

Clark College
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2020
Via Zoom

In Attendance

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

Absent

None.

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Others

Kim Witherspoon, Assistant Attorney General
Christina Longo, Director of Compliance
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Strong called the meeting to order at 7:31am.

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. Consideration and Adoption of Emergency Rule Changes to Chapter 132N-125 WAC (Code of Student Conduct)

Ms. Longo gave a PowerPoint presentation sharing the background of the new federal Title IX regulations. The Trustees were asked to vote for consideration and adoption of emergency rule changes to Chapter 132N-125 WAC (Code of Student Conduct) to comply with new federal Title IX regulations. Ms. Witherspoon shared that the emergency rules are temporary and will last no more than 120 days. Ms. Witherspoon shared that the Board of Trustees will have another opportunity to consider the rule change and decide if they want to make it permanent. The Trustees shared that they were disappointed by the language in the changes.

MOTION: Trustee Rupley made a motion to approve emergency rule changes to Chapter 132N-125 WAC (Code of Student Conduct) to comply with new federal Title IX regulations. Trustee

Speer seconded the motion and emergency rule changes to Chapter 132N-125 WAC (Code of Student Conduct) to comply with new federal Title IX regulations passed.

V. Executive Session

The Board announced it will hold an executive session at 7:55am pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 to discuss with legal counsel representing the college matters relating to college enforcement actions, litigation or potential litigation to which the college, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party. The executive session was scheduled to end at 8am. At 8am the executive session was extended until 8:10am. No final action was taken during the executive session. The executive session adjourned at 8:13am.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13am.



Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy
Recorder
Date: August 7, 2020

Clark College
Board of Trustees Retreat – Session 3
Friday, August 7, 2020
Via Zoom

In Attendance

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

Absent

None.

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Others

Kim Witherspoon, 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 8:25am.

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. Review Priorities

Dr. Spilde reviewed the priorities Dr. Edwards proposed to the Board at the previous retreat; student success, achieving financial stability, improving campus climate and expanding community engagement. The Trustees shared that utilizing Guided Pathways to help ensure student success, evaluate ways in which to restructure Clark in order to operate more efficiently, taking a trauma informed approach in order to improve campus climate and increasing outreach measures to systematically non-dominant population groups and working with the Foundation in order to strengthen community and business partnerships.

V. Building Effective Community Partnerships

Dr. Spilde requested the Trustees feedback regarding community partnerships. The Trustees shared that engaging K-12 schools, community groups, workforce development, key organizations and

stakeholders. Trustee Bennett shared that the Onboarding Committee has worked with Dr. Edwards and arranging meetings for her to meet with those identified community partners. The Trustees also shared that it is important to continue strengthening and building the relationship with the College and the Foundation.

VI. Board Role in Student Success and Equitable Outcomes

Dr. Spilde invited Dr. Edwards to share about student success and equitable outcomes. Dr. Edwards shared that social unrest and COVID-19 has had an impact on the country as well as community colleges. Dr. Edwards shared that discussion and action are necessary components moving forward. Dr. Edwards shared that students who are successful in earning their credentials at Clark is in direct correlation to race. Dr. Edwards shared how important it is for Students of Color to connect with the College. Dr. Edwards shared that it would be helpful for the Board to develop an equity statement. The Trustees shared that it would be helpful to engage Rashida Willard in the conversation at a future Board meeting. The Trustees discussed reviewing and developing an anti-racist approach in all policies and a lens of equity College wide.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 24 at 4pm via Zoom.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13am.



Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy
Recorder
Date: August 7, 2020