

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Denise Gideon, Vice Chair

Marilee Scarbrough, Trustee

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Absent

Jeanne Bennett, 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

Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation Chief Executive Officer

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 Chair Canseco Juarez

Public Comment

Beverly Brosius

Kristin Sherwood

Chris Smith

Courtney Braddock

Action Items/Consent Agenda

- a. April 24, 2024 – Work Session Meeting Minutes
- b. April 24, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Boschma Farms Development Agreement

MOTION: Trustee Scarbrough moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Donaldson 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 that the Student Government is actively supporting students by distributing 187 Penguin Pantry boxes, recruiting for next year's ASCC Team, enhancing social media presence, approving budget requests for campus improvements and sports teams, fostering campus climate through events like "Let Your Voice Be Heard," engaging with faculty via a survey, and establishing statewide partnerships with organizations such as the Women League of Voters to promote civic engagement among students, while also preparing for the Oswald Awards.

WPEA

Courtney Braddock, WPEA Stewart, noted that WPEA members actively engaged with the budget committee, emphasizing the need for more time between meetings for thoughtful feedback. They recognized Memorial Day and praised Clark College leadership for prioritizing worker safety. Additionally, Braddock highlighted collaboration with AHE. They also expressed concerns about communication from the college regarding the recent incident.

CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland, CCAHE President, highlighted the partnership with WPEA and discussed potential opportunities for the college, such as hosting board of trustees' meetings and employment forums on campus. Southerland stressed the importance of supporting the new VPI. She talked about the college's goal of increasing the presence of employees and students on campus and noted that 90% of full-time faculty are teaching at least one face-to-face class in the fall. Southerland expressed gratitude to security for their efforts during last week's incident while acknowledging room for improvement.

Jazz Program

Dr. Doug Harris, Director of Bands, said Clark College's music program boasts 20 talented musicians from nine local high schools, with an increase in auditions from 14 in 2018 to 38 in fall 2023. The program offers extensive opportunities for rehearsals, performances, and engagement, including adding a second Jazz Band forming next academic year, hosting renowned artists, and participating in various festivals and concerts locally and internationally, such as the upcoming tour to Cuba in March 2025.

Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Donaldson

Trustee Donaldson reported looking forward to attending the tenure reception and Trustee Tuesday and is sorry she will be missing commencement.

Trustee Scarbrough

Trustee Scarbrough reported that she attended the Veterans Center of Excellence's 10th-anniversary celebration and the Black Student and Family Fair. She also attended the ACT Spring meeting in Yakima and found value in sessions on workforce development and federated shared governance. Expressed satisfaction with her first year as a trustee, noting the impressive quality of Clark College's offerings.

Vice Chair Gideon

Vice Chair Gideon reported that she had a 1:1 with Dr. Edwards and attended the Black Student and Family Fair. She acknowledged security staff and employees who help visitors during the lockdown.

Chair Canseco Juarez

Chair Canseco Juarez acknowledged last week's incident and the impact it had on the community. Gratitude was extended to faculty, staff, and students who responded quickly and who aided visitors during the lockdown.

Chair Canseco Juarez toured Clark College WSU-V and attended the ACT Spring conference in Yakima. He emphasized the need for partnership with local workforce entities and expressed appreciation to Dr. Edwards and her leadership for their community engagement. Best wishes were conveyed to Emma Sturm and fellow students for finals week, and anticipation was expressed for commencement. Lastly, trustees were reminded of the upcoming deadline for annual training by June 30th.

President's Report

Dr. Edwards reported that she is conducting finalist interviews for 11 faculty positions and engaging in budget development discussions. She addressed Vancouver Public Schools' budget challenges and reached out to Vancouver and Evergreen superintendents to offer support to employees facing layoffs. She attended the Columbia Play Project Luncheon and Community Leadership Commencement Ceremony. Additionally, she participated in the Black Student and Family Event and the Veterans Center of Excellence's 10-year celebration, highlighting the significant presence of veterans on campus. She reviewed the Comprehensive Facilities plan review draft, and she is looking forward to the Workforce SW Board Retreat next week.

She expressed excitement for upcoming ceremonies like the PTK Induction and Oswald Awards, as well as Commencement, where 509 students have signed up to walk. The ASCC Student Government and Executive Cabinet met, and she expressed interest in attending a solidarity event with the unions if invited. Dr. Edwards reported that following last week's incident, the college facilitated debriefing sessions and ensured ample opportunities for feedback across departments.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, starting at 3:30 pm.

Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g), the Board shall convene an executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Chair Canseco Juarez called the Executive Session to order at 5:57 p.m. The Executive Session is expected to conclude at 7:00 p.m. No final action will be taken during this Executive Session.

At 7:00 p.m., an announcement was made that the Executive Session would be extended to 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) ended at 7:30 p.m.

The work session is reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Chair Canseco Juarez adjourned the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cristhian A. Canseco Juarez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder