

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College held a Study Session in the Jackson Conference Center and virtually through Zoom on April 18, 2023.

Board Chair Toraya Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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, Senior Executive Assistant to the President, Lisa Corner, staff, administrators, and community members.

National Legislative Summit Report Out:

Student was not available to give an update.

Athletics Department Update:

Garet Studer

Director of Athletics

He stated the team ended up having the best season since 1995. The team advanced to the championship. Garet reported the hosting NWAC bid went to Columbia Basin. He stated the team had a sense of focus and made a great run. He said he was so proud to have them represent the school.

Mike Trautman

Head Coach Men's Basketball

He stated he has been at the college for 12 years. He said the students are good young men first. He gave an overview of the great culture in the Athletics department. Mike stated this group does a good job on and off the floor. He noted the team played well together and this has been the most fun ever coaching basketball. Mike stated he is appreciative of the financial support to be able to go on game trips, have hotel stays and dinners. He formally thanked the Board of Trustees.

Comments from Men's Basketball Team Members:

- A player stated they don't know what they would be doing if they were not able to play basketball.
- A team member spoke of overcoming personal challenges through basketball.
- They have made life-long friendships of teammates.
- Enjoyed the last two weekends playing in Pascoe.
- Great getting to know team mates and the whole athletic environment.
- Most winning basketball player in EvCC history holds the title.
- EvCC opened a door to attend a four-year college this fall.
- Enjoys the team meetings and practices.

Daniel Thompson

Assistant Coach Men's Basketball

He stated he has been at EvCC for nine years. He said this year has been very special and a lot of games have been won. Strong relationships and friendships have been built. Daniel thanked the students for their stories. He stated athletics changes people's lives. He thanked the Board for all their support. The support sets athletes up to become graduates.

Transforming Lives Nominee Report Out

John Olson, Director of EvCC Foundation and Government and Community Relations

He stated this is closing the loop on an EvCC student selected to participate in the Transforming Lives Awards Dinner in Olympia. Dr. Betty Cobbs and John Olson attended. He noted the dinner showcased students and what they've overcome and where they are headed. He said they do their best to have legislators attend. He stated there were legislative conflicts with another event at the same time. The legislative delegation turnout was lower. He stated our EvCC student did very well. John stated he is excited about the student's onward movement to a university. He said he has big ideas and goals.

New VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dr. Cain introduced the new VP of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Dr. John Hudson. He stated he is very proud to be a Trojan. He said he was at the University of Houston downtown for 16 years. He said his career in higher education would not have happened had it not been for faculty at his community college. The Board welcomed John to the college and the work of DEI.

Chair Toraya Miller at 5:28 pm called the Executive Session.

The Board will be going into Executive Session for two hours to "discuss matters covered under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the following purpose: to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

We will be in Executive Session until 7:28 pm unless you are notified that we have extended the time. No final action will be taken in the Executive Session.

Chair Directives:

- Chair returned at 7:35 pm to extend for 1 hour.
- Chair returned at 8:36 pm to extend until 9:00 pm.
- Chair returned at 9:00 pm to extend until 9:15 pm.
- Chair returned at 9:15 pm to extend until 9:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Board Chair Toraya Miller at 9:32 p.m.

Toraya Miller

Toraya Miller, Chair
Board of Trustees

Darrell Cain

Darrell Cain (Jun 23, 2023 10:45 PDT)

Dr. Darrell L. Cain, Secretary
Board of Trustees