

Clark College
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, November 18, 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
Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim 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

Michael Shinn, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanne Southerland, AHE President
Courtney Braddock, WPEA Steward
Josiah Jonner, ASCC President
Lisa Gibert, CEO, Clark College Foundation
Timothy Tipton, Student
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

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

II. Action Items

- A. #1 – October 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. #2 – November 3, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- C. #3 - the Emergency Rule Changes to the Student Conduct Code by Adopting the Supplemental Title IX Student Conduct Procedures at WAC 132N-125-300 through 340

Trustee Speer requested to pull Agenda Item II C. from the agenda for a brief conversation.

MOTION: Trustee Speer made a motion to pull Agenda Item II C. from the agenda for a brief conversation. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion and Agenda Items II C. was unanimously pulled from the agenda.

The Trustees discussed that they acknowledged the need to be compliant with the law and will approve it, however, they would like to have further discussion at a special meeting after January 21, 2021.

MOTION: Trustee Jacobsen made a motion to approve Agenda Items II A-C. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion and Agenda Items II A-C. unanimously passed.

III. Constituent Reports

A. ASCC

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and shared that they are working on a financial aid forum. He shared that there was a recent ASCC leadership panel with Dr. Edwards and other Executive Cabinet members. President Joner shared that 12 Student Committees are currently filled and 4 chartered clubs recently completed orientations. He reported that ASCC is working on finding ways to continue engagement and that a Canvas page is being development that can provide easier access to students. President Joner shared that he participated as a panelist in the event, Communities for our Colleges, where he was able to meet with local representatives, other students and faculty from around the state. He shared that ASCC has been hosting a weekly video series and that the Student Relations and Promotions Coordinator has been utilizing social media as a form of reaching students in a virtual environment. Trustee Speer shared that he had an opportunity to sit in on a recent ASCC meeting and gave appreciation to Sarah Gruhler and Josiah Joner and the leadership team for their work.

B. AHE

Suzanne Southerland shared an update how faculty are helping with the budget deficit with Clark. Ms. Southerland shared that some of the cost saving proposals are (4) faculty furlough days, which would result in a cost savings of \$305k, proposed furloughing Guided Pathways funding, for a cost savings of \$325k and that faculty have an option for an early retirement/voluntary separation agreement. Ms. Southerland shared that the faculty are not in support of the Moss Adams report and that interviews were not conducted with those who have first-hand knowledge of Clark.

C. WPEA

Courtney Braddock shared that was recently a staff forum with Dr. Edwards, and 76 Classified Staff participated. Ms. Braddock shared that the WPEA has concerns about ctcLink and processing student financial aid issues. Ms. Braddock shared that WPEA is curious if the Foundation could cover the financial aid gaps for students. She shared that the WPEA has concerns of Clark skimming of work and direct dealing. Ms. Braddock shared that there are three ongoing issues that are going to arbitration. She shared that WPEA is hosting Zoom meetings for Classified Staff every other Thursday evening. Ms. Braddock shared that the WPEA looks forward to continued meetings with the administration and President Edwards.

D. Foundation

CEO Gibert shared that there are four initiatives that the Foundation is in process of evaluating in order to see if the funds that Clark needs meet the restrictions for which they were donated.

CEO Gibert shared that the Foundation has secured a \$7k packaging machine that can help the Penguin Pantry and Culinary Department prepare fresh foods for students in need.

IV. Reports from Board Members

Trustee Jacobsen reported that she has been listening to national reports about other community colleges and shared that everyone is struggling. She shared that she attended a Social Equity Council meeting.

Trustee Bennett reported that she participated in an ACT Conference last week, which included presentations on the Carter Model (decision making tool), introduced to and possibly beneficial to be considered at some point. Participated in Presidential Conversation at the end of October and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate with others in the community.

Trustee Speer acknowledged the work of faculty, classified staff and administration for their work in deciding to not open early on in March due to COVID. Trustee Speer shared that he participated in the Equity Workshop, Social Equity Council, a lecture hosted by the Columbian Writers Series at Clark College, Partners in Diversity workshop, the ACT Conference and SBCTC Trustee Tuesdays (invitation was extended to the other Trustees).

Trustee Rupley shared that she attended the Legislative Retreat for ACT and Partners in Diversity workshop. Trustee Rupley acknowledged the challenge of making the decision to be in remote operations and appreciates the decision-making process and acknowledged Dr. Edwards as the right person for the position.

Chair Strong shared that she attended a legislative meeting and discussions entailed barriers of being a remote full- time student and childcare barriers of families and students. Chair Strong shared that she attended the ACT Conference in which there was an emphasis of a state- wide commitment to equity. Chair Strong shared that Trustee Speer serves on the ACT Equity Committee. Chair Strong reported that she has participated in BOD/BOT (Foundation) and an equity training facilitated by Ms. Willard and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

V. President's Report

A. Student Presentation

Rashida Willard introduced Timothy Tipton to share his educational journey with the Board. Mr. Tipton shared his personal experience in pursuing his degree and working with Clark while incarcerated. Mr. Tipton shared that Clark has helped him reach his educational goals, advocate for human rights and opportunities to speak about prison reform. Mr. Tipton shared he has developed a deeper understanding of power, privilege and equity. Would not have been possible without the help and support of Clark College. The Trustees thanked Mr. Tipton for sharing his inspirational story and expressed how proud they are of his accomplishments and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

B. Budget Report

Ms. Sand shared that Clark has a \$2.6 million deficit and projected a \$2 million deficit for the year based on enrollment. Ms. Sand shared about the one- time GEER funding and that State allocation is usually paid at the end of the year. Ms. Sand shared that funding and back payment₃ to the State Treasurer was problematic due to budget processes.

C. President's Updates

President Edwards shared that the story of Mr. Tipton is one of the many reasons why she is committed to community college education. President Edwards shared that she attended the kick off meeting for International Week. The college enrolls which 54 international students from 29 different countries. Clark has been invited to join PAC Maritime Alliance, that would grant the college a federal designation as a Domestic Maritime Center of Excellence, which would increase opportunities for workforce diversity and engagement in helping build that industry. President Edwards shared that it is collaborative work with Skagit, Seattle and Portland Community Colleges. She shared that there is particular interest and tremendous workforce needs pertaining to the welding and STEM. President Edwards shared that she attended the legislative conference and that there is a \$4.2 million deficit, however, there is strong support for community colleges. President Edwards shared that she is working on setting up appointments with local legislators in order to communicate the need to have minimal budget cuts for community colleges. President Edwards shared that the Executive Cabinet reviewed the Moss Adams report and is in the process of evaluating the recommendations. President Edwards introduced Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs, and shared that winter enrollment is in process.

VI. Public Comment

The following individuals shared a public comment: Cammie Pavesic, Meredith Kirkwood, Yusufu Kamara, Bryton Williams, Marcia Roi, Adnan Hamideh, Nancy Novak and David Dubak.

VII. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

VIII. Executive Session

The Board did not go into executive session .

IX. Adjournment

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



Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy
Recorder

Date: November 18, 2020