

**SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FORT LEWIS COLLEGE
January 3, 2007**

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Trustees Participating:

Chairman Leonel Silva, Richard Ballantine, Bridget Irish, Pat Noyes, Michael Pugh, Tom Schilling

Staff Participating:

Brad Bartel, President; Steve Roderick, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Steve Schwartz, Deputy Treasurer & Vice President for Finance and Administration; Glenna Witt Sexton, Vice President for Student Affairs; Peggy Sharp, Deputy Secretary & Executive Assistant to the President; John Ninnemann, Dean, School of Natural and Behavior Sciences; Cindy Browder, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Call to Order

Chairman Leonel Silva convened the special meeting of the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College at 1:50 p.m. for the purpose of the following action:

Approval of New Major: Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Provost Steve Roderick explained that the proposal for this new degree has been approved through all the appropriate channels, has received strong endorsement by students, and has now been recommended for Board approval by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

President Bartel stated there are two critical factors related to this new degree:

- Proper advising to students to assure that this degree is the right one for them.
- The fit for this field of study to this region as it will expand the use of the environment outside of the classroom.

Issues discussed included: a stronger science component; departmental leadership and advocacy in an interdisciplinary program; and the responsibilities of an external advisory committee. Chairman Silva suggested that after the program has been in place for a year it would be advantageous for Dr. Browder to report to the Board on its progress.

Pat Noyes moved for approval of offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies. Richard Ballantine seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.