

SEATTLE COLLEGES DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 21, 2022

STUDY SESSION **2:15 p.m.** **Georgetown C122, Zoom**

REGULAR SESSION **3:00 p.m.** **Georgetown C122, Zoom**

STUDY SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Chernin called a 15-minute executive session at 2:27pm.

A. Negotiations

Exception (6) To plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken during collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or to review proposals made in on-going negotiations or proceedings.

B. Litigation Update

Exception (3) To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the college is, or is like to become, a party, when public knowledge of the discussion would likely result in adverse consequence to the district;

OPEN SESSION

Chair Chernin welcomed everyone to the open session at 2:45pm.

A. Retreat Recap

1. Interim Chancellor Search
2. Permanent Chancellor Search

Chair Chernin updated the group on the July 2 retreat that was facilitated by Doug Mah. The topic of discussion was the search process for the Interim and Permanent Chancellor.

For the interim search, the goals are to be efficient and expedite a search with a goal of making an announcement in late-September.

For the permanent search, the board will use an equity lens to create a thoughtful process. A search firm will be hired to facilitate the permanent search. The goal is to name a permanent chancellor in June 2023 to be onboarded over the summer.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chernin called the meeting to order at 2:57pm.

ATTENDANCE

Rosie Rimando-Chareunsap, Louise Chernin, Steve Hill, Brian Surratt, Bruce Marvin, Vanessa Johnson, Wendy Rockhill, D'Andre Fisher, Eric VanHooser, Rebecca Zeller, Pablo Basilio, Earnest Phillips, Jennifer Dixon, Steve Leahy, Cody Hiatt, Chemene Crawford, Cindy Riche, Pete Lortz, Annette Stofer, Kathie Kwilinski, Katherine Hinkelman, Zahra Alavi, Alice Melling, Kerry Howell, Traci Russell, Ricky Goetz, Julianne DeGeyter, Terence Hsiao, Phyllis Gorton, Angel Nelson, Tracy Lai, Jenni Branstad, Sayumi Irey, Mikaila Harris, Jesse Knappenberger, Joe Barrientos, Ty Swenson, Vashti Bryant, Rick Downs, Barb Childs, Erin Gibbons, Diane Ellis

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Angelina (Angel) Nelson-Jeffrey, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Finance & Administration at South Seattle College

Julianne DeGeyter introduced Angel Nelson-Jeffrey who gave the land acknowledgment.

ACTION / Approval of Agenda

Chair Chernin asked for approval of the agenda. Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Seattle Colleges Board of Trustees welcomes students, employees, and community partners to address the Board during the Public Comment period specified on the Agenda. The Board provides 15 minutes for public comments, which may be adjusted at the discretion of the Board Chair.

Each speaker has 3 minutes to address the Board, and speakers are encouraged not to repeat the same issue that a previous speaker has already raised. Advanced sign-up for oral comments is requested by emailing Rebecca.Zeller@seattlecolleges.edu. Additional commenters will only be called upon during the meeting as time allows. If there is not enough time for all speakers, commenters will be encouraged to submit a written statement or be put on the list for oral comments at the next public meeting.

In addition, written statements are accepted by Rebecca Zeller at any time. All written statements received by noon on the Friday before the Regular Board of Trustees meeting will

be published in the public packet. Written statements received after that date and time will be added to the Board packet and transmitted to the Board for the following Board meeting.

The Board functions at the policy level while daily operational matters are delegated to the district and college management team. It is, therefore, not the practice of the Board to respond specific to operational issues during Public Comment period.

Tracy Lai is a faculty member at Seattle Central College. She spoke about a crisis due to enrollment decline, inflation and other factors that impact salaries. She noted a state surplus and inquired about the board's cooperation with a legislative workgroup that will allocate those funds. There is a faculty negotiation session on July 26 and she urged the board to support moving the negotiations forward.

PRESENTATION

Project Baldwin and Springboard8

Presenter: D'Andre Fisher, Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

D'Andre Fisher spoke about support for men of color at Seattle Colleges. Mentorship through words and actions is a cornerstone of the project. Programming and events such as the Springboard8 BBQ and the Juneteenth celebration also promote connectedness among men of color and inspire success. The initiative is supported by the Equity Can't Wait Campaign. About 50% of the students who participate will be Seattle Promise students.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes: Regular Meeting on June 9, 2022; Special Meeting Minutes from July 2, 2022

Trustee Surratt made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. Trustee Hill seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

- B. 2022-23 Board Officers

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve Louise Chernin as Chair and Rosa Peralta as Vice Chair. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

- C. 2022-23 Regular Meeting Schedule

Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2022-23. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

- D. Interim Chancellor Search Committee Charter

Trustee Hill gave some background on the discussion at the retreat and how this charter was developed. The charter was read aloud. **Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the committee membership. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed 3-0.**

- E. Interim Chancellor Search Committee Membership

Chair Chernin listed the committee members. **Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the committee membership. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed 3-0.**

F. NSC Housing Ground Lease Resolution

Dr. Crawford gave background on the project process up until this point. The project will include housing and an intellectual center to meet NSC needs. **Trustee Hill made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Surratt seconded. The motion passed.** Final approval of the ground lease from SBCTC will be sought in August 2022.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Capital Projects/Eco District update -Seattle Central College

Terence Hsiao shared the intent to modernize heating and building maintenance systems to lower our carbon footprint. Work is underway to finalize the financial projections.

B. Policy 376- Hazing Prevention – First Reading

The board reviewed a new policy that is required by a recently passed state law. This will come back for further discussion and request for action in September 2022.

C. Final Spring Quarter Enrollment Report

Kurt Buttleman summarized the spring enrollment report. We were down 4% from spring last year. Statewide comparable data is not yet available. For summer quarter, we are currently down 8% from last year. The presidents provided some college-specific context and efforts that are underway to increase new enrollments and retain continuing students. Dr. Buttleman also gave a short update on the 2-year contract with the city for Seattle Promise and supports to help students start their first quarter and also re-enter the colleges. Chair Chernin asked for data on who our new student enrollees are with disaggregated racial data.

ORAL REPORTS

A. Labor Union Representatives

Annette Stofer, AFT Seattle Community Colleges, referred to her written report and asked for feedback on the questions posed. She is looking forward to next week's meeting with legislators to discuss sustainability for our workforce development programs.

Diane Ellis, WFSE, had nothing to report.

Cody Hiatt, AFT-SPS, spoke about professional development and mentorship among union members.

B. Chancellor's Report

Dr. Rimando-Chareunsap spoke about a warm welcome from District Office employees. She gave an update on the workforce development program sustainability efforts that are underway. She also gave an update on the ten priorities in the NCHEMS report and work that is being done to make systemic changes.

C. Chair's Report

Chair Chernin noted that August will be a busy month with the Interim Chancellor search.

D. College Presidents, Vice Chancellors

Chemene Crawford, President of North Seattle College, announced that the Computer Science BS program received approval from the NWCCU.

Wendy Rockhill, Acting President of Seattle Central College, shared appreciation for Dr. Rimando-Chareunsap and Dr. Crawford. Central is excited to welcome Dr. Bradley Lane in August as the Interim President. She spoke about the variety of cohort programs at Central and how they work together. She thanked Lincoln Ferris for digging into the details of the Eco-District project.

Julienne DeGeyter, Vice President of Finance and Administration, South Seattle College, reported on the Exempt retreat. Reconnecting with colleagues, student retention and management training filled the day.

Kurt Buttleman, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Success, expressed appreciation for the planning team, volunteers and faculty who made Commencement a great celebration.

Jennifer Dixon, Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, congratulated Earnest Phillips and his team on a successful Commencement. She also acknowledged payroll staff's efforts, and encouraged people to reach out if there are problems. She gave a brief update on upcoming negotiating sessions with AFT.

Terence Hsiao, Interim Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations, reported on year-end close and thanked staff for their work. The financial statements from last year are prepared for audit. Unfortunately, the state does not have resources to complete that audit and we will need to seek a private auditor.

D'Andre Fisher, Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, reported on hiring of new Directors and Navigators to serve the three colleges. A climate assessment survey of faculty, staff and students will be administered in the fall.

Earnest Phillips, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications and Strategic Initiatives, spoke about Commencement and expressed appreciation for faculty who attended and volunteers who made the day happen. Convocation planning is underway. In the wake of Luv Sharma's departure, Earnest is reevaluating the web development structure.

Kerry Howell, Vice Chancellor of Advancement, spoke about the pride that Commencement inspired and the impact on donors. Sustainable funding for workforce development programs is an opportunity for engagement with funders. The Momentum event will be held at Fremont Studios on October 12. A mid-campaign report will be presented at a future board meeting.

Cindy Riche, Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, did not have anything to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 8 at Seattle Central College, Room BE1110. There will be a Study Session at 1:30 p.m., and the Regular Meeting will follow at 3:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session may be held for one or more of the following purposes: (1) To receive and evaluate complaints against a public officer or employee; (2) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; (3) To discuss with legal counsel litigation or potential litigation to which the college is, or is like to become, a party, when public knowledge of the discussion would likely result in adverse consequence to the district; (4) To consider, as a quasi-judicial body, a quasi-judicial matter between named parties; (5) To consider matters governed by the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW; and/or (6) To plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken during collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or to review proposals made in on-going negotiations or proceedings.