

Clark College
Board of Trustees Retreat – Session 2
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Via Zoom

In Attendance

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

Absent

Jada Rupley, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Others

Michael Shinn, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Mary Spilde, Board Retreat Facilitator
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.

II. Introductions

Chair Strong introduced the Board of Trustees and provided an opportunity for additional attendees to introduce themselves.

III. Audience Statements

No audience statements at this time.

IV. Board of Trustees 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Chair Strong made a motion to approve Board of Trustees 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule. Trustee Speer seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

V. Framework to Think About Clark's Role in a Post-COVID Environment

Dr. Mary Spilde requested feedback from Dr. Edwards and the Trustees in regard to their takeaways from Board Retreat Session 1. The Trustees shared that the format of an online retreat was challenging, however, it was helpful. The Trustees shared that last year there was a need to provide more oversight from an administrative lens and that they look forward to moving forward from a governance and policy lens. The Trustees highlighted addressing equity work through workshops, trainings and reading materials to ensure that Clark's policies align with Clark's mission. The Trustees shared that aligning with the President, Board, Institution and Foundation are fundamental. Dr. Spilde shared that it is helpful for the Trustees to direct any questions to Dr. Edwards herself rather

than senior staff or other members of the College community in order for Dr. Edwards to direct the information or request to the appropriate person or department.

Dr. Spilde shared a PowerPoint highlighting the ways in which to think about Clark's role in a post-COVID environment.

The Trustees shared about the need for strengthening workforce development and the Running Start Program in order to provide the community access to high performing programs that support the community. Dr. Edwards shared that education is an equalizer and Clark has an important role in the community providing access to excellent education, connecting students to well-paying jobs and helping students transition to higher levels of education. Dr. Edwards shared that it was important to build strong pathways with K-12 institutions and four year colleges. The Trustees shared that it was important to help students and faculty adjust and prepare with new learning environments based on the changes due to COVID-19 from an equitable lens that provides access.

VI. Priorities for the President

Dr. Spilde requested feedback from the Trustees regarding priorities for Dr. Edwards. The Trustees shared that operationally, data from dashboards and reports would be helpful. The Trustees shared that there isn't the same level of urgency as there was with Interim President Fowler-Hill. The Trustees shared that it would be helpful for Dr. Edwards to take time to learn more about the College and community and work together with Dr. Edwards in identifying what those priorities and needs are. The Trustees shared that a priority would be taking a holistic trauma informed approach to the campus climate in order to help provide healing and unity. The Trustees shared that financial stability is a priority; finding ways to operate sustainably. The Trustees shared that another priority is student success; although a broad area, future discussions regarding increasing equitable student success and the way in which that is measured is important. The Trustees shared that community engagement is another important priority; finding ways to communicate messaging about Clark out to the community and engage with key stakeholders and partners. The Trustees shared that workforce development is another priority and ways in which to rebrand the Clark Tech Center campus. The Trustees would like the priorities to have equity interwoven throughout, collaboration and alignment. The Trustees want to make sure Dr. Edwards is provided the support and tools necessary in order to accomplish the priorities. The Trustees will take some time to think through some action items to present at the next Board Retreat Session.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Retreat Session 3, a date is to be determined. A public notice will be sent out once a date and time has been selected.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 5:08pm.



Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy

Recorder

Date: July 28, 2020