

# Clark College

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

April 27, 2022

Via Zoom

### In Attendance

Jeanne Bennett, Chair  
Paul Speer, Vice-Chair  
Rekah Strong, Trustee  
Denise Gideon, Trustee

### Absent

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee

### Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President  
Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs  
Dr. Rashida Willard, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Paul Wickline, Vice President of Instruction  
Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources  
Das Gupta, Interim Chief Information Officer  
Sabra Sand, Interim Executive Vice President of Operations

### Others

Tsering Cornell, Assistant Attorney General  
Kushlani de Soyza, Presenter  
Julie Taylor  
Darci Feider, Recorder

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

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

#### II. Action Item

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Motion: Trustee Gideon motioned to approve. Trustee Strong seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### III. Constituent Reports

##### A. ASCC

Xander Hawkins, ASCC President, shared that student leaders worked the welcome week information tables and addressed frequently asked questions in a quarterly mailer. They've doubled their hours at the Penguin Union Building front desk. The ASCC Spring Involvement

Fair was a resounding success.

B. WPEA

Courtney Braddock, Co-Chief Shop Stewart, sent well-wishes to the VP of Instruction in hopes of a restful recovery. She congratulated the winter Classified Staff Excellence Award nominees and the winner Chris Chaffin, Tutoring Center. She addressed the Executive VP of Operations vacancy and the restructuring of the Communications and Marketing Department, their staff vacancies, and how that related to the recent inclement weather policy implementation that resulted in inequities felt by some staff members. They held a front-line staff meeting and asked five Covid-related questions. Most front-line staff feel safe on campus. They want the college to work with those front-line staff who do not feel safe.

C. AHE

Nothing to report for April.

D. Foundation

Board Report provided. Not available to present.

IV. Faculty Presentation

Kushlani de Soyza, Women's Studies Department Chair, gave a presentation covering the Women's Studies Department goal to drive equity and student success at Clark College. They are dedicated to empowering their students through a pedagogy that makes the students literate in systems of power and access. Their classes are filling and have a higher number of systemically non-dominant students than other classes at Clark College. They would like to collaborate with their faculty peers to infuse Power, Privilege, and Inequity across the curriculum at Clark.

V. President's Report

President Edwards shared that regular meetings about Boschma Farms include the architects meeting with the Social Equity Advisory Group and the Strategic Planning Committee. The building design needs to be solidified by the end of the calendar year. Groundbreaking is scheduled for June 1.

The Strategic Planning Committee had its kick-off session with 23 members of the college and community. Now through June, they will perform environmental scans; between June - September, they will review information from the scans; from September - October, they will draft the Strategic Plan.

President Edwards attended the American Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities intensive transfer program with 16 other colleges. The program provides better opportunities for students to transfer and close equity gaps.

President Edwards attended two recent in person events at Clark College; the Sakura Festival celebrated on Thursday, April 21, and the Powwow on Saturday, April 23. Both events were well attended.

The Tenure Reception is on May 25.

On May 10, in conjunction with Partners in Diversity, Clark will host the Say Hey event; this event welcomes people of diverse communities and gives opportunities to connect. President Edwards expressed thanks to Dr. Willard for bringing the event to Clark College.

President Edwards will attend the American Association of Community Colleges Conference next week. It will be an opportunity to learn how other folx manage their Covid recovery and implement strategies for enrolling and retaining students.

Trustees expressed excitement about the Say Hey event.

#### VI. Board Member Reports

##### Trustee Gideon

Trustee Gideon shared that she continues to meet with the Executive Cabinet and orientation with Chair Bennett.

She attended the Strategic Planning Workshop.

##### Vice-Chair Speer

Vice-Chair Speer shared his appreciation and acknowledged that Paul Wickline was at the meeting.

He appreciated being part of the interviews for the new Foundation CEO. He recognized the incredible results of the Foundation campaign over the last several years that exceeded their goal.

Vice-Chair Speer shared that the Association of College Trustees (ACT) DEI Committee focused on equity-centered handbooks for presidential searches and trustee onboarding to be available this fall. The ACT Spring Conference will be May 19-20.

He acknowledged the leadership of Dr. Edwards, navigating covid, addressing internal and external challenges, and having a steady hand.

Vice-Chair Speer reported that the Facilities Planning Committee worked with architects and the Equity Committee to provide input for the Comprehensive Facilities Plan.

He attended an ODEI presentation, Legacies of Colonization, and dropped by Dr. Lin's Aerospace and Robotics class for a one-hour conversation about career direction in the aviation field. He also attended the Sakura Festival.

##### Chair Bennett

Chair Bennett shared that she attended a Foundation Board meeting. Calen Ouellette has been hired as the new CEO of the Clark College Foundation. There will be a big sendoff event for Lisa Gibert at Savoring Excellence. The Foundation is working on its 2023 budget, including CEO onboarding. They are restarting the Presidential Conversations as a backup for Dr. Edwards and as support representing the college.

Chair Bennett shared that Trustee Strong will be terming out at the end of this year, and the Governor will name a replacement. She encouraged individuals with a wide variety of

experience and who are committed explicitly to equity goals at Clark College to apply for the position.

She attended the Sakura Festival.

Chair Bennett shared that she is not available for the June 8 meeting, and Trustee Speer will chair the meeting.

VII. Public Comment – Chair Bennett

There is no public comment.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for May 25, at 5:00 pm via zoom.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm



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Chair Bennett, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder  
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