

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE

**Wednesday, April 14, 1993
Daniel J. Evans Library, Room 3112
Olympia, Washington 98505**

Trustees Attending:	Lila S. Girvin Frederick T. Haley Edward F. Kelly Christina A. Meserve John N. Terrey Carol Vipperman
Representatives to the Board Attending:	Charen Blankenship, Staff Absent: Shary Smith, Alum Tom Grissom, Faculty Kim Goforth, Student
Staff Present:	Art Costantino, Vice President for Student Affairs Patty Henson Firman, Executive Director of Development Sandy Hanson, Director of College Relations Lee Hoemann, Executive Assistant to the President Jennifer Jaech, Assistant to the President Jane Jervis, President Russ Lidman, Vice President and Provost Nancy McKinney, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President Rita Sevcik, Administrative Assistant to the President Steve Trotter, Budget Officer Les Wong, Academic Deans Karen Wynkoop, Associate Vice President for Academic Budget and Financial Planning See permanent roster for others attending
Others Attending:	Jan Frickelton, Assistant Attorney General Kamilla McClelland, The Olympian

WORK SESSION

The work session was convened at 9:03 AM by Chair Terrey, who offered congratulations to Trustee Fred Haley upon his induction into the Puget Sound Business Hall of Fame.

Trustee Retreat

Trustees discussed preliminary planning for the Board summer retreat. The President hopes to have her self-evaluation done by August. There was general agreement to hold the retreat

on August 10 (in conjunction with the August 11 Board meeting), starting at 2:00 PM and running through dinner (possibly at Organic Farmhouse). Trustee Vipperman suggested that the chair appoint a subcommittee to work with the president on the agenda.

Operational Planning and Budget Update

The president reviewed the process of the operational planning and budget council, which will hold a campus-wide hearing on its proposed budget on May 10. At the May board meeting the staff will be able to provide the general outline of the budget in preparation for the formal proposal which the Trustees will act on at the June meeting.

Steve Trotter distributed and discussed two documents. Lee Hoemann prepared a document comparing the guidelines and constraints of the Lowry, the Senate, the operational planning and budget council, and the House budgets. Mr. Trotter pointed out the different agency cut levels in the four variations of the budget. Trustee Vipperman offered her assistance in helping to identify resources through the efficiency commission.

The second document reviewed by Mr. Trotter detailed the College's carry-forward budget adjusted to OFM's control numbers; built-in cuts and other unrecognized cost increases; other new expenditures in legislative budgets; internal areas needing adjustment, compared to the various proposed legislative essential requirement level budget; the 1993-95 tuition and fee proposals; and operation and capital summaries for the various budgets. Mr. Trotter pointed out that every item (including the Longhouse) requested in the College's ten-year capital program is recognized somewhere in the Governor's, Senate's, and House's budgets. Jennifer Jaech announced the passage of the College's timber trust bill which is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

Discussion of Three-Year Degree

The Chair distributed articles regarding a three-year baccalaureate and initiated discussion opining that this might be an incentive for the high schools to strength their academic programs. Provost Lidman read a communication from the Attorney General's office which cited an excerpt from the RCWs giving Evergreen authorization to grant a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree to any student who "completes a four-year course of study or the equivalent thereof." Director of Institutional Research Steve Hunter provided data showing how many graduates completed their degrees in four years or less and identified how students achieved this. Dr. Lidman reviewed graduate rates typically found at private and public institutions. President Jervis pointed out differing practices in reporting information. Dr. Lidman also provided information on years of study for European degree programs.

Chair Terrey expressed his assumption that Evergreen is primarily an *alternative* liberal arts institution and his belief that (1) there is evidence that colleges ought to shift from inputs to outputs (from how many credits are amassed to what skills are acquired), (2) any program at

Evergreen should be experimental, and (3) the existence of a shortened degree program would cause sharper focus on all programs. He asked for staff reaction to this preceding discussion. Provost Lidman believed that students are differently prepared; for some students, a longer course of study is important because they are going through different kinds of transformations. He felt that moving in this direction would be predicated upon not having to do any remediation. The Provost indicated he would be interested in talking with faculty about the idea. Faculty Representative Tom Grissom saw pluses and minuses, particularly for students who go on to graduate study or medical school because other life-enriching parts of the education would be sacrificed, potentially resulting in a student being narrowly focused. President Jervis cautioned there are developmental issues involved, particularly for high school direct students. The real benefit of an accelerated program is for adults.

Chair Terrey expressed appreciation for the work done in preparation for this discussion. He requested that the staff consider these proposals and report back to the Trustees. He emphasized that this discussion was not at the proposal stage.

Draft Statement on Budget

The Chair distributed a draft statement on budget asking for Trustee reaction at the afternoon meeting.

Announcement

President Jervis announced an exhibit on the art of textile dyeing on display in the Library Building art galleries.

Lunch Recess

Trustees recessed to lunch with the Academic Deans.

PUBLIC MEETING

Chair Terrey convened the public meeting at approximately 1:30 PM. The agenda was approved as distributed with the possible addition of an executive session later in the meeting.

Chair's Report

Chair Terrey mentioned that Trustees had received a listing of the contents of the Trustee Library prepared by Board staff person Rita Sevcik, who also prepared and presented a Trustee policy manual which was circulated for Trustee comment.

Retreat Subcommittee

The Chair requested that Trustees Vipperman and Meserve serve as a subcommittee to work with the President on planning the Trustee August 10 retreat.

President's Report

President Jervis, referring to discussion in the work session regarding budget, indicated a draft budget proposal will be brought to the Board at the May meeting. She mentioned her external activities during the past month, highlighted by a trip to the east coast (to visit alumni, donors, parents, foundations and congressional representatives) and lunch with former Trustees. She mentioned the extraordinary response of the student affairs staff in dealing with the death of a student on campus and the demonstration of unusual clarity in discussions with students about drug usage and substance abuse. Dr. Jervis also acknowledged the very quick response from security staff and the cooperation security gave to public authorities. President Jervis requested Trustee reaction to her proposal to fly a black pennant as a public way of acknowledging future deaths in the community. Other items mentioned: the commissioning of campus police officer Bob Webb; a Spokane community reception to be held at Trustee Girvin's home; and a dinner on May 25 to honor former Trustee Constance Rice and also to collect Trustee reminiscences (as part of an archive project); a series of potlucks to be held at the President's Residence for all faculty and staff; the selection of Leonard Peltier as the June 6 commencement speaker; and a Trustee seminar with the Faculty Agenda Committee in conjunction with the May Board meeting.

Student representative Kim Goforth thanked the President for her thoughtfulness in proposing a way to publicly acknowledge a death in the Evergreen community, suggested a change in time for the President's community meeting and expressed continuing concern over the budget. Faculty Representative Tom Grissom announced that the Faculty Agenda Committee is looking at the faculty initiatives and reviewing progress made this year. He reported that faculty have been preoccupied with budget discussions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action

Motion Ms. Vipperman moved approval of the minutes of the March 10, 1993
4-1-93 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Kelly and passed.

REQUESTS FOR LEGAL DEFENSE - Action

Assistant Attorney General Jan Frickelton reviewed the requests for defense for staff members Larry Savage and Gary Russell and former staff member Gail Martin in the West vs. Bartholemew lawsuit, and endorsed Trustee action. She reviewed other lawsuits filed by former student Arthur West.

Motion Ms. Meserve moved approval of the request for legal defense for staff
4-2-93 members Gary Russell and Larry Savage and former Vice President for Student Affairs Gail Martin in the case of West vs. Bartholemew, et al., USDC WD (Tacoma), Court No. C92-5469B. Seconded by Ms. Vipperman and passed.

The request forms were signed by the President and returned to the tort division of the Attorney General's office.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION ITEMS, OTHER BUSINESS AND INFORMATION

Legislative Update

Assistant to the President Jennifer Jaech reviewed the next steps in the budget process and discussed the role of the legislative officers in this process. She mentioned her belief that high tuition will continue to be seriously considered in this state. She informed Trustees that the bill regarding restructuring of financial aid is now a study.

ACCEPTANCE OF STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT - Action

Trustee Kelly related that in late February he and Trustee Meserve met with College officials and representatives of the State Auditor's office to discuss the institution's audit for the period July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. Executive Vice President Les Purce reviewed his response to audit findings (in the areas of accounts receivable, personnel evaluations, and petty cash procedures). Trustee Kelly noted that this was basically a "clean" audit for the College.

Motion Ms. Viperman moved acceptance of the State Auditor's report No. 5232
4-3-93 of The Evergreen State College for the period July 1, 1991, through June 30, 1992. Seconded by Ms. Meserve and passed.

Board Statement on Budget

Chair Terrey requested Trustee reaction to issuing a Board statement regarding budget, explaining the purpose would be to present the Board's position on budget to members of the conference committee. Reactions were given and the statement was subsequently finalized and distributed.

Other Items


Trustee Vipperman indicated her interest in learning the outcome of faculty discussions about curriculum--perhaps in a future work session. The President suggested that in connection

with that discussion it would be useful to have a presentation about assessment. Trustee Vipperman added she would be interested in an update on the strategic plan discussions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING, EXECUTIVE SESSION, AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday, May 12.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM, following a brief executive session.



John N. Terrey, Chair



Lila S. Girvin, Secretary