

Clark College  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
Via Zoom

In Attendance

Rekah Strong, Chair  
Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair  
Jane Jacobsen, Trustee  
Jada Rupley, Trustee  
Paul Speer, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President  
Bill Belden, Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Sachi Horback, Vice President of Instruction  
Kelly Love, Chief Communications Officer  
Christina Longo, Interim Vice President of Human Resources  
Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services  
Valerie Moreno, Chief Information Officer  
Rashida Willard, Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Others

Kimberly Witherspoon, Assistant Attorney General  
Suzanne Southerland, AHE President  
Chris Layfield, WPEA Co-Chief Steward  
Lisa Gibert, CEO, Clark College Foundation  
Dwight Hughes, Network Technology Professor  
Michael Tucker, Cybersecurity Professor  
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. Introductions

Chair Strong introduced Cristhian Canseco Juarez, a newly appointed Trustee who will begin his tenure in January 2021.

III. Action Items

A. #1 – September 23, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Trustee Speer made a motion to approve Agenda Items III A. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and Agenda Items III A. unanimously passed.

IV. Constituent Reports

A. ASCC

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and that the students held a student forum with President Edwards and that there will be an upcoming financial aid forum. President Joner shared that three priorities from the previous ASCC Leadership team have been passed onto the current team, with a focus on increasing access to resources, helping address systemic issues and building legislative partnerships. President Joner shared that there was a student involvement fair that pertained to student engagement with voting and committees. President Joner shared that there he had an opportunity to connect with legislatures and emphasized a focus on racial equity and increased funding for the college. President Joner shared that ASCC is finding ways to connect with students online. Trustee Bennett shared that she is interested in hearing more about how students are doing and what barriers they may be encountering that would prevent program completion as well as ideas for solutions to these barriers. President Joner shared that he would compile a list of specific barriers and ideas for solution and address those in future reports.

B. AHE

Suzanne Southerland shared the AHE stands in solidarity with the WPEA in supporting instructional regarding the Moss Adams Report. Ms. Southerland shared that cutting staff would cause more damage to the college. Ms. Southerland shared that instructional staff are fundamental.

C. WPEA

Chris Layfield expressed appreciation that outsourcing discussions are off the table for now. Mr. Layfield share that he and Co-Chief Steward, Sarah Thorsen, met with Dr. Edwards on October 14 and discussed the Moss Adams report and proposed structural reorganization. Mr. Layfield shared that classified staff were stressed with remote operations, ongoing issues with ctcLink with greater work-loads, creating an overall impact on staff morale. Mr. Layfield read a statement from the WPEA pertaining to the Moss Adams Report. Mr. Layfield shared that WPEA has been hosting weekly Classified Staff Zoom meetings and looks forward to working with administration and Dr. Edwards.

D. Foundation

CEO Gibert shared that donations that are specifically related to emergency support for students, college support and student scholarship support, remain strong. CEO Gibert shared that a video of appreciation is being put together. CEO Gibert thanked President Edwards for her involvement with the virtual Savoring Excellence event and reported that it was a successful evening. The Trustees expressed their gratitude to the Foundation for the event.

V. Reports from Board Members

Trustee Speer shared that he has met with President Edwards and participated in the following: Facilities Master Plan Committee, the College Social Equity Council, Board Budget Subcommittee attended Savoring Excellence and had a meeting with community funders pertaining to opportunities for investment in the College. Trustee Speer shared about an article that the Washington Post published regarding a lack of student enrollment across the nation. Trustee Speer shared that important work is to be done regarding engagement and development of a funding model, rather than depending on money from the State.

Trustee Rupley shared that she has with a representative from the Governor's Office and will continue her role as a Trustee until the end of December. Trustee Rupley shared that she attended an equity event hosted by the Oregon Historical Society in Henry Louis Gates Jr. was the special speaker.

Trustee Bennett shared that she has been participating on the Board Budget Subcommittee and she looks forward to continuing her work and support. Trustee Bennett shared that she will begin reviewing Board policies from an equity lens and thanked President Edwards for providing the tool used by the college.

Trustee Jacobsen shared that she has met with President Edwards and encouraged participation in giving towards the Thanksgiving Basket campaign.

Chair Strong shared that she meets with President Edwards on a weekly basis. Chair Strong shared that during the work session there were three students who are candidates for the Transforming Lives award. Chair Strong shared that they had compelling stories of resilience and tenacity and that it makes her proud to be a part of this institution.

VI. President's Report

A. Faculty Presentation

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Tucker gave a presentation on Non-Credit to Credit Pathways. The presentation highlighted goals, non-credit and credit pathways, comparison between non-credit and for-credit, framework, non-credit blueprints and non-credit current status. The Trustees thanked them both for their presentation.

B. Budget Report

Ms. Sand shared the differences between ctcLink and Legacy and how funding currently looks. Ms. Sand shared consolidated financial statements and how the state auditor evaluates capitol assets and federal grant revenue and reported that there were no issues; the report is issued as a statewide entity. Ms. Sand reported that there was a second audit from the state in regard to a grant review in order to ensure compliance of other agencies that provide dollars. Ms. Sand shared that the state is working on identifying which reports they want provided due to ctcLink being new. Ms. Sand shared the development of a Fiscal Health Risk analysis and reported that the state board template poses challenges due to a lack of metrics. Trustee Speer asked if the college reserves policy and benchmarks are evaluated. Ms. Sand shared that the question on the audit pertained to if there was a policy rather than a metrics. Ms. Sand shared that federal, state and local grants are currently being pursued with 14 competitive applications. The Trustees shared their appreciation for the entrepreneurial spirit and providing the budget information to the Board.

C. President's Updates

President Edwards highlighted a grant application for a pilot summer running start program. President Edwards shared that during the upcoming legislative session, it will be important to be vocal, present and a request for there not to be cuts in the community colleges' base budget. President Edwards shared that there will be opportunities for engagement moving forward. President Edwards reported that the Executive Cabinet requested budget feedback from the college. President Edwards highlighted that the outsourcing recommendations from Moss Adams have been put on hold and reassured the Board and meeting attendees that the direction,

decisions and recommendations will be communicated. President Edwards shared that there has been some changes in the college leadership team. President Edwards thanked Bob Williamson for his service at Clark and highlighted some of his accomplishments during his tenure. President Edwards shared that Sabra Sand will serve as Interim Vice President of Administrative Services and Christina Longo will serve as Interim Vice President of Human Resources. President Edwards shared that Bill Belden will be leaving the college at the end of the year and will be working on projects directly with her. She shared that Dr. Michele Cruse will serve as Interim Vice President of Student Affairs and will begin her position in a few weeks.

VII. Public Comment

The following individuals shared a public comment regarding the Moss Adams report: Bryton Williams (seeded time), Melissa William (seeded time), Roberto Anitori, Debra Montez, Sarah Thorsen, Ramona Sott, Angela Dawson, Seamus Petrie, Courtney Braddock and Stacey Mitcham.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

IX. Executive Session

The Board did not go into executive session .

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.



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Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy

Recorder

Date: October 28, 2020