

The Board of Trustees of Everett Community College met on January 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Olympus Board Room at Everett Community College.

### **President's Update**

New employees from College Advancement Laura Walker and Deborah Bolton were introduced. David announced the change in the reporting relationship for the Diversity and Equity Center, elevating its' importance and status to the institution as our priorities include increasing access and participation at EvCC by underrepresented students and students of color. Christina Castorena will now be attending vice president staff meetings as well as all Board meetings. The Undoing Racism workshop that was held January 3 and 4 had a great turnout with 43 participants.

David introduced Steve Grupp and Gary Newlin who were on hand to present the Learning Communities to the Board.

Steve Grupp and Gary Newlin presented an overview of Learning Communities at Everett Community College and an update on the upcoming all Campus Retreat on teaching and learning. Learning Communities combine two or more courses from different disciplines to provide students a more in-depth look at a subject. The courses are team-taught by two or more instructors and are usually organized around a theme. Students and teachers form a community of learners that work together to find the relationships and connections between the courses. Communities for Winter 08 include:

- Mysteries of the Mind (Psychology and English) Don Smith and Jeff Hipolito
- Communication Connection (English and Speech) Colleen White and Holly Hill
- From the Mountains to the Sea (Geology and English) Steve Grupp and Gary Newlin
- FYI: First Year Intelligence (Reading and Study Skills) Cynthia Wilson and Kathryn Johnson)
- ORCA: Ocean Research College Academy

Some of the benefits of a Learning Community are:

- Make connections, (even friendships!) and enjoy the experience of learning as a shared process.
- Discover how subjects (and the world) are related and interrelated.
- Participate in a variety of learning experiences other than lectures, such as discussion groups, projects, and field trips.
- Develop active learning styles that help make the courses relevant and meaningful to you.

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**Roll Call**

Present for the meeting were trustees Nancy Truitt Pierce, Gene Chase, and Carlos Veliz. Also present were President David Beyer, Assistant Attorney General Scott Majors, Recording Secretary Cheryl Blackburn, Faculty Representative Tom Gaskin, Classified Representative Manja Schultz, Student Representative Martin Ferguson and 11 faculty, staff, administrators and students.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Nancy Truitt Pierce asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes from the December 12, 2007 Board meeting.

**MOTION 01-01-2008** Gene Chase moved for approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2007 Board meeting. Carlos Veliz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve changes to the Naming Policy for Facilities at EvCC**

Dottie Krzyzanoski, Vice President for College Advancement presented that in October, 2000, the Board of Trustees adopted a policy for the naming of Everett Community College facilities. As the College and Foundation look to the possibility of a major gifts campaign in the near future and wherein recognition of major benefactors through expanded naming opportunities may be desirable and appropriate, revisions to the current policy for naming facilities on campus are recommended. At the Board meeting on December 12, 2007, the Board deferred action on the naming policy until the January 9, 2008 Board meeting to allow Tom Gaskin time to solicit input from the faculty and Dottie Krzyzanoski time to solicit input college-wide. At this current time, no comments have come forward.

To date, the College's primary state-funded buildings have been named after the mountain peaks that surround the region and this practice will continue. But, as the College becomes the recipient of increasingly more generous contributions from individuals, organizations and businesses and may need, in some cases, to rely on private funding for the construction and/or renovation of facilities, it is deemed appropriate to identify opportunities to name new facilities and/or rename current facilities, college property and academic and nonacademic programs as a means of honoring these benefactors.

This policy and corresponding procedures establish a uniform and consistent process to gain campus approval and to record naming opportunities for all campus facilities, property and/or programs.

**MOTION 02-01-2008** Gene Chase moved to approve the changes to the Naming Policy for Facilities at Everett Community College. Carlos Veliz seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Report on the Governor's Budget Request**

Michael Kerns, Executive Vice President presented to the Board the Governor's 2008-2009 Supplemental Operating Budget Proposal. The Governor submitted the budget recommendation to the legislature in December. If adopted by the legislature, the recommendation would adjust the operating budget for 2008-2009 previously approved as part of the 2007-2009 biennial state budget. The legislative session begins on January 14, 2008 and lasts until mid-March.

The Governor proposed a \$10.725 million increase for several items including a new Health Care Advancement Program and campus security initiatives, as well as, technical changes to salary and benefit levels and other items. The Health Care Advancement Program will support incumbent health care workers that seek to become nurses. The proposed operating budget includes funding for emergency notification systems (text messaging, paging, and emailing) that will provide critical warning to students and staff of on-campus emergencies. In addition, the capital budget proposal includes emergency management funding for campus mapping and instant warning systems. The system request of \$1.0 million for emergency management assessment and training and \$1.0 million for safety equipment was not funded in the Governor's proposal. The proposed operating budget also included a \$21.065 million decrease as a result of lower employer paid healthcare premiums. The "net" effect is a \$10.340 million reduction for this system.

The Governor did not include the SBCTC system request for worker retraining, Running Start, technology, digital library resources and technical changes to compensation levels. The biennial budget previously included salary adjustments for all employees and new enrollment funding. The State Board will likely be authorized to increase tuition by up to 2% next year and the College should receive new state funds equivalent to an annual 1% tuition increase.

Except for security funding, there was no capital budget funding proposed that impacts the College

**Reports**

**Student Representative**

Martin Ferguson reported that they have finalized senate goal setting for the Senate, 2008. At the next Senate meeting Sandra Fowler-Hill will be talking to the Senators about class offerings, Janelle Beyer will visit the senators and Larry Price and Molly Beeman will discuss resource conservation programs. The concert series will kick off with Meika Pauley. About 30 clubs have attended their annual club orientation with their advisors. Martin is looking forward to attending the National Trustee Conference in Washington D.C. in February.

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Classified Representative

Manja Schultz reported that classified staff has kicked off the New Year with enthusiasm. She wanted to thank Janice Paulson for her very prompt assistance in setting up a meeting with the shop stewards to review the annual performance process. The union management meetings are set for this year and she thanked David Beyer and Michael Kerns for their participation. Manja has been accepted into the Leadership Academy and wanted to thank administration for providing this opportunity to the College. She also thanked the Board of Trustees for tabling the naming policy last month which allowed comments from the classified staff.

Faculty Representative

Tom Gaskin reported that he enjoyed the presentation on Learning Communities but one of the challenges they face is funding and student/faculty ratio. The AFT has hired someone to look at organization of administrative/exempt positions which has caused some concern that by forming into a union they would jeopardize their relations with administration. Tom is looking forward to the February 8<sup>th</sup> reception in honor of Russell Day at the Northlight Gallery who was an important instructor of art at Everett Community College from the 1950's thru the 1970's and had a great impact on the student's lives.

Executive Session

At 6:30 Chair Nancy Truitt Pierce adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel issues. She stated that no action would be taken.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Nancy Truitt Pierce, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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David N. Beyer, Secretary  
Board of Trustees