

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College held a regular meeting on January 21, 2020 in the Jackson Conference Center Senate Room at Everett Community College.

Chair Betty Cobbs called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

### **Briefing by the President**

Dr. Willis introduced Rita Belvill, the new Executive Assistant to the President.

In her report Dr. Willis informed the Board that Anne Bracket is one of 11 faculty who will receive the Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty member award. This award has been established to recognize individuals making a difference in the classroom.

Daria introduced Lea Watson and Mirei Maejima from EvCC Phi Theta Kappa. Lee shared with the Board that the EvCC Phi Theta Kappa received a \$20,000 gift from the EvCC Foundation to offset membership fees to increase membership. Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society. Students are required to complete 12 hours of college level coursework and maintain a 3.5 GPA. EvCC will be hosting the regional conference this year and is working to become a 5-star chapter again. Mirei Maejima, Vice President of Fellowship, informed the Board that her focus during the fall quarter was to create ways for the chapter members to guild friendships among each other. She coordinated a trip to the Seattle Chocolate Factory, where members toured the factory and learned more about the women-owned company and sustainable fair-trade chocolate.

John Olson, vice president of college advancement shared with the board that EvCC's 2019-2020 Transforming Lives nominee, Melisa Sulijak, is one of six students who have been chosen to receive the ACT's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Transforming Lives Award. He informed the board that it has been a number of years since an EvCC student has won this award. This will give legislators a better idea on what we are doing here at EvCC.

### **Roll call**

Present for the meeting were Trustees Toraya Miller, Bob Bolerjack, Betty Cobbs and Mike Deller (via phone). Also present: President Daria Willis, Recording Secretary and Senior Executive Assistant to the President Jeri Pourchot, Executive Assistant to the President Rita Belvill, Assistant Attorney General Scott Wessel-Estes, Student Representative Luke Frost, Faculty Representative Mike VanQuickenborne and faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community members.

### **Reports from the Board**

Trustee Chair Betty Cobbs read a prepared statement in response to some of the comments made at the November 12, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting in regards to the location site of the new LRC. The letter will be sent out to the entire campus tomorrow. Betty presented a donation check for the food pantry from Kinder Connection. Betty reported that she will be attending the National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC.

Trustee Bob Bolerjack reported that he too will be attending the National Legislative Summit in February. He looks forward to working with national colleagues and will be talking to the legislators there about the pedestrian bridge.

Trustee Toraya Miller reported that she will be joining the other trustees who are attending the National Legislative Summit. Toraya shared she will be going to Olympia to support our Transforming Lives student winner.

Trustee Mike Deller shared that he too is excited to hear about our Transforming Lives student winner. He expressed that students have such great stories to share about their experiences with community colleges.

### **Consent Agenda**

**MOTION 01-01-2020** Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved for approval of the November 12, 2019 minutes. Trustee Toraya Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Action Items**

#### **Review and Take Action on EvCC-International Student Non-Resident Tuition Waiver**

Visakan Ganeson, associate vice president for international education shared with the Board that this waiver would waive tuition for non-resident, international students up to 18 credits per quarter for 15 international students per academic year or three quarters using Enrollment code, FP38(Fee Pay Status 38). This waiver would be administered by the International Programs Office, and priority in the awarding of waivers would be given to students on academic exchanges and participating in special programs recognized through formal agreements between state, cities or institutions.

**MOTION 02-01-2020** Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved for approval of the EvCC-International Student Non-Resident Tuition Waiver. Trustee Toraya Miller seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **General Public Comments**

Bob Bertoldi shared a story about an interaction with a student who came into the library for help on a research project, and stated it would not have been convenient for them if the library was not located in the center of the main campus.

### **Reports to the Board**

#### **Student Representative**

Luke Frost, for ASB President Araceli Daza, reported they had many things going on. Six students and two advisors will be attending Advocacy Day on January 23 and 24. ASB put a white board up in Parks to survey what issues students are facing. Textbook costs was the top issue along with housing and food insecurities, mental health and drug use. They will be delivering letters to local Senators and Representatives to push for Open Education Resources. ASB has created four new committees; Student Services, Safety & Security, Resources, and Campus Improvements. Luke also shared that student leaders spoke to Senator Rick Larsen today about issues that students face. The Student Leadership Retreat is January 25, and the facilitator is Jerod Grant. There are 70 students signed up to attend. Club Fest is on January 30 and the theme is "Channel to Flannel." Student Life hired a food pantry coordinator to help run the food pantry. This will allow the food pantry to be open for more hours. Upcoming events on campus include, New Year's Smash on January 22 and blood drives this Wednesday and Thursday. ASB has already started planning graduation.

Classified Representative

Melissa Hart was not in attendance

Faculty Representative

Mike VanQuickenborne informed the Board that on November 7, 2019, Bob Bertoldi and Heather Jean Uhl led faculty in a rally in support of placing the LRC at the old Index site. Mike brought up that even a year later, he feels the Board has not made it clear why it is advantageous to have the LRC located on Broadway. He also read to the Board some student comments that were in support of not having the LRC located on Broadway. Mike informed the Board that faculty would like to have actual dialogue with them in the spirit of Shared Governance and not receive a letter in their email.

Faculty Senate Representative

Karen Linton was absent. Mike VanQuickenborne read a statement from Karen to the Board. In the statement Karen explained she was absent because of medical issues caused from a fall on campus.

Informational

Heather Bennet, vice president of institutional effectiveness and strategic development gave an informational report out on the 2019 Guided Pathways Data Reflections Report-Effectiveness of Math Redesign. Heather informed the Board that the report examines changes in student's completion of college level math within their first year of enrollment based on changes in EvCC's math-related policy, practice, and pedagogy in the last three years, using the entering fall 2015 cohort as a baseline. Establishing the appropriate college-level math course for each pathway and reducing the number of courses to reach college-level math, with an exit from the pre-college sequence one course sooner for non-STEM students, fewer students are receiving initial math placement two or more levels below college-level (77% decrease of student placing two or more levels below; 81% increase in students with initial placement in college-level math) and more students are completing college-level math within their first year of enrollment (10% more students completing college-level math in year one). Alignment between Math and Transitional Studies pre-college math curriculum offers low income students funding-based options for enrollment. Increased use of open educational resources (OER) instead of traditional textbooks also enhances student success by ensuring students have access to course materials at the beginning of the quarter. Opportunities for continued improvement include additional policy changes supporting mandatory math enrollment and increased access to courses and tutoring/instructor office hours at times that are convenient for students.

Executive Session

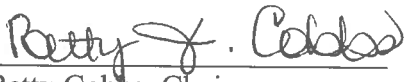
At 6:02pm Board Chair Betty Cobbs thanked everyone for coming and shared that the Board will convene into an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel personnel matters. The Executive Session will continue for approximately one hour. The Board will reconvene in open session at 7:02 pm. No action will not be taken. The Board meeting will adjourn immediately thereafter.

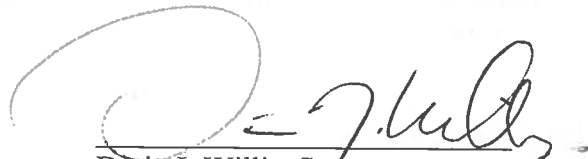
At 7:02 pm, Board Chair Betty Cobbs informed the public that the Executive Session would be extended for ten more minutes.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2020**

  
Betty Cobbs, Chair  
Board of Trustees

  
Daria J. Willis, Secretary  
Board of Trustees