

Clark College

Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Paul Speer, Chair

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Vice Chair

Denise Gideon, Trustee

Rekah Strong, Trustee

Absent

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs

Jim Wilkins-Luton, Interim Vice President of Instruction

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

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

Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Instructional Technology

Calen Ouellette, CEO, Clark College Foundation

Others

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Brooke Pillsbury, Senior Executive to the President

Julie Taylor, Executive Assistant

Brandon Johnson, Information Technology

Chris Samuels, Director of Facilities

Steven Clark, Biology Professor and Bee Campus Project Manager

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Speer called the work session to order at 3:30 pm.

II. Facilities, Grounds, and Minor Works Update

Presented by Chris Samuels, Director of Facilities

Chris Samuels, Director of Facilities, provided a comprehensive overview of the Facilities team's work across four sub-departments: Grounds, Custodial, Maintenance, and Capital Projects.

Current Grounds Projects:

- Bee Campus
- Child Care Facility Grounds Upgrades
- Collaboration with City of Vancouver Projects

Along with general campus custodial work, the Custodial team assists with events across campus. Some large-scale events include:

- Native American POWWOW
- Clark College Commencement
- Spring Thing
- Latino Celebration 2023
- Vancouver Symphony Orchestra
- Jazz Festival
- Kingdom Movement
- Vancouver Volcanoes Basketball

Current Maintenance Projects:

- Campus-wide Roof Repairs
- Fire Alarm Maintenance
- HVAC Projects
- Locksmith Service – updating the core key system with digital locks.
- Office Buildouts and Space Redesigns

Capital Products

- Advanced Manufacturing Center at Boschma Farms
- Campus Hydronic Loop Repair
- Clean Building Benchmarking
- ADA Sidewalk and Pathway Compliance
- BMH Restroom Renovations

Board of Trustees Feedback and Discussion

Chair Speer acknowledged this as the first time Samuels has presented for the Board of Trustees, welcoming him and sharing that he is thrilled that Samuels is at the college. Facilities are critical to the work of the college.

Trustee Strong welcomed Samuels to Clark, sharing how happy she is to have him at the college and acknowledging his amazing work.

III. Bee Campus Update

Presented by Steven Clark, Biology Professor, and Bee Campus Program Chair

Steven Clark started his presentation by sharing the exciting news that the college is officially certified as a Bee Campus. The college was notified on Friday, April 21, 2023. Clark is only the fifth College in Washington State to become a Certified Bee Campus.

Clark shared an overview of the timeline to date, future goals for developing Bee Campus, and his engaging work in the broader community.

- Flower seeds were hand-sewn in February 2023.
- Overview of Bee Campus engagement across classes, graphic design (sign creation), welding (sign structure), English 102 (Bee Campus info plaques), and the biology department specifically.
- Engagement with Community and Continuing Education (CCE)
- Early learner engagement, including Washington Elementary and the college's Early Childhood program, will explore campus and learn more about Bee Campus.
- Awarded the Wildlife Society Conservation Award 2023

Board of Trustees Feedback and Discussion

Trustee Strong celebrated Clark's enthusiasm for the project. Strong also celebrated bringing early learners to the college and engaging another demographic to Clark College through Bee Campus.

Vice Chair Canseco Juarez celebrated the cross-department collaboration with the project. He shared that it's exciting to see the interest from folks across campus and our partners within our community. Canseco Juarez shared gratitude for Clark's leadership as project manager and to everyone who has worked on the project.

Trustee Gideon shared that Clark's enthusiasm is infectious and her appreciation for the presentation. Gideon asked how the bee-ecology impacts beyond Clark College. Clark shared that there's a limited impact beyond the college based on bees' travel distance. However, the Bee Campus has brought the broader community together because it helps other groups engage and want to create bee habitats of their own.

Chair Speer shared gratitude for Clark's presentation, emphasizing that his infectious teaching style and skills are so appreciated. Like Canseco Juarez, Speer was struck by the deep passion for community engagement. Regarding the Wildlife Society Conservation Award, Speer shared that he hopes the college is taking advantage of marketing and sharing the accolade.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Adjournment

Chair Speer adjourned the work session at 4:26 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Speer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Paul" on the top line and "Speer" on the bottom line.

Chair Paul Speer

Brooke Pillsbury, Recorder