

Clark College

Board of Trustees Work Session Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, at 3:30 pm

PUB 258-C and Zoom

In Attendance

Denise Gideon, Chair

Marilee Scarbrough, Vice Chair

Cristhian Canseco Juarez, Trustee

Suzanne Donaldson, Trustee

Administrators

Dr. Karin Edwards, President

Dr. Terry Brown, Vice President of Instruction

Sudha Frederick, Vice President of Information Technology

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

Calen Ouellette, Clark College Foundation Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Darcy Rourk, Interim Vice President of Human Resources

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations

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

Brandon Johnson, IT

Call to Order/Agenda Review

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Sabbatical Requests

Dr. Brown presented three sabbatical leave proposals for consideration for the 2025–2026 academic year. Amy Bratton (Communication Studies) proposes to study classroom anxiety through graduate coursework, culminating in a written article and faculty presentations.

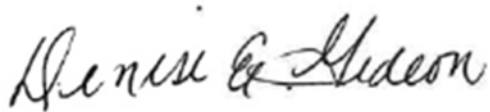
Catherine Johnson (ESL/BEEdA) plans to develop a culturally inclusive onboarding process for ESL students, replacing outdated placement tools. Kushlani de Soyza (Women's Studies) will research regional Ethnic Studies programs and deepen her own studies to support the department's transition to Women's, Gender, and Ethnic Studies.

Facilities Master Plan

Sabra Sand, Vice President of Operations, and Chris Samual, Director of Facilities Services, provided an update on the College's Comprehensive Facilities Plan. They outlined efforts to assess current and future space needs, improve campus facilities, and plan for long-term infrastructure in response to enrollment trends and emerging academic programs. Student feedback underscored the need for updated classrooms, clearer signage, more comfortable furniture, and enhanced gathering spaces. The plan also includes sustainability priorities aligned with HB 1390 and proposes several future projects, including the replacement of Hanna, Hawkins, and Foster Halls, a new gymnasium, and a cultural landmark building. Capital project funding was reviewed, with a reminder that these projects are supported by state-issued bonds and building fees managed system-wide, separate from the College's operating budget.

Adjournment

Chair Gideon adjourned the work session at 4:52 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Denise Gideon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Gideon, Chair

Darci Feider, Recorder