



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 19, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - JACKSON CONFERENCE CENTER & ZOOM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83574559617>

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 Toraya Miller was absent.

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

At 5:06 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 5:36, Chair Jerry Martin called the meeting back into the Regular Session.

President’s Update

Dr. Crawford introduced Brandon Dyer, the new Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success. Brandon was hired after a national search and comes to EvCC with over ten years of experience. She said the college is excited, and there is much work ahead.

Public Comments:

There were no comments.

Reports from the Board

There were no reports from the Board.

Consent Agenda - Minutes:

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2004, Regular Meeting and the February 20, 2024, Study Session. Trustee Betty Cobb seconded, and the motion was approved 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 was not present. The following statement she prepared was read by Rita Belvill.

First, a big thank you to the board of trustees members for your thoughtful reading of the appointment review

materials for our probationary faculty. It is exciting to have these probationary faculty as members of our community and we are grateful for your consideration and continued support as they proceed through each step of the process.

The Faculty Senate has covered a lot of ground this quarter!

The Senate gave feedback on the Regular and Substantive Interaction Policy and the process for creating a diversity course during the first half of the quarter. Recent federal requirement changes for defining what regular and substantive interactions are in an online class have led to the drafting of a new EvCC policy and audit process. Faculty appreciated that the guidelines are quite broad and the general consensus was confidence that the requirements could be easily met. There was more discussion on the proposed audit process with faculty suggesting a longer timeline between audits, concerns about how this will actually be implemented, and curiosity about regional colleges which have been dinged under the new policy.

Dean Lynn Deeken joined the Faculty senate to give a brief overview of the diversity course designation process. Instructional council had some preliminary conversations on updating the process in the fall and the Senate served as an initial broad discussion space to equip IC as they determine next steps.

The Senate also discussed the new course labeling system for ctLink. The biggest changes proposed are labels which give greater clarity to students about what type of online experience they can expect in a course. Some online classes have required synchronous meetings for exams, for example, which is not always clear when the label is OL. Faculty present for the discussion were generally positive about the new labels and, as was also noted in campus council, concerned about the need for effective communication with students prior to the initial use so that the transition is smooth.

The Senate received a brief overview of the new Campus Council Student Equity and Empowerment Task Force. The task force was created in response to rising student concerns about how policies and employee contracts impact the student experience at EvCC. Discussion of student concerns has also occurred with ASB leaders. The summary notes from these conversations identifying how faculty and students might better understand our collective landscape were also shared. Many thanks to Narjis Alshatee and Hannah Kramer for their time and willingness to share their perspectives

Stephanie Doyle was not present. Azrael reported on the following for Stephanie.

Classified staff have concerns regarding operating hours. The Union has been working with our Labor Council and HR to address these concerns. Josh Ernst has been a huge support in answering staff questions. The Union will be meeting with EvCC next week.

Azrael Howell.

As mentioned in the union report, Azrael reported that Staff has concerns regarding operating hours, specifically whether all departments need coverage and who will cover them. Though we know the need to change operating hours to support students, it is unclear which areas need to meet these hours. We will report to the board after meeting with the college.

Nina Benedetti

Nina reported that there was a union meeting with faculty last week, and 40 people attended. They voted on the new executive board members and talked about new roles. They also talked about faculty and communication and that some don't pause to talk, which led to good conversations about faculty-to-student communications. They also discussed ways to increase connections and talked about events.

Narjis Alshatee gave the following update:

A Student Feedback Survey was sent to students about their experience in their classes, and we have received over 50 responses, mostly positive regarding courses and instructors.

The Senate is working on updating artwork in PSU space and is holding open submissions for artwork from alumni, staff/faculty, and students.

Trojan Activities Board:

Tuesday, April 23rd: To Celebrate Earth Week TAB is hosting an event for students to come in and plant their very own succulents to take home.

Tuesday, April 30th: TAB is bringing Marissa Cohen to present her "Relationships, Red Flags, and Risk Reduction" seminar for sexual assault awareness month.

Thursday, May 9th: In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, TAB is happy to welcome Filosophy to the campus, a Filipino-American A-capella group well known for appearances in many national and international shows

Athletics:

Retired Women's basketball coach Chet Hovde passed away earlier this week. He was 77 and coached at EvCC for 40 years. [Here is a link to this article.](#)

Men's basketball won their first round playoff game defeating Southwestern Oregon CC by a score of 86-76. We advanced to the Elite 8 but lost to Tacoma, 88-80. This was the fifth time in the past 6 years that men's basketball has made the playoffs.

Women's basketball player Baylor Thomas led the NWAC in scoring with 642 points. She also set an EvCC all time record for the most free throws made in a single season with 207 and her 642 points ranks 2nd all time at EvCC in scoring.

Spring sports are underway! Baseball plays at Funko Field, Softball plays at Gaffney Field (Everett Boys and Girls Club) and track and field compete at various four-year college meets across Washington and down in Oregon.

We tracked 7 weeks this quarter and 94 student athletes utilized the tutoring center, totaling over 2,500 hours.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Shelby Burke, Vice President of Finance, gave a budget update.

Josh Ernst, Vice President of Human Resources and Compliance, presented an HR update.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jerry Martin at 6:28.



[Gerald Martin \(Apr 30, 2024 08:46 PDT\)](#)

Jerry Martin, Chair
Board of Trustees



Dr. Chemene Crawford, Secretary
Board of Trustees