

Clark College  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
January 27, 2021  
Via Zoom

**In Attendance**

Rekah Strong, Chair  
Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair  
Jane Jacobsen, Trustee  
Cristhian Canseco Juarez, 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  
Darcy Rourk, 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**

Tsering Cornell, Assistant Attorney General  
Suzanne Southerland, AHE President  
Angela Dawson, WPEA Steward  
Josiah Joner, ASCC President  
Lisa Gibert, CEO, Clark College Foundation  
Stephanie Weldy, Recorder

**I. Call to Order/Agenda Review**

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

**II. Action Items**

- A. #1 – December 9, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. #2 – C-Tran Easement Proposal

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

**III. Constituent Reports**

**A. ASCC**

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and highlighted some new events and activities that took place over fall quarter. President Joner shared that there is a new ASCC Canvas page with resources listed for students. President Joner shared that ASCC has hosted “Snack and Chats” via

Zoom, a Winter Involvement event, and that a mailer was sent out to current students with a calendar of events, a list of resources as well as the success of the Penguin Pantry. President Joner shared that he was able to testify at the Washington State Senate regarding Senate Bill 5194. He shared that he was able to participate in the recording for the State of the College address that will be streamed tomorrow. The Trustees shared their appreciation for President Joner's enthusiasm and the effort he is putting into the student engagement process. The Trustees discussed the challenges incoming high school students have had pertaining to remote learning and the way in which ASCC leadership is paving the way. The Trustees inquired about the Penguin Pantry and food insecurity needs; President Joner shared that there were 132 served at yesterday's Penguin Pantry distribution.

**B. AHE**

Suzanne Southerland shared a survey from faculty regarding challenges they are facing in remote operations. Ms. Southerland stated the significance of House Bill 5194 and House Bill 5227. Ms. Southerland shared the results of a faculty survey she conducted.

**C. WPEA**

Becky Lindsay read a WPEA report discussing that training is be provided to help overcome barriers pertaining to Outlook and ctclink. Ms. Lindsay reported that WPEA has met in Labor/Management meetings to address and resolve staff workload issues. She shared that the Classified Staff met with President Edwards via Zoom on January 13, 2021. Ms. Lindsay reported that WPEA has a new representative, Frank Prochaska.

**D. Foundation**

CEO Gibert highlighted that fundraising dollars are down from previous years. She shared that there has been consistent financial support for the Penguin Pantry, student scholarship and the Veteran's Center. CEO Gibert shared that there has been a shift in major gifts and donations/funding has been directed to planned giving. Gibert shared that the Foundation looks forward to raising funds to help with equity initiatives. She shared that development of the Boshma Farms property and campus is underway. CEO Gibert also shared an update on High Tech and a new facility (charter high school) opening in Clark County.

**IV. Classified Staff Presentation – Val Moreno, Chief Information & Security Officer and Das Gupta, IT Director**

Val Moreno introduced Das Gupta, to give a PowerPoint presentation on COVID-19, *A Race for IT to Bridge the Gap*. The presentation focused on moving to remote operations, social distancing, logistical gaps, services gaps, business continuity, equal access (internet, virtual private network and distribution of laptops). The presentation also highlighted moving students online through Canvas with a 24/7/365 business model and equipping staff to work remotely. The presentation focused on the logistics of the hybrid classroom with smart podiums, microphones and cameras, synchronizing online and application integrations. The presentation reviewed online forms created, including a COVID-19 health screen (documenting who is on campus), surveys and online order forms. The presentation highlighted external partnerships, such as Google, Edmonds College, Lyft, PCC, Amazon and Clackamas Community College. Collaboration with internal partners, library, facilities, DSS, Security, Student Center and Instruction. The presentation reviewed the Tech Hubs created and barriers that currently exist. The Trustees thanked Mr. Gupta and the IT team on how quickly they were able to support the demands COVID presented. Trustee Speer shared that moving forward, it may be helpful to develop analytics to support faculty that provided insight into student engagement

within the hybrid model and highlighted the importance of security. Trustee Canseco shared that from an equity lens, it would be interesting to see what improvements can be made moving forward to improve the experience.

## **V. Reports from Board Members**

Chair Strong shared that she participated in the legislative meetings in partnership with Dr. Edwards, WSUV and President Joner. Chair Strong shared that she participated in a Foundation BOD/BOT meeting. Chair Strong shared that she participated in the ACT Conferences.

Trustee Bennett shared her appreciation for the work Clark faculty, staff and administration have done over the course of the year despite the many challenges and barriers that COVID presented.

Trustee Jacobsen shared that she continues to meet with Dr. Edwards on a monthly basis and connects 1:1 with other Trustees to stay engaged. Trustee Jacobsen shared that she is looking forward to the Equity conference in February as well as the State of the College and State of the Student's tomorrow.

Trustee Speer shared that he has met with Dr. Edwards and a network opportunity with another local CEO. Trustee Speer shared that he has focused on board capacity and capability growth. He shared that he has been able to participate in ACT and ACCT conferences. Trustee Speer shared a highlight from the state level regarding subcommittee pertaining to the trustee selection and recruitment process. Trustee Speer shared that he attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and expressed appreciation for the students. He gave kudos to Tosha Big Eagle who was awarded as the Clark Transforming Lives recipient. Trustee Speer shared that he participated in the Social Equity Committee and State Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. Trustee Speer shared that he also participated in a Presidential Conversation event in partnership with the Foundation.

Trustee Canseco Juarez shared appreciation to Trustee Speer and Ms. Weldy for his onboarding. Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he met with Dalila Paredes regarding the MESA program, attended the 2020-2021 Legislative Outlook hosted by the Chamber, a "Trustee Tuesday" event with a focus on the Carver Model and met with Danielle Plesser regarding the tenure process and one-on-one meetings with the Trustees and Executive Cabinet. Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he attended the ACT New Trustee Orientation and attended the ACT Winter Conference.

## **VI. President's Report – President Edwards**

### **A. President's Updates**

President Edwards highlighted college grant activity (VA, \$500k), funding from the State Board for programs disrupted by COVID (culinary, mechatronics). President Edwards shared that the college did not receive funding for the Summer Running Start Pilot Program; however, if it is successful with the other colleges, the intent is for it to be rolled out to other community colleges. President Edwards shared a student survey and data, including a follow up COVID survey regarding student success measures (survey was conducted during spring 2020 and fall 2020).

### **B. Budget Update – Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services**

Ms. Sand gave a budget update to the Board, which included how funds are recorded at the time of registration rather than enrollment. Ms. Sand shared that Clark will be \$2.3 under budget. She shared that Clark has received \$1.3 million in CARES funding as an allocation from the State

Board with a budget gap of \$1 million. Ms. Sand shared that there is additional CARES funding of \$2.6 million in student funding (including tuition) and \$7.7 million in institutional funding. Ms. Sand shared that the Executive Cabinet is looking at redesigning the budget process and will be able to provide more details to the Board next month. Ms. Sand shared that the Governor released his budget in December and has proposed cuts with an expectation for a response from the House and Senate in March 2021.

**C. Enrollment Update – Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs**

Dr. Michele Cruse shared a Winter Term Enrollment update with the Board.

**VII. Public Comment**

The following individuals shared a public comment: Robert Weston (via email that was read by Kelly Love).

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021 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 7:31pm.



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Rekah Strong, Chair

Stephanie Weldy  
Recorder  
Date: January 27, 2021