

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College met on February 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Trojan Fitness Center at Everett Community College.

Briefing by the President

- The Board took a tour of the new fitness center.
- Trustee Tom Gaffney gave an update from the Audit Finance Committee. Current year revenue and expenditures are on track. The next biennium looks to have greater cuts, impact to programs and may mean some layoffs.

Roll Call

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

Consent Agenda

MOTION 02-02-2011 Tom Gaffney moved for approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2011 and February 7, 2011 Board meetings. Gigi Burke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports to the Board

Student Representative

Stephanie Kermgard reported on the three Senate Goals:

- Health Care: Determining the feasibility of a student health care plan and the likelihood of implementing said health care plan
- Student Involvement: To organize a group of student ambassadors to welcome and inform future and incoming students on the opportunities available to them while attending EvCC
- Text Books: Provide options for students to obtain cheaper text books by creating awareness and promoting alternative textbook sources.

The E-Tech committee has voted on the proposals that they have received with allocations to follow. They are beginning with their artist and lecture series which will begin on March 8th with Jen and Nate.

Classified Representative

Max Phipps reported that all classified members continue to work hard and take on additional work for those positions that go unfilled. Contract negotiations continue, and there has been an unfair labor grievance filled regarding contract issues.

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Faculty Representative

Tom Gaskin reported that they have come up with the calendar for the next academic year which will come to the Board for approval. They will vote next month on whether to create a faculty senate, and the union did agree to roll over their contract to extend for another year which will go the Board to ratify. There will be a rally in Olympia on March 17th to encourage legislators to spare higher education. Tom will not be able to be at the meeting next month on March 15th but will have an executive member come in his place.

Financial Aid Policy

The current financial aid policy states that students may only receive financial aid for up to one associate degree and one certificate, or two certificates. This has deterred students from applying for their certificate or degree completion.

The proposed policy would allow students to receive financial aid for up to one associate and one certificate, or two certificates, but they may continue to receive funding in excess of these degrees if they are “stackable” and apply toward an associate degree for which they are ultimately pursuing.

For example, a student pursuing a Tribal Enterprise Management Associate Degree can receive funding toward this two year degree and may complete up to 5 certificates in the process within TEM.

MOTION 03-02-2011 Gigi Burke moved to approve the proposed Financial Aid Policy. Betty Cobbs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Report on the Trustee Association of Community and Technical Colleges Winter Conference

The Board reported on their winter conference where Governor Gregoire addressed the group. Betty Cobbs and Gigi Burke attended the new trustee orientation. The Board looks forward to the Spring TACTC Conference which will focus on student success.

Executive Session

At 6:00 p.m. Chair James Shipman adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel. He stated that no action would be taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Betty Cobbs, Vice Chair
Board of Trustees

David N. Beyer, Secretary
Board of Trustees