



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

May 21, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

#### **Call to Order**

Chair Jerry Martin called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Four Board Members were present, and Kelly Shepherd was absent.

Land and Labor Acknowledgements were read by Dr. John Hudson, VP of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

#### **President's Update**

Dr. Crawford informed the Board that she and members of the leadership team attended the Washington State Student Civic Leadership Awards Ceremony and the All-Washington Academic Ceremony. She shared that there would be student award recognition at the meeting. She introduced Brand Dyer who presented information about the Student Civic Leadership Award student winners. Dana Harker and Debbie Sarich presented information about the All-Washington Academic program and the students for EvCC.

At 5:30 Chair Jerry Martin stated that the meeting would convene into Executive Session for 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action would be taken. At 6:00, Chair Jerry Martin called the meeting back into the Regular Session.

#### **Public Comments:**

There were no comments.

#### **Reports from the Board**

Toraya Miller reported that the board had a retreat and it was a fantastic session focusing on where we were and where we are going. Betty Cobbs said it was a good session. Jerry Martin said it was good to see how they work together as a team. Betty Cobbs also shared that she attended the Association of College Trustees (ACT) Spring Conference and encouraged other trustees to attend future conferences.

#### **Consent Agenda - Minutes:**

Trustee Betty Cobbs moved to approve the minutes from the April 16 Study Session and April 16 Special Meetings. Trustee Toraya Miller seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

Hannah Kramer, ASB Vice President of Budget and Jenn Rhodes, Dean of Student Development presented the 2024-25 S&A Fee Budget. All of the Trustees thanked them for the great information. Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved to approve the 2024-25 S&A Fee Budget. Trustee Betty Cobbs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Crawford, President presented the 2024-25 Board of Trustee Meeting Dates. Trustee Toraya Miller moved to approve the dates, Bob Bolerjack seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Kelsey Lindstrom	Exempt Union Representative
Anne Brackett	Faculty Senate Representative
Stephanie Doyle	Classified Union Representative
Azrael Howell	Staff Senate Representative
Nina Benedetti	Faculty Union Representative
Narjis Alshatee	ASB Student Representative

**Kelsey Lindstrom** was not present.

**Anne Brackett** reported that the Faculty Senate met earlier this month to discuss a plethora of topics. We started off with a review of the current academic integrity policy draft, which is under discussion in campus council. The policy draft was created by a work group of faculty and students. This draft represents significant work towards a more transparent due process system. And...academic integrity is to quote one campus council member “pretty gnarly”, so the senate had a lot of feedback about possible improvements.

The senate also took a first look at the course scheduling matrix which is in pilot this quarter. The draft matrix was developed by department chairs and deans with the purpose of being responsive to enrollment, increasing transparency on decision making behind why a course may or may not run, and staying within budget. The pilot matrix elucidates several variables which have traditionally guided course scheduling like whether the course is part of a sequence, how many students need it, and how often it is offered while also incorporating data from technology tools via our starfish student degree plans.

Cathy Leaker and Josh Ernst joined the senate to share the results of a survey on the proposed instruction division reorganization plan to create more balanced workloads for our deans. The senate discussion is one of many faculty have engaged in this quarter as Cathy and Josh initially presented to each division and then Cathy incorporated it into the quarterly all instruction meeting. While these conversations take time and effort on everyone’s part It’s and effort which pays off because it represents some fairly large changes for some departments and creates a new reporting structure. Faculty had raised concerns about whether this was budget neutral so Josh spent some time breaking down the costs to the faculty senate. There are questions as well about what administrative support will look like under the new model and what changes might be made to the initial sortings. We’re looking forward to hopefully seeing the most up-to-date version before the end of the quarter.

Our last topic had to be handled via survey as we had a full agenda. Student services has brought a proposal through shared governance to switch the open registration date to the third day of the quarter. This change would allow students to add classes much more easily in the first few days of the quarter. Survey results indicate that many faculty are in support of moving the open registration date. It was also noted that students entering a class with only MTW meetings may miss the first week of class under this change. I took this feedback along with some data about what a Tuesday vs. Wednesday date change impact might be for students to campus council and we’ll see what student services decides as a result.

**Stephanie Doyle** was not present.

**Azrael Howell** was not present.

### **Nina Benedetti**

Nina reported that they have been meeting and are working on rewriting the constitutional by-laws. The AFT is encouraging faculty to attend graduation by hosting a get-together. She echoed congratulations to the students receiving the awards and said it was great to see.

Hannah Kramer gave the following update:

### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

- Balanced e-tech budget and was passed by the Senate
- The goal committees are in the last stages of planning their events
- Graduation is coming up and students are very excited

### **TROJAN ACTIVITIES BOARD:**

- Wednesday, May 15th: The Spring Activities Fair proved a successful turnout of around 500 people. The Trojan Activities Board brought a variety of novelties including Boba, airbrushed hats, and temporary tattoos.
- Thursday, May 23rd: TAB will be supporting student government with a mental health event called Crafty Connections. There will be diy mental health journals to encourage others to partake in ways on tackling mental health and TAB will be bringing in guest speaker Hufsa Ahmad to tell her story and teach others how to get the help they need.

### **ATHLETICS:**


- Softball just competed at the NWAC Championships. We played in two very hard fought games but unfortunately lost 4-3 and 9-8. It was the third straight season that the team has qualified for the playoffs, and nine of our athletes made the All Region honors. The team also has a 3.5 cumulative team GPA.
- Denna Gibb was the NWAC champion in the javelin and Khalil Gilbert was the NWAC champion in the long jump.
- Baseball plays in the NWAC championship tournament starting this Thursday at 4:35pm against Blue Mountain CC. All games played at Lower Columbia College. The team win the north region championship for the 5th time in the past 6 seasons. The team cumulative GPA is also very good at 3.20.


## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Shelby Burke, Vice President of Finance, gave a FY24-25 budget development update. The trustees said it was good work. Bob Bolerjack stated it is important work and it's great that it is so transparent. Trustee Toraya Miller said thank you for keeping the trustees abreast of what's going on with the budget.

Erica Dias, Associate Vice President of Campus Operations presented a master plan update. Chair Jerry Martin said it was excellent and Bob Bolerjack said it's great that the planning is inclusive of the surrounding neighborhoods.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jerry Martin at 7:23.

  
Jerry Martin (Jul 3, 2024 18:11 PDT)  
Jerry Martin, Chair  
Board of Trustees

  
Dr. Chemene Crawford, Secretary  
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