

Clark College

Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes

Wednesday, April 24, at 3:30 pm
GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair
Denise Gideon, Vice Chair
Jeanne Bennett, Trustee
Marilee Scarbrough, Trustee
Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President
Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations
Dr. Michele Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs
Vanessa Neal, Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Dr. Tina Redd, Interim Vice President of Instruction
Brad Avakian, Vice President of Human Resources
Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology
Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Cecelia Martin, Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness

Others

Shelley Williams, Assistant Attorney General
Darci Feider, President's Office
Julie Taylor, President's Office
Brandon Johnson, Information Technology

I. Call to Order/Agenda Review

Chair Canseco Juarez called the work session to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Public Comment

No public comment.

Executive Session

The Board will convene an Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(G) at 3:31 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 3:52 p.m. No final action will be taken during this executive session.

At 3:52 p.m., an announcement was made that the executive session would be extended to 4:03 p.m.

The Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) has ended at 4:03 p.m.

The work session reconvened at 4:03 p.m.

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

Spring Term Enrollment Profile

Dr. Cruse, Vice President of Student Affairs and Dr. Martin, Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness, provided a comprehensive overview of the spring term enrollment. They noted a significant 11.6% increase in enrollment and highlighted a rise in the utilization of student services. Disability support reported 513 registered students with disabilities for spring 2024. Financial aid disbursed \$4,610,076 in grants, \$1,908,650 in direct loans, \$7,751 in scholarships, and \$319,893 in Work-Study (WES) for the quarter. Challenges discussed included issues faced with the revised FAFSA, and concerns regarding fraudulent accounts. Student demographics revealed a veteran population of over 200 students and 189 student-athletes enrolled. Community and Continuing Education reported 885 enrolled students, with enrollment increasing throughout the term.

2025 Legislative Priorities

Dr. Edwards presented an overview of the proposed 2025 legislative priorities and timeline, highlighting a collaborative effort involving State Board staff, college presidents and chancellors to develop a survey aimed at identifying policies and budgetary needs. The Legislative Affairs Committee provided insights into key areas of focus for attention. It was noted that a second survey is currently underway for completion by the Board of Trustees (BOT) and Executive Committee (EC).

Adjournment

Chair Canseco Juarez adjourned the work session at 4:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristhian A. Canseco Juarez".

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder