

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

April 8, 2009

Trustees attending: Carver Gayton
Kristin Hayden
Denny Heck
Keith Kessler
Brittany Newhouse
Anne Proffitt
Paul Winters

Representatives to the Board: John McLain, Staff Representative

Staff present: John Carmichael, Executive Assistant to the President
Steve Hunter, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
Azeem Hoosein, Assistant Director of Facilities
John Hurley, Vice President for Finance and Administration
Collin Orr, Director of Business Services
Thomas L. Purce, President
Paul Smith, Director of Facilities
Steve Trotter, Executive Director of Operational Planning and Budget

Trustee Paul Winters called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present with Trustees Gayton, Hayden, Heck, Kessler, Newhouse, Proffitt and Winters attending by phone. Staff attended from the Library Building, Room 3201, of The Evergreen State College, where members of the public could also observe the meeting.

Delegation of Authority for Renovation of the College Activities Building

Vice President for Finance and Administration John Hurley reviewed the status of the project to renovate the College Activities Building and summarized the proposed motions. He reported that the references for the proposed contractor were positive. He said that bond rates are currently favorable and staff are hopeful that favorable rates will be available when the Treasurer's bond sale occurs.

**Motion
2009-07**

Mr. Kessler made a motion to:

- a) Approve the project budget of \$19,741,875 for the Campus Activity Building (CAB) Renovation project which includes architect and engineering costs, construction costs, state sales tax, project management costs, and project contingency.
- b) Authorize the award of the construction contract to Panattoni Construction, Inc. of Seattle, Washington in an amount of \$12,906,780 including Washington State sales tax (see attachment; includes all alternates) and authorize the President (or designee) to execute the contract for the renovation of the Campus Activity Building.
- c) Delegate authority to the President (or his designee) to approve change orders for the Campus Activity Building (CAB) Renovation project as long as the total cost for the project does not exceed the approved project budget of \$19,741,875 including a contingency of \$1,190,000 (not including state sales tax).
- d) Authorize a 20-year bond Certificate of Participation through the State Treasurer's Office for up to \$14,000,000 to fund the CAB renovation including the relocation of the various units during the renovation.

The motion was seconded and passed on a voice vote.

Discussion

Mr. Winters noted that Trustees had been contacted by Regents from the University of Washington seeking support for a request to the legislature that would grant governing boards the authority to raise resident undergraduate tuition by 14% in each year of the next biennium. Mr. Winters invited President Purce to provide context for the request. President Purce noted that in past economic downturns, the state has made significant cuts to higher education and partially offset those cuts by giving governing boards the authority to increase tuition. Under those conditions, most governing boards have found it difficult to forgo the additional tuition revenue. Mr. Winters noted that the Board's practice is to address most college policy questions as a board rather than as individuals.

Adjournment

Mr. Winters adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Paul Winters, Chair

Anne Proffitt, Secretary