

Clark College  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
March 10, 2021  
Via Zoom

**In Attendance**

Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair  
Jane Jacobsen, Trustee  
Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee  
Paul Speer, Trustee

**Absent**

Rekah Strong, Chair

**Administrators**

Dr. Karin Edwards, President  
Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Services  
Dr. Genevieve Howard, Interim Vice President of Instruction  
Darcy Rourk, Interim Vice President of Human Resources  
Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Administrative Services  
Valerie Moreno, Chief Information Officer

**Others**

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

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

Trustee Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

**II. Action Items**

- A. #1 – February 24, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. #2 – Adopting 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
- C. #3 – Consideration of Tenure

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

**MOTION:** Trustee Speer made a motion to approve Agenda Items II C to grant tenure. Trustee Jacobsen seconded the motion and Agenda Item II C unanimously passed.

Tenure was granted to the following individuals:

Joseph Cavalli (History); Allen (Mark) Eddinger (Mathematics); Amy, Ewing-Johnson (Dental Hygiene); Melissa Favara (English); Tyler Frank (Career and Academic Preparation); Douglas Harris (Music); Christina Howard (Biology); Sarah Kuzera (Medical Assisting); Michelle Mayer (Mathematics); Kristin Sherwood (College 101); Elizabeth (Beth) Slovic (Journalism); Christina Smith (English).

The Board of Trustees congratulated the Tenures and expressed their appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the students and Clark. The Board commended the Tenures on their adaptability with COVID.

### **III. Constituent Reports**

#### **A. ASCC**

President Joner gave an update on ASCC and highlighted a partnership with LCC and WSU-V with a combined event for Earth Day. He shared that there are some upcoming events, including the Oswald Award, which is under discussion to see if this event can be in-person or a drive through celebration. President Joner shared that a mailer will be sent out to enrolled students. He shared that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee met and is aiming to bring the student leader groups together for collaboration, communication and teamwork. President Joner shared that the 92 students were served during the Penguin Pantry distribution.

#### **B. AHE**

Suzanne Southerland congratulated newly Tenured Faculty. Ms. Southerland shared a survey with the Board regarding faculty's preferred format to teach, such as face-to-face and/or hybrid. Ms. Southerland shared that there are professional development opportunities for faculty regarding hybrid teaching. She shared that there is an Adjunct Crisis Fund and that there are 71 \$500 grants available.

#### **C. WPEA**

Chris Layfield congratulated newly Tenured Faculty. Mr. Layfield shared that WPEA wants to remind the Board about ongoing concerns with Interim appointments. Mr. Layfield shared that WPEA hopes to see the college fully engage in the work in providing full job descriptions to the WPEA members. Mr. Layfield shared that the WPEA collective bargaining agreement has been ratified by the members for the 2021-2023 academic year.

#### **D. Foundation**

CEO Gibert congratulated newly Tenured Faculty. CEO Gibert shared that the scholarship application process is open for the 2022 academic year. CEO Gibert shared that the Foundation partnered with the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Clark College for the 2021 Iris Awards and Ceremony, which highlighted 13 finalists and five award honorees. CEO Gibert looks forward to continued engagement.

### **IV. Student Presentation – Dr. Michele Cruse, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs and Venant Manirafash, International Student Peer Mentor**

Dr. Michele Cruse introduced Venant Manirafash, International Student Peer Mentor. Mr. Manirafash shared about his work and engagement as an International Student Peer Mentor as well as his personal background and the journey that led him to Clark College.

**V. Reports from Board Members**

Trustee Bennett shared that she participated in the NW Regional Equity Conference, tenure review, and Iris Award and congratulated President Edwards on her participation in the event.

Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he has continued with the onboarding process. He shared that he participated in the third-year tenure review and a work session regarding the budget process. Trustee Canseco Juarez shared that he attended the NW Regional Equity Conference.

Trustee Jacobsen shared that she participated on the Social Equity Committee, continued meetings with Dr. Edwards and that she participated in the NW Regional Equity Conference.

Trustee Speer shared that he participated in the NW Regional Equity Conference, continued equity work on the STBC Board, attended the budget forum, Students of Color Lunch event. Trustee Speer congratulated President Edwards on her State of the College presentation and candor around gaps and challenges. He also acknowledged President Edwards regarding the Iris Awards and continued work with the Equity Advisory Council.

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

**A. President's Updates**

President Edwards congratulated newly Tenured Faculty. President Edwards invited Kelly Love to share a legislative update.

Ms. Love shared an update regarding outreach to local House and Senate representatives. Ms. Love shared the SBCTC Capital Budget Priorities are now under review by House and Senate as part of the budget writing process. Clark has strong support from community partners and legislators. Ms. Love shared that she met with Ridgefield Mayor Don Stose and that there are continued conversations on how best to partner on this project.

Ms. Love shared that the SBCTC Operating Budget Priorities are also under review as part of the budget writing process and that there is an ask for stable funding, and continued investment in Guided Pathways.

Ms. Love shared concerns regarding unfunded mandates in two specific bills [Senate Bill 5194](#) and [Senate Bill 5227](#) that address diversity equity and inclusion. They have come across the Senate and are now in the House College and Workforce Development Committee where Representatives Larry Hoff and Vicki Kraft serve. Ms. Love provided context on the Senate and House Bill and shared that the issue is not with the substance of the legislation but rather the cost to implement such measures; there is no identified source of funding and SBCTC is asking funding be included.

Ms. Love shared an update on [House Bill 1044](#) and that it creates new opportunities at Larch and other prison programs to offer two-year transfer degrees. She shared that it passed the House and is now in the Senate Human Services, Reentry and Rehabilitation Committee.

Ms. Love shared that [Senate Bill 5401](#) allows community colleges the opportunity to offer an applied bachelor's degree in computer science. It has passed the Senate and is now in the House College and Workforce Development Committee.

President Edwards acknowledged Dr. Genevieve Howard and congratulated her on completion of her doctoral program. She also shared that Dr. Howard will be serving as Interim VP of Instruction as well as serving on the Re-Entry Planning Committee.

President Edwards shared that she has been in meetings regarding vaccinations and that Phase 2 inoculation eligibility doesn't have a start date yet. She shared that there is Re-Entry Planning Committee that is evaluating a tiered approach for the fall.

President Edwards shared there was a recommendation from the Recovery Management Team regarding athletics and the difficult decision to not participate in a "Return to Play". President Edwards shared that there is a "Return to Practice" plan for spring and that a plan is being developed for a "Return to Play" for fall.

**VII. Public Comment**

The following people gave public comment: Russ Martineau and Robert Weston.

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

**IX. Executive Session**

The Board will convene in Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1) at 6:31pm to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions or, litigation or potential litigation. The Executive Session is expected to last until 6:47pm. No final action will be taken during this executive session.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.



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Jeanne Bennett, Vice Chair

Stephanie Weldy  
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