

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College held a regular meeting in the Jackson Conference Center and virtually through Zoom on March 21, 2023.

Board Chair Toraya Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Roll call

Present for the meeting were Toraya Miller - Board Chair, Bob Bolerjack - Vice Chair, Jerry Martin, Dr. Betty Cobbs, and Kelly Shepherd. Also present was Interim President Dr. Darrell Cain, Sr. Executive Assistant to the President Lisa Corner, staff, administrators, and community members.

Briefing by the President

Dr. Cain stated we're excited to kickoff Spring quarter. He shared the Corporate and Continuing Education Center sale buyers are showing interest. There is anticipation the sale will be completed soon. We are continuing to move forward to advance the college mission to support students. There is a continued focus with our legislators on equitable pay for our faculty and staff members in this changing market. He stated the market is competitive in the private industry or public sector. Faculty and staff are valued and we will continue to advocate in that regard. He noted that legislative support is high on the agenda for COLA's. He shared that the Baker Hall project was included in the capital budget. Dr. Cain noted the Students of Color Conference is coming up and invited everyone to attend.

Reports from the Board

Toraya Miller, Board Chair stated she attended the State of Everett event where the Mayor of Everett gave her speech. She informed everyone of her enthusiasm being selected to be a panelist at the upcoming Students of Color Conference.

Consent Agenda

MOTION 01-03-2023

Trustee Betty Cobbs moved for approval of the minutes from the January 17th, January 27th and February 21st meetings as presented. Trustee Jerry Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Action items

A. Review and take action on Tenure Recommendations for Probationers.

Dr. Cathy Leaker presented on the Tenure Recommendations for Probationers, Corey Kline and Paul Miller. Both candidates are instructors in the Mathematics department.

MOTION 02-03-2023

Trustee Bob Bolerjack moved for the approval of Tenure Track Probationer, Corey Kline. Trustee, Dr. Betty Cobbs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION 03-03-2023

Trustee Dr. Betty Cobbs moved for approval of Tenure Track Probationer, Paul Miller. Trustee Jerry Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and take action on the Bachelor of Applied Science fee approval.

Dr. Cathy Leaker presented on the Bachelor of Applied Science fee approval.

MOTION 04-03-2023

Trustee Kelly Sheperd moved for the approval of the Bachelor of Applied Science fee. Trustee Bob Bolerjack seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

General Public Comments (for action items and issues not identified as agenda items.)

There were no comments virtually or persons present wishing to provide public comment.

Reports to the Board

Kelsey Lindstrom

Exempt Union Representative

Kelsey joined the meeting via Zoom. She stated negotiations are finished for the new contract. The contract was moved to Dr. Cain and will be presented to the board for final approval.

Anne Brackett

Faculty Senate Representative

She stated the Faculty Senate met later in the quarter. There were 3 main concerns:

- 1) Security - There were 2 lockdowns on campus. She stated that faculty are thinking about ways to approach these situations. Also how the college is or is not prepared when things happen. She also noted a list was developed to list lockdown observances.
- 2) Program advising - She stated that conversations were started about existing practices and how to do things differently.
- 3) Revising bylaws - She made note of EvCC faculty being welcome to participate in Senate conversations. Anne thanked the Board of Trustees for approving tenure for her colleagues Paul Miller and Corey Kline.

Stephanie Doyle

Classified Union Representative

Not present at the meeting.

Azrael Howell

Staff Senate Representative

He stated the majority of the bylaws are being approved. He said there has been more discussion about union participation for classified and exempt staff. Non-represented staff members were also discussed. The goal is to increase participation and contribute to shared governance. He noted polling is being used for staff that are unable to make it to the meetings.

Nina Benedetti

Faculty Union Representative

She stated the union has been working hard in making sure legislators know that funding for COLA's needs to happen. Elections for the Executive Board for the union have taken place. She reported that in the next academic year, there will be 3 Associate Faculty serving on the board.

Katherine Ross

ASB Representative

She stated she is working on creating ARC Committee training sessions. She expressed excitement for the amphitheater project on the Index lawn. Katherine noted the project was funded by students. Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 4:00 pm at the Angel of The Winds Arena. She stated Spring Fling was successfully held on February 14th. Katherine stated the S&A Fee Budget Committee has balanced their budget for 2023-2024. Clubs and programs are being notified of the proposed allocations. She stated the Mental Health Committee is planning an event for mental health awareness month in May. Katherine gave an update on the Men's basketball team 2nd place championship. The first ever exhibition game between the Aqua Sox and the Trojans on April 5th.

Chair Toraya Miller called for a break at 5:37 pm

Chair Toraya Miller returned at 5:42 to state the Board will be going into Executive Session for one and one-half hours to "discuss and evaluate qualifications of applicants for the search for the position of president, including anti-bias training, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g).

We will be in Executive Session until 7:15 pm unless you are notified that we have extended the time. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

Chair Toraya Miller returned at 7:13 pm to extend the time by 30 minutes.

Chair Toraya Miller returned at 7:44 pm to extend the time by 15 minutes.

Chair Toraya Miller returned at 8:00 pm to Adjourn the Board of Trustees meeting.

Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Toraya Miller

Toraya Miller, Chair
Board of Trustees

Darrell Cain

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Dr. Darrell Cain, Secretary
Board of Trustees