

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2022

Via zoom

In Attendance

Jeanne Bennett, Chair
Paul Speer, Vice-Chair
Denise Gideon, Trustee
Rekah Strong, Trustee
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
Das Gupta, Interim Chief Information Officer
Sabra Sand, Interim Executive Vice President of Operations

Absent

Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources

Others

Tsering Cornell, Assistant Attorney General
Xander Hawkins, ASCC President
Dave Duback, AHE presenter
Courtney Braddock, WPEA Steward
Julie Taylor
Darci Feider, Recorder

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

II. Action Items/Consent Agenda

1. Approval of 2022-2023 Sabbatical Requests
2. April 27, 2022, Board Work Session Minutes
3. April 27, 2022, Board Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Trustee Canseco Juarez made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Trustee Strong seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

III. Constituent Reports

ASCC

Xander Hawkins presented that the primary concern over the last month has been promoting Student Life positions, specifically ASCC positions for 2022-2023. ASCC attended the Savoring Excellence. They will hold a priorities forum to identify priorities for next year's leader team. They are also surveying students for the preferences, demographics, and student interest in identity-group presence and accommodations on campus. The survey will also assess student interest in the construction of a new performing arts center.

WPEA

Courtney Braddock stated that Jeff Kaliner has joined the Clark College WPEA Leadership team. WPEA leadership team hosted the Spring Quarter Classified Staff Forum with Dr. Edwards and Dr. Cruse. WPEA Higher Ed 2023-2025 contract bargaining season has begun. Child-care availability impacts staff and should be taken into consideration when contemplating on-campus staffing. Staff have not seen guidance from the college outlining procedures the college will implement should positive COVID-19 cases rise, and what the threshold of positive cases is to implement such procedures.

AHE

Dave Duback presented on the history and impact of decisions at Clark College.

Foundation

Calen Ouellette introduced himself.

IV. Student Presentation

Maddie Hennerty talked about her story and her time at Clark College.

V. President's Report

President Edwards talked about external impacts to our community and the importance of collective care for our college.

ODEI collaborated with Student Affairs to host an Accepted Students Session. 103 students and their support people attended.

Dr. Edwards attended the Ridgefield Junction annual neighborhood meeting with Sabra Sand to talk about Boschma Farms.

The alumni recognized at the Foundation Alumni Luncheon were exceptional.

A \$2 million donation to the cybersecurity program was a highlight of the Savoring Excellence event.

The Say Hey event was well done and much appreciated.

Upcoming events include Oswald Awards, Boschma Farms groundbreaking and Commencement.

VI. Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Gideon

Trustee Gideon attended the Say Hey and Savoring Excellence events. Both were exceptional events.

Trustee Canseco Juarez

Trustee Canseco Juarez acknowledged the recent events and shared two articles about how to talk to children about mass shootings. He recognized API Heritage Month. He attended the Guided Pathways Council meeting and noted their focus on equity. Guided Pathways funding will continue past the original (funding) date. Trustee Canseco Juarez appreciates the consideration we give to all our community members by having inclusive events.

Trustee Strong

Trustee Strong participated in the Executive Committee with the Foundation. At the meeting, Dr. Cruse gave an update on Guided Pathways and the forward-moving trajectory of partnership with the College and the Foundation. Trustee Strong sat on the Foundation CEO interview panel and remarked on Calen's focus on equity. She attended Savoring Excellence and noted Dr. Edwards' speech at the event centered on our work at the College and Foundation (with who our students are).

Vice-Chair Speer

Vice-Chair Speer stated that people don't engage in violent incidents when they are appreciated and value others across differences; when they feel heard and have strong positive relationships; when they are secure and healthy; and then they have hope for the future, education, and jobs. In a moment of deep grieving and distress he recognizes what Clark College (and all colleges) does is address the root causes of violence. What we do is very important mission-centered work for a healthy society and the community we live in.

Vice-Chair Speer attended a workshop on the history of disability justice, language ableism and a call to action presented by Megan Jasurda. He also attended the Board Budget Committee. Vice-Chair Speer's recognized Clark College students on the All-Washington Academic Team. He says the Facilities Planning team received a request for input from the City of Vancouver on the Fort Vancouver Way project. He met with Dr. Edwards and Chair Bennett. He also attended Savoring Excellence and the Tenure Reception.

Chair Bennett

Chair Bennett noted the impact of gun violence on our community and encouraged people to advocate with their elected officials. There was no Foundation Board meeting in May. Chair Bennett recognized Trustee Strong for her 10 years on the Board of Trustees. She also expressed a desire to maintain a diverse board and

encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply. Chair Bennett attended Savoring Excellence. She is not available for the June Board meeting.

VII. Public Comment

OPMA requirements clarification requested.

VIII. Next Meeting

The Board of Trustees is currently scheduled for a regular Board meeting on June 8, 2022.

IX. Executive Session

The Board convened an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) at 5:58 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. The executive session is expected to last until 6:43 p.m.

The Board of Trustees extended the executive session for a period of 47 minutes, until 7:30 p.m.

The executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) ended at 7:30 p.m. The Board took no action during the executive session.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanne K. Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Jeanne" on the first line and "K. Bennett" on the second line.

Jeanne Bennett, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder