

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College met on July 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Jackson Center at Everett Community College.

The open public meeting came to order at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Gigi Burke read the Tobacco Use Policy and Jennifer Howard, Vice President of Administrative Services and Pat Sisneros, Vice President of College Services briefly explained the policy and answered questions from the Board.

The College has the right to enforce this policy by issuing tickets to students/staff, but not the public. There will be a grace period for citations. New signage will be visible throughout the campus. The policy would be implemented September 1, 2012.

Public input to revisions of WAC 132E-120-410 prohibiting tobacco use on the Everett Community College campus. Three citizens gave public testimony regarding the proposed tobacco use policy:

- Dr. Gary Goldbaum stated he applauded the college for their work in this area. He is in favor of a tobacco free campus. He included several reasons, among them were the lower cost of health care and most workplaces are smoke free and it will prepare our students for that environment. It also eliminates the expense of maintaining designated smoke areas.
- Annie Peterson stated the right to smoke is not a protected right in the constitution. There are a lot of municipalities that have no smoking in public places including no smoking at beaches. A smoke free environment also reduces litter.
- Keri Moore stated that over 100 community colleges are completely smoke free. 52% of the people that enter college smoke and this policy can help deter this. 86% of the people in Snohomish County do not use tobacco. There are children on this campus and second hand smoke does affect them and others.

The open public meeting ended at 5:25 p.m.

Presidents update

President Beyer summarized the events of the past school year and emphasized our continued dedication to Achieving the Dream and making college affordable.

Roll call:

Vice Chair Gigi Burke called the meeting to order. Present for the meeting were trustees Gene Chase, Gigi Burke, and Janet Kusler. Chair Betty Cobbs participated via conference call. Also present were President David Beyer, Assistant Attorney General Scott Majors, Recording Secretary Joanne Flemings, Faculty Representative Gary Newlin, Student Representative Teresa Weldon, and seven faculty, staff, students and administrators.

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Report from the Board

Trustee Gigi Burke was pleased and excited to see the college progress to a tobacco free campus. Trustee Janet Kusler was disappointed that there were no comments from the other side of the issue and Trustee Gene Chase was also disappointed in the turnout and felt that there should have been more effort to reach students, staff and neighbors.

The Board set their annual retreat for September 11, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Board Chair Betty Cobbs asked to amend the June 19, 2012 minutes to include under the Report from the Board – The Student Awards Banquet held on May 18th and the Hall of Fame dinner held on June 5th were well attended and very successful.

MOTION 01-07-2012 Janet Kusler moved for approval of the minutes from the May 15, 2012 joint meeting with Edmonds Community College and the June 19, 2012 Board meeting with amendments. Gene Chase seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports to the Board

Student Representative

Teresa Weldon reported that their first council meeting will be held on July 26th. The budget and finance position is still open and they will be accepting applications in the fall. They are also working on getting a date to introduce the council members to the Board

Classified Representative

No Report

Faculty Representative

Gary Newlin reported that smoking is a negotiable item with faculty and it has been discussed with faculty members. Most are in favor of a smoke free campus, however he would like to emphasize that he hopes the college will assist those people who do smoke. At the last Board meeting it was requested that more faculty be present. He will discuss this with the new Faculty Council Representative, Mike Nevins

Faculty Council Representative

No Report

Approve Resolution 2012-07-01 Proposed Changes in WAC 132E-120-410 Tobacco Use Policy

Jennifer Howard, Vice President of Administrative Services presented to the Board that the purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Trustees review and approve the changes to WAC 132E-120-410 Tobacco Use Policy. The changes prohibit tobacco use on the Everett Community College campus. This policy requires a change in WAC 132E-120-410 as discussed in the public hearing held prior to the Board meeting this evening. Trustee Gene Chase still expressed concern at the lack of neighborhood, faculty and staff at the public hearing.

MOTION 02-07-2012 Janet Kusler moved for approval of Resolution 2012-07-01 Proposed changes in WAC 132E-120-410 Tobacco Use Policy. Betty Cobbs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy

Jennifer Howard, Vice President of Administrative Services presented to the Board that at their last meeting on June 19, 2012 they reviewed the proposed policy and the purpose of this item is to request that the Board of Trustees review and approve the EvCC1030: Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy. This new policy is in response to a revision in RCW 26.44.030 requiring employees of institutions of higher education to report incidents of child abuse

MOTION 03-07-2012 Betty Cobbs moved to approve the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy. Janet Kusler seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Strategic Plan

Strategic Planning co-chair John Bonner gave an update to the Board on the feedback we have received for Strategic Planning since it was last presented to the Board. Feedback was received from Faculty Council, Foundation Board, external Stakeholder Review Team and the campus. The Plan is now ready for implementation

MOTION 04-07-2012 Janet Kusler moved to approve the proposed Strategic Plan. Gene Chase seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

At 6:25 p.m. Vice Chair Gigi Burke adjourned into executive session to discuss property issues. She stated that no action would be taken

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.