

# Clark College

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

GHL 213 and Zoom

### In Attendance

Paul Speer, Chair

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Vice Chair

Denise Gideon, Trustee

Rekah Strong, Trustee

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

### Absent

### Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs

Paul Wickline, Vice President of Instruction

Sabra Sand, Interim Vice President of Operations

Vanessa Neal, Interim Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Calen Ouellette, CEO, Clark College Foundation

Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources

Das Gupta, Interim Chief Information Officer

### Other

Brooke Pillsbury, Senior Executive to the President

Julie Taylor, Executive Assistant to the President

Brandon Johnson, IT

Benjamin Haslam, AAG

Casey Figone, ASCC

Suzanne Southerland, CCAHE

Joey Hicklin, WPEA

Jacki Kline, Interpreter

Shivani Saunders, Interpreter

Tiffany Elkington, CART

## I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Speer called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

## II. Action Items/Consent Agenda

1. October 26, 2022, Board Work Session Minutes
2. October 26, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes
3. November 2, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Trustee Canseco Juarez motioned to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, with Trustee Bennett abstaining.

## III. Tenure

Tenure Candidate Amy VahnDijk (Nursing)

MOTION: Trustee motioned to approve granting tenure to Amy VahnDijk. Trustee Gideon seconded the motion. Tenure granted to Amy VahnDijk.

## IV. Constituent Reports

### ASCC

Casey Figone, ASCC President, shared that nine clubs have been chartered, and nine are still under review. Figone also shared that ASCC hosted a successful Pizza with the President lunch Q&A with students and that they look forward to hosting the event quarterly.

Trustee Response:

Chair Speer asked how many students, on average, are in the clubs. While Figone did not have exact numbers, he shared that he has seen anywhere from 3 – 8 student members. For example, there are five students in Computer Science Club and Model UN.

### WPEA

Joey Hicklin, WPEA Co-Chair, shared the elimination of Chief from titles of WPEA representatives, an accelerated complaint resolution process from the union to the

college, and gratitude for the communication from Clark leadership regarding the T-Building test results, as well as the emphasis on safety. Hicklin also shared concerns regarding the upcoming December all-campus closure and the impact on staff whose roles require them to complete their work on campus. Finally, Hicklin shared concerns regarding the college's use of non-permanent employees and workforce reduction.

Trustee Response:

Chair Speer shared gratitude for the presentation.

#### CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland, CCAHE President, shared that the faculty senate is reviewing items for consideration for upcoming negotiation and bargaining. CCAHE is planning lobby days in January and February to seek cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) and budget bill transparency. Suzanne shared support for WPEA and students' need for a strong classified staff. Finally, she congratulated Amy VahnDijk for earning tenure.

Trustee Response:

Chair Speer acknowledged important CCAHE work coming at the beginning of the year and that the Board looks forward to future updates.

#### Clark College Foundation

No in-person report was shared from the Clark College Foundation.

Trustee Response:

Chair Speer acknowledged the great work the foundation is doing to align with the college's priorities. He also pointed to the Board Packet, where the Foundation's October report is published.

## V. Student Presentation

Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced Laura LeMasters, Director of Athletics, and David Mirenta, cross-country athlete. Mirenta shared that he is a freshman member of the cross-country team, from Kelso, Washington. He shared his background, journey to Clark College and the cross-country team, and his excitement to build the team's culture with Coach Owen Frasier. While Mirenta shared that he was planning to attend another Washington college, Coach Frasier gave him an opportunity and has been a significant impact on him as a college student and athlete. Mirenta is

excited about Track and Field in the Spring, looks forward to cross country next Fall, and wants to join the Treasury Board for Clark College Athletics.

Trustee Responses and Discussion:

Chair Speer – As a student-athlete, how has your work as an athlete and student helped you conversely? Mirenta responded that it has helped him to develop time management skills and commitment to his education.

Trustee Strong – Trustee Strong shared pride and encouragement regarding Mirenta finding his path and being open to where it takes him. She celebrated Mirenta for stepping out of his comfort zone and heading in the right direction. She also shared the value of Coach Frasier’s commitment to the sport, but also to developing Mirenta’s life skills, including grit, commitment, and resourcefulness.

Trustee Bennett – Echoed what Trustee Strong shared and celebrated Mirenta’s ability to pivot and put in work and effort to excel. She wished Mirenta the best of luck in his future.

Vice Chair Canseco Juarez – Vice Chair Canseco Juarez shared his own passion for running and understanding of what goes into the sport. He also shared the opportunity to engage in life lessons as a runner – individually, with coaches and fellow runners, and that it provides a time to reflect and cultivate a healthy lifestyle. Vice Chair Canseco Juarez encouraged Mirenta to keep up the great work.

## VI. Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Bennett – Trustee Bennett shared that in the following weeks, there will be several things happening with legislative connections. She will also be heading to the ACT Fall 2022 Conference in Seattle, Washington, and is looking forward to the upcoming Legislative Breakfast and legislative activities in the community.

Vice Chair Canseco Juarez – Vice Chair Canseco Juarez shared that he is looking forward to attending the Legislative Breakfast and the upcoming Guided Pathways Committee Meeting. He attended the POWWOW for the first time at Clark College and celebrated that it was well-attended and positive to see community members engaged in the event.

Trustee Strong – Trustee Strong shared that she will continue to support the Board through December 2022 or January 2023. She looks forward to staying engaged until there is a new Trustee on board. Trustee Strong provided feedback on the value of sharing holistic data vs one-sided as it can be challenging to receive data that isn't inclusive and comprehensive.

Chair Speer – Chair Speer shared that attending the POWWOW was inspirational and that each year the event gets better. He participated in the Community Equity Advisory Meeting, where the group reviewed and provided input shared by Vanessa Neal, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. He shared his appreciation for the college engaging the community in the strategic planning process. Chair Speer acknowledged the work of IT and the recent Zoom migration and Penguin Pantry, currently accepting Thanksgiving donations.

## VII. President's Report

Dr. Edwards shared the following update:

- Phi Theta Kappa First Generation College Goers – all-day event, in support of First-Generation college students, providing informative panels, resources, opportunities, and more.
- Pizza with the President – lots of great feedback and questions from students regarding security, cost, schedule, international fees, commitment to DEI, and more.
- International Day – opportunity to talk with several students about what they like about Clark and opportunities for international students attending the college.
- Learn Here Real Heroes – Rekah Strong and Zach Lattin were recognized as Real Heroes. Dr. Edwards expressed appreciation for their work on behalf of the college.
- Dr. Edwards joined today's meeting from Seattle for the ACT Fall 2022 Conference. The conference will be an opportunity to engage with Chancellors, discuss legislative priorities, DEI work across the system, and hear from Paul Francis, State Board Executive Director, to learn more about his vision. She will be joined at the conference by Trustee Bennett.
- Strategic Plan – The college is currently collecting survey responses with the goal to identify if Clark is on the right track and if the mission, vision, tenets, and priorities resonate. Brooke Pillsbury, Julie Robertson, Dr. Edwards, and Executive Cabinet are currently working on KPI metrics. The 2023 – 2028 Strategic Plan will be shared early next year.

- Boschma Farms – The exterior materials were reviewed this week and the project's progress is moving forward.
- Ridgefield City Council Meeting – Clark College will be on the agenda to discuss Boschma Farms. The college will be represented by Calen Ouellette and Mike See.

Trustee Response:

Chair Speer acknowledged Dr. Edwards and the Executive Cabinet for their leadership and excitement for the future of the college.

## VIII. Public Comment

No public comment was made

## IX. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

## X. Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for a Special Meeting on December 5, 2022, at 3:30 pm, and a Work Session and Regular Meeting on December 7, 2022, at 3:30 pm.

## XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.



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Paul Speer, Chair

Brooke Pillsbury, Recorder