

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

Marilee Scarbrough, Trustee

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Absent

Denise Gideon, Vice Chair

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs

Tina Redd, Interim Vice President of Instruction

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology

Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation CEO

Other

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Darci Feider, President's Office

Julie Taylor, President's Office

Brandon Johnson, IT

Suzanne Southerland, AHE

Jenny Shadley, WPEA

Emma Sturm, ASCC

Ziyad El Amrani, Phi Theta Kappa President

Cheryl Henderson, Interpreter

Christina Whitehouse-Suggs, Interpreter

Bece Kidder, Captioner

Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Canseco Juarez called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

Clark College Land and Labor Acknowledgment offered by Chair Canseco Juarez. He provided an overview of the PPI training at the work session.

Public Comment

Cath Busha
Beverly Brosius
Sydney Brahmavar

Action Items/Consent Agenda

- a. December 6, 2023 – Work Session Meeting Minutes
- b. December 6, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Trustee Scarbrough moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Constituent Reports

ASCC

ASCC President Emma Sturm shared the following update:

- ASCC hosted Welcome Week tables strategically stationed in high-traffic areas of campus to disseminate resource details, distribute free snacks, and offer directions to students.
- ASCC conducted welcome presentations in College 101 classes on January 22 and 23.
- ASCC Student Government is actively involved in re-engaging students through various initiatives, including the Student Involvement Fair, encouraging voter participation, Let Your Voice be Heard, Student Club competitions, and other upcoming events.
- ASCC President and ASCC Civics and Sustainability Director are joining President Edwards in Olympia, WA, on January 25 for Legislative Day.

CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland shared the following updates:

- Concerned that Clark College has appealed unemployment benefits for adjunct professors.
- Concerned about the failed search for a Vice President of Instruction.

WPEA

Jenny Shadley shared the following updates:

- Recognized David Sims' retirement.
- Acknowledged the improvement in communications during suspended operations.
- Recruiting for the WPEA stewards.

Clark College Foundation

Calen Ouellette shared the following:

- Acknowledgment of Dr. Cruse and Student Affairs for their collaborative efforts in the areas of financial aid, scholarships, and data sharing.
- Successfully establishing an alumni network through organized events and community engagement, including the Check Out a Pro series in partnership with Career Services and the Library.
- Notable achievements for 2023 fundraising include introducing new broad funds aimed at enhancing accessibility for groups across campus, \$100,000 match by Taco Bell,

increased mailing list by 2700%, 250% increase in giving when compared to the cumulative figures of the last five years.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

Presented by Ziyad El Amrani, PTK President

Ziyad El Amrani, President of Clark College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, shared the chapter's 2023 achievements. The chapter successfully completed the Honors in Action Project and College Project, emphasizing creativity, play, and community service. Looking ahead, their 2024 College Project focuses on enhancing engagement and accessibility at Clark College, aligning with the college's strategic plan, and promoting a sense of belonging among students. He concluded by expressing gratitude for President Edwards' continued support and advocacy for student success.

II. Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Bennett continues the onboarding of Trustee Donaldson, acknowledging the significant commitment of accepting the trustee role. Bennett testified before state legislators on a proposed bill addressing Vancouver's emergency declaration on homelessness, underscoring the importance of active involvement in conversations and participation in the creation of solutions. Bennett participated in Trustee Tuesday in preparation for the Hill Climb. She encouraged everyone to visit the SBCTC website to review the statewide legislative agenda, sharing key insights and requests.

Trustee Scarbrough reported her participation in the budget committee alongside Trustee Donaldson, delivering positive news on the college's FTEs projection, tenure track positions, and faculty benefits. She also attended Trustee Tuesday to stay informed on current developments.

Trustee Donaldson expressed gratitude to Trustee Bennett for her onboarding efforts and expressed thankfulness to all who have met with her to provide insights into individual departments. She looks forward to taking a campus tour in the spring when the trees are blossoming. Donaldson reported progress on some Senate appointment bills in the ongoing legislative process.

Chair Canseco Juarez acknowledged the board members and expressed gratitude for the team. Canseco Juarez recognized the leadership of Dr. Edwards and supports the work being done. Canseco Juarez participated in Trustee Tuesday and acknowledged the support and partnership of SBCTC in preparing for legislative conversations. Second-year tenure interviews will take place on March 4. The Board received an early tenure request and will interview that candidate on March 4 and will make a decision on the early tenure request after the March board meeting. He concluded with the upcoming event:

- Tuesday, February 6 - Students of Color Luncheon

III. President's Report

Presented by Dr. Karin Edwards

Dr. Edwards shared the following updates since the last regular Board meeting:

- Last week's weather event affected numerous college activities, including those organized by ASCC, the Heather McGee speaking event, and the State of the College Address. The State of the College address has been rescheduled for February 14, and we are working to reschedule Heather McGee.
- Winter quarter enrollment preliminary numbers show over 7900 students, which equates to 5600 FTES, a 10.35% increase over the 2023 winter quarter enrollment. There are 344 students enrolled in the BAS Program, over 1200 students in Transitional Studies, and more than 1600 in career tech programs. CCE has 804 students (duplicate headcount).
- Legislative visit on January 25, with ASCC President Emma Sturm, Suzanne Southerland, and Trustee Bennett. We are advocating as a system for programming, climate, tribal stewardship, and decarbonization. Other bills we are paying close attention to include Bill 2176, which will have an impact on dental hygiene, and bills on tuition and textbook affordability.
- Chairing the President's Council committee.
- The guaranteed admission program with WSU-Vancouver has been officially launched at a joint celebration. The program will remove barriers for students who transfer, which will have a positive economic impact on our students. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the project.
- Presentation by Greg Johnson, Program Administrator for the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program. Mr. Johnson provided valuable insights into various aspects of the program, including the planning, timeline, and focus on equity. Additionally, he shed light on the potential impact on the college and outlined ways in which the college can contribute to the program through initiatives like internships, listening sessions, and gathering commuter feedback.
- Expressed gratitude for the support for herself and the Executive Cabinet. She received the input on communication and is committed to enhancing availability and accessibility to her and the Executive Cabinet.
- A search for the Vice President of Instruction will tentatively begin next month with an outside firm with the intent of having the position filled by the next academic year.
- Acknowledged the report of the unemployment claim situation and committed to investigating and addressing it.

IV. Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024, starting at 3:30 pm.

V. Adjournment

Chair Canseco Juarez adjourned the regular meeting at 6:15 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cristhian A. Canseco Juarez". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Cristhian" being the most prominent.

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder