

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College met on January 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Olympus Board Room at Everett Community College.

Briefing by the President

President Beyer briefed the Board on where we are with current year spending:

- Enrollment is 4% up from last Winter
- Tuition is strong
- Expenditures are at the same level as last year
- Doing well with revenue
- Doing more with less.

The Fitness Center is up and running and we will have our next Board meeting on February 22nd there.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were trustees Tom Gaffney, Gene Chase, Chair James Shipman, and Betty Cobbs. Also present were President David Beyer, Assistant Attorney General Scott Majors, Recording Secretary Cheryl Blackburn, Faculty Representative Tom Gaskin, Student Representative Stephanie Kermgard and 8 faculty, staff, administrators and students.

Consent Agenda

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Tom Gaffney moved for approval of the minutes from the December 21, 2010 Board meeting. Betty Cobbs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports to the Board

Student Representative

Stephanie Kermgard reported that one of the Senate goals this year is health care and the students have been discussing direct access to student healthcare and what the cost would be. The other two goals are student involvement and text books. Jennifer Howard met with the Senate to discuss the budget process which was very helpful and informative. Christina Castorena and Marc Tolle also met with the Senate to address the increase drug use on campus and what Security is doing to make students more aware. The E-Tech committee is going through the review process of the requests that were submitted and will begin allocations March 1st.

Faculty Representative

Tom Gaskin reported that to assist students with textbook purchases faculty are required to post required textbooks thirty days prior to the quarter to allow students to shop for books. AFT Everett will hold their elections for officers at the end of February. Tom thanked Jennifer Howard for going to all the department meetings to discuss the budget and was impressed that the campus came forward with so many suggestions. He noted that faculty professional leaves were on the agenda and while they are very valuable and important to faculty he confesses that during these tough budget times it will be understandable whatever the Board decides.

Accreditation Core Themes

Sandra Fowler-Hill, Vice President of Instruction and Student Services reported that the new accreditation standards require that the college identify and clearly define core themes that individually manifest essential elements of its mission and collectively encompass its mission. The college has identified the following core themes.

ACCESS – We strengthen our communities by providing access to higher education.

EvCC Mission: EvCC creates life-changing educational opportunities where students become active learners who strengthen our diverse local and global communities.

WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING – Workforce Education and Training educates students to be: job ready, technically excellent, culturally literate, ethically grounded, future oriented, and skilled in collaboration.

EvCC Mission: EvCC creates life-changing educational opportunities where students become active learners who strengthen our diverse local and global communities.

READINESS – We strengthen our communities through Readiness -Basic Skills and Developmental Education.

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TRANSFER EDUCATION – We prepare students to successfully transfer to and succeed at four-year institutions.

EvCC Mission: EvCC creates life-changing educational opportunities where students become active learners who strengthen our diverse local and global communities.

The college received eight recommendations in the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report, and is taking action in response to those recommendations.

University Center Status Report – Future Considerations

Christine Kerlin provided the Board with an update on the University Center. Board Chair James Shipman stated that first the EVCC Board of Trustees acknowledges and would like to thank Dr. Christine Kerlin and her staff for their outstanding efforts in the development and implementation of the University Center these past four years. Their work and success is documented by the number of students enrolled, four-year degrees offered, university partners engaged, and response to community and business needs. They have substantiated the growing demand for greater access to four-year degrees in Snohomish, Island and Skagit counties. The staff of the University Center has demonstrated their expertise and commitment in creating opportunities for residents to access four year degrees while living and working in Snohomish county through cooperative and collaborative efforts with both public and private four-year colleges. Never in the history of the NSIS has there been the level of students enrolled or the number of degrees offered locally, all within the parameters of a cost efficient and effective operation

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The Board also appreciates the continued efforts of the Mayor of Everett and others in bringing increased access to four-year degrees for residents of Snohomish County through the creation of a branch campus. The Board is prepared to offer its formal endorsement to such an effort in cooperation with the City of Everett and others upon the review of a written plan (which includes identified financial impact, supporting organizations and businesses, projected student enrollments, proposed degrees, and operational timelines) for the creation of a branch campus that has engaged the college community in its development and from proposed affiliated institutions and organizations, and partners of the University Center.

Faculty Professional Leave 2011/2012

The Board discussed that in the past two years faculty members have spent time applying for professional leave only to have it be denied due to budget constraints. The Board understands the importance and value of professional leave but with the current economy and facing difficult budget reductions, the Board will not consider requests for professional leave at this time.

Board Self Evaluation

One of the recommendations from the last accreditation visit was an annual evaluation by the Board. The Board was given a self evaluation with a number of topics which provided a good reflection of the Board. Overall the board is doing well together in many areas. A couple of areas for improvement were:

- Strengthen the orientation and evaluation process
- More communication with our community
- Provide more outreach to our community

Executive Session

At 7:00 p.m. Chair James Shipman adjourned into executive session to discuss property acquisition. He stated that no action would be taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

James Shipman, Chair
Board of Trustees

David N. Beyer, Secretary
Board of Trustees