Dobbs' term as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. Ms. Dobbs expressed her appreciation for the professional growth opportunities and the opportunity to get to know the Board and the staff and students.

**Motion** Ms. Meserve moved approval of Resolution 92-6, entitled  
7/3/92 "Resolution of the Board of Trustees Recognizing Carolyn Dobbs' Term as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs." Seconded by Mr. Haley and passed unanimously.

Carol Vipperman, on behalf of the Board, read a resolution recognizing the services of Thomas L. Purce as Interim President and presented him with a plaque from the campus and the Board. Dr. Purce commented that he has enjoyed



the work immensely and that he is grateful for the friendships and for the professional relationships.

**Motion** Ms. Vipperman moved approval of Resolution 92-7, entitled  
7/4/92 "Resolution of the Board of Trustees Recognizing the Significant Contributions of **Thomas L. Purce** During his Tenure as Interim President." Seconded by Ms. Meserve and unanimously passed.

Acting Chair Girvin read a resolution recognizing the contributions of Carol Vipperman as Chair and presented a gift on behalf of the Board. Trustee Vipperman expressed her surprise and appreciation.

**Motion** Mr. Kelly moved approval of Resolution No. 92-8, entitled  
7/5/92 "Resolution of the Board of Trustees Recognizing **Carol Vipperman's** Term as Chair of the Board of Trustees." Seconded by Ms. Meserve and unanimously passed.

**COMMENTS, DATE OF NEXT MEETING, ADJOURNMENT, AND CONTINUATION OF BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Student Mario Flores reiterated his support for the Longhouse project.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as August 12.

The public meeting adjourned at 2:17 PM and reconvened the budget work session (which ended at 3:20 PM). A campus reception followed recognizing Carolyn Dobbs, Les Purce and Carol Vipperman.

  
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John Terrey, Chair

  
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Lila S. Girvin, Secretary

Attachments