

Clark College

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

GHL 213 and Zoom

In Attendance

Denise Gideon, Chair

Marilee Scarbrough, Vice Chair

Jeanne Bennett, Trustee

Absent

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

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

Dr. Terry Brown, Vice President of Instruction

Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Mark Wahler, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs

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 Gideon called the regular Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Action Items/Consent Agenda

- a. February 26, 2025 - Work Session Meeting Minutes
- b. February 26, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. March 3, 2025 – Special Session Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comment

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Constituent Reports

ASCC

Gurraj Dhami, ASCC President, provided an update on recent activities supporting student engagement and success. He highlighted Brunch with the Bosses, which brought together 72 students for an interactive forum with college leadership. The ASCC Budget Committee approved \$5,274 in funding to support nursing students attending a professional conference, and 11 students have been placed on college committees. ASCC reported continued growth in promoting student resources, with the Penguin Pantry distributing 16,199 pounds of food in February to 366 students and 1,519 household members. Social media outreach also continues to expand, with Instagram followers reaching 1,458. ASCC currently supports 12 active clubs, with five more in the process of forming, and is preparing for Welcome Week and other spring events.

WPEA

Courtney Braddock, WPEA Steward, reported ongoing discussions with the College regarding the impacts of the new Immigration Rights and Non-Discrimination policy, informed by feedback from their member survey. The WPEA leader team has met with instructional staff to review potential instructional reorganization models and what the college should be considering for each model. Additionally, WPEA acknowledged recent updates from Facilities and EHS leadership on new safety communication requirements and noted that related college policies and procedures are in development.

CCAHE

Suzanne Southerland, AHE President, provided updates on faculty advocacy and institutional concerns. She reported on legislative efforts opposing Senate Bill 5785, which would remove tuition caps and limit access to the Washington College Grant. Southerland addressed concerns about grievance processes, emphasizing the importance of contract enforcement and recent improvements in communication. She shared faculty concerns about proposed changes to the Direct Transfer Agreement and the instructional reorganization. She also highlighted the need for continued training around the college's Non-Discrimination and Immigration Rights policy and broader efforts to counter negative public narratives about higher education.

Cyber Security

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of IT, and Alberto Clara-Urbina, IT Security, provided an update on the college's cybersecurity efforts and strategic response planning. They emphasized the importance of protecting critical systems and data, such as Canvas, ctcLink, and student and employee information, through a three-year plan focused on preparation, detection, containment, and recovery. They walked through a real-time phishing scenario to demonstrate how the college identifies and responds to security threats, noting that coordinated action across departments is essential. Key challenges

include limited staffing, gaps in detection tools, and the need for stronger backup systems and department-level engagement.

Reports from the Board Members

Trustee Bennett

Trustee Bennett expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with tenure candidates, noting the value this adds to the Board's understanding of classroom experiences and student learning. She thanked those involved in supporting the tenure process. Trustee Bennett also shared updates on recent community engagement, including attending the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Inspire HER Conference and touring Martin Luther King Elementary School as part of the Vancouver Public Schools Community Advisory Committee. She also participated in Trustee Tuesday.

Vice Chair Scarbrough

Vice Chair Scarbrough echoed appreciation for the Board's involvement in the tenure process, describing it as effective, thorough, and well-executed. She shared positive feedback on the State of the College video, noting its accessibility, informative content, and high quality. Trustee Scarbrough also attended Trustee Tuesday. She participated in the Foundation Board meeting, where presentations addressed immigration and diversity, equity, and inclusion, and commended the Foundation for its thoughtful engagement with the impact of recent executive orders.

Chair Gideon

Chair Gideon reflected on recent tenure review sessions, expressing appreciation for the process and the opportunity to engage directly with faculty about their teaching practices and commitment to student success. She highlighted the innovation and responsiveness of tenure candidates and acknowledged the effort involved in preparing materials for review. Chair Gideon also attended Trustee Tuesday, noting the importance of staying current on rapidly evolving legislation impacting education. She shared positive feedback on the State of the College video and thanked those who support students and the broader college community. Chair Gideon also noted that Trustees Canseco Juarez and Donaldson participated in the day's tenure review but were unable to attend the full board meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

President's Report

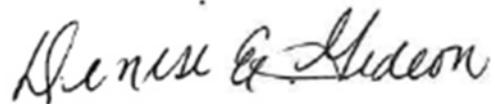
Dr. Edwards expressed appreciation for the team involved in producing the State of the College video and acknowledged the importance of celebrating the college's achievements while also recognizing ongoing challenges at both the federal and state levels. She noted concerns about potential federal actions affecting higher education and shared that the college remains committed to its mission and values despite these uncertainties. Dr. Edwards reported that a team from Clark will be visiting Olympia to meet with legislators and advocate for continued support of community colleges. She also highlighted recent and upcoming community engagement events, including the State of Ridgefield and the State of the City of Vancouver. Dr. Edwards concluded by noting that the nursing pinning ceremony would take place following the board meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Board of Trustees work session and regular meeting are scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, starting at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Gideon adjourned the regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Gideon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Denise" on the top line and "Gideon" on the bottom line, with a small ampersand between them.

Denise Gideon, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder