

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College held a regular meeting on January 19, 2021 virtually through ZOOM.

Board Chair Dr. Betty Cobbs called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Briefing by the President:

a) President's Update

Dr. Willis informed the Board that the first Trojan Talk for 2021 was last Friday, January 15, 2021 where over 230 participants signed in. Dr. Phyllis Esposito gave an update on the Strategic Plan, Shelby Burke gave an update on the budget and Dr. Cathy Leaker gave an update on academic programs and possible changes and Dr. Willis informed the college community that we are still waiting to hear from the Federal Government regarding the \$6.8 million stimulus funds. Dr. Willis stated that her plan is to make sure that students receive a healthy portion of those funds. She will keep the Board and college community updated as she learns more.

Dr. Willis acknowledged everyone who works in the High School partnerships. The Audit Committee learned earlier this evening that we've hit 100% of our target for Running Start Students for this quarter.

b) Phi Theta Kappa Presentation

Dr. Willis introduced professor Dana Harker, who willingly stepped up to help rebuild the Phi Theta Kappa program and hopefully bring it back to being a Five Star Chapter. Dana is doing a wonderful job working with the Phi Theta Kappa students. Last year the program received \$20,000 from the EvCC Foundation to assist students with their membership fees if needed. It has turned out to be a huge retention initiative.

Professor Harker introduced two PTK officers, Joshua Hancock and Caitlin Sklaroff-Bannister, who presented a PowerPoint presentation sharing their 2020 successes and plans for 2021.

Roll call:

Virtually present for the meeting were Trustees, Toraya Miller, Bob Bolerjack, Jerry Martin, Dr. Betty Cobbs and Mike Deller. Also present were President Dr. Daria Willis, Executive Assistants to the President Jeri Pourchot and Rita Belvill, Assistant Attorney General Leanne Foster, Dana Harker, Joshua Hancock, Caitlin Sklaroff-Bannister, Kimberly Lothyan, Kristina Jipson, Student Representative Hannah Williams, Classified Union Representative Max Phipps, Faculty Senate Representative Mike Nevins, Faculty Union Representative Nina Benedetti, faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community members.

Reports from the Board:

Chair Dr. Cobbs shared that a colleague and friend of hers, Raj Hariharan, started a nonprofit organization called Kinder Konnection back in 2016/2017. This organization raises funds to donate to students who are in homeless situations or have food insecurities. Raj's main intent was to focus on public schools, but has graciously donated a couple of times to EvCC's Food Pantry. The latest donation was \$4000. Dr. Cobbs wanted to take this opportunity recognize and thank her for her contributions to the students and staff at EvCC.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION 01-01-2021

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved for approval of the minutes for the November 17, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting as presented. Trustee Jerry Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comments:

No comments were submitted

Reports to the Board:

Exempt Union Representative

Kelsey Lindstrom was not in attendance

Faculty Senate Representative

Mike Nevins reported that the Faculty Senate has not yet met this quarter. Their first meeting will be January 25th. The full faculty will get together meeting on March 8th and discuss big topics such as faculty role on campus and shared governance.

Classified Union Representative

Max Phipps reported that Stephanie Doyle was voted in at the last sub local meeting as the new President, Bethany Duschene as Vice President and Glorianne Bora as Secretary. Max will no longer be reporting out at the Board meetings. He also reported that the Statewide Grievance Committee is moving forward with pre-arbitration mediation on the unfair labor practice that has been filed with PERK. The Union is still working on the demand to bargain.

Faculty Representative

Nina Benedetti shared that she is excited that the new quarter has begun and is enjoying her youth re-engagement students. She is also excited about the new legislative session.

Student Senate Representative

Hannah Williams reported that the Food Pantry had 136 appointments over the fall quarter and 17 over winter break; which is a higher number than usual. ASB handed out 55 holiday harvest bags. Hannah also shared that Araceli Daza, last year's ASB President, is now the VP of Administration and has been working diligently to promote the success of the ASB Senate this year.

Hannah reported that they held their first virtual Club Fest. 31 students attended, 11 clubs participated, and 15 new students joined. The Trojan Activities Board was virtual this year and had 16 student attendees.

Student Success

a) First Day Access

Professor Kimberly Lothyan presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation on First Day Access. The presentation highlighted providing student access to the EBook and publisher learning materials for the course on the first day of the quarter via the Canvas Learning Management System. The program allows immediate access to learning resources for students in anticipation of cost savings and retention. This is a coordinated effort between the bookstore, publisher, instruction and finance offices.

b) Developmental English Reform

Professor Kristina Jipson presented to the Board a PowerPoint presentation on English Placement and Course Remediation at EvCC. The presentation highlighted the ongoing revisions to English placement protocol and English 101 course remediation to support student success. The Presentation also shared a status update and projected timeline for current initiatives.

Executive Session

At 6:05pm, Board Chair Dr. Cobbs thanked everyone for attending. She announced the Board would be taking a five-minute break and would convene into executive session for two hours. No action will be taken and the Board will reconvene back into regular session at 8:10pm. The Board meeting will be adjourned immediately after.

At 8:10pm, Board Chair Dr. Cobbs announced they would be extending the executive session for another hour and would reconvene at 9:11pm.

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Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Dr. Betty Cobbs at 9:30pm

Dr. Betty J. Cobbs

Dr. Betty Cobbs, Chair
Board of Trustees


Daria Willis (Mar 17, 2021 14:06 PDT)

Dr. Daria J. Willis, Secretary
Board of Trustees