

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Denise Gideon, Vice Chair

Marilee Scarbrough, Trustee

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

Dr. Tina Redd, Interim Vice President of Instruction

Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology

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

Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation CEO

Dr. Cecelia Martin, Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness

Other

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General

Darci Feider, President's Office

Julie Taylor, President's Office

Brandon Johnson, IT

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 Vice Chair Gideon.

Public Comment

Joey Hicklin

Beverly Brosius

Courtney Braddock

Michael Ceriello

Lisa Aepfelbacher

Yusufu Kamara

Sydney Brahmavar

Suzanne Southerland

Robert Weston

Action Items/Consent Agenda

- a. February 21, 2024 – Work Session Meeting Minutes
- b. February 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- a. March 4, 2024 – Special Session Meeting Minutes
- b. FY 2024-25 Faculty Sabbatical Approval

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

Constituent Reports

The board highly values the constituent reports and again asked that written reports be submitted on the Friday before each board meeting.

ASCC

ASCC President Emma Sturm shared the following update:

ASCC distributed 173 Penguin Pantry boxes to students and organized a successful APB Resource Scavenger Hunt with 64 participants receiving \$25 gift cards. Additionally, updates were provided on ongoing initiatives such as the ASCC Waddle Awards, quarterly club competition, and Snack and Study program in collaboration with the Tutoring Center. Preparations for the upcoming Spring Involvement Fair were discussed, along with plans for an event in collaboration with the League of Women Voters.

WPEA

Courtney Braddock shared the following updates:

WPEA and CCAHE brought forward safety concerns to the Executive Board, highlighting opportunities for improvement, such as ensuring completion of ICS courses for Cabinet members and addressing issues with emergency alert accessibility in the Culinary and Frost Art Center, as well as inconsistent alerts at WSUV. Sabra Sand is working to enhance alert dissemination, review contracts with WSUV, and has arranged ICS training for the Executive Cabinet.

CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland shared the following updates:

CCAHE brought forward the need to ensure the proper utilization of public comment sessions and the significance of student involvement on the Board. AHE refused to send pre-meeting reports and asked for assurance that the reports would not be used inappropriately.

Teaching and Learning Center

Lindsey Schumacher outlined the Teaching and Learning Center's objectives, which prioritize professional development to enhance teaching and learning across different modalities, with a key focus on promoting educational equity and aligning with guided pathways and the social equity framework. Emphasizing resources like the TLC library, workroom, and community-building workshops, they discussed measures of success, including goal attainment, educational equity, reflection, and alignment with the strategic plan. Special emphasis was placed on

fostering inclusivity and anti-racism efforts through collaboration with adjunct faculty and the resource librarian.

Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Donaldson

Attended Trustee Tuesday, focusing on Managing Meeting Interruptions, and participated in tenure interviews. Plans to attend the Vancouver State of the City event and the Nursing Programs Pinning Ceremony.

Trustee Bennett

Apologies were extended for missing the previous meeting. Attendance noted at the Vancouver School District Advisory Committee. Appreciation was expressed for the budget teams, committees, and college leadership, with special recognition given to Calen and their team for their outstanding contributions to the college's success. Additionally, participation in tenure second-year interviews was highlighted, with praise for the exceptional individuals involved.

Vice Chair Gideon

Participated in tenure interviews. Plans to attend the Vancouver State of the City event and the Nursing Programs Pinning Ceremony.

Trustee Scarbrough

Attended the Veterans Center's African American Military History Celebration, Trustee Tuesday and the Clark College Foundation Board Meeting with a panel of students.

Chair Canseco Juarez

Attended numerous events already mentioned. Expressed the importance of the work being done in the community with many boards and entities, particularly focusing on racial equity and related initiatives as part of a collective effort in our community to advance our work in addressing racial disparities. Emphasized the collaborative nature of this endeavor, stressing that we are all collectively engaged in this challenging but crucial work together. Recognized the start of Ramadan and the need to support students and employees who are fasting for the month. Shared these opportunities and reminders with Trustees:

- Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony, Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm
- F-1 Financial Affairs Disclosure due April 15, 2024 Financial statement
- ACT Spring conference on May 2- 3
- Early tenure request will be on the April agenda

President's Report

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

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI) welcomed over 100 African American high school students to Clark College campus, fostering a welcoming environment and affirming their valued presence within our community. Additionally, Student Affairs organized a financial aid event, engaging over 50 Latinx students on campus to facilitate their understanding of the financial aid

process. Dr. Edwards and Calen Ouellette met with the Cowlitz tribe chairwoman to explore collaboration opportunities. Collaborating with Dr. Redd and Ann Campbell, they met with the executive director of The Machinist Institute to discuss revitalizing the space to better meet the needs of the industry. Completed the SBCTC's 2025 Legislative Priorities survey after receiving input from groups on campus. Updates were provided on Boschma Farms, including ongoing construction, signage, and discussions about offering classes there. Discussed congressionally directed funds and explored additional funding opportunities. CREDC's strategic plan is in progress, awaiting feedback. Attending the Vancouver and Ridgefield State of the City. Cecelia Martin's commendable efforts on accreditation were acknowledged, alongside ongoing work on a student belonging survey.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, starting at 3:30 pm.

Executive Session – Chair Canseco Juarez

The Board will convene an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) at 6:30 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Executive Session is expected to last until 7:00 p.m. No final action will be taken during this executive session.

The Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) has ended at 7:01 p.m.

The regular meeting is reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

Executive Session – Chair Canseco Juarez

The Board will convene in Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose(s) of discussing with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency or the Board is likely to become a party.

Executive Session is expected to last until 7:15 p.m. No final action will be taken during this executive session.

The Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) has ended at 7:16 p.m.

The regular meeting is reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

No action was taken by the Board during the Executive Session.

Adjournment

Chair Canseco Juarez adjourned the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Cristhian A. Canseco Juarez

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder