

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

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Memorial Student Lounge

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Call to Order

Chair Leonel Silva convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College at 9:00 a.m.

Trustees Present:

Brian Bissell, Linda Campbell, Bridget Irish, Pat Noyes, Tom Schilling, Leonel Silva, Brayton Thomas Thurber

Staff Present:

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; Fred Kuhlwil, Legal Counsel; Peggy Sharp, Deputy Secretary & Executive Assistant to the President; and Mike Larson, Audio Consultant.

RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Bartel introduced the following individuals for recognition by the Board:

Dr. Joel Jones, President Emeritus of Fort Lewis College, who thanked the Trustees for renaming Sage Hall to Jones Hall in honor of his ten-year tenure as president of the College;

Mr. Tim Hankinson, head coach of the men's soccer team;

Mr. Marc Goldfarb, Assistant/Interim Director of the Leadership Center and recipient of the 2006-07 Outstanding Staff Award;

Dr. Ginny Hutchins, Assistant Professor of Biology & recipient of the 2006-07 New Faculty Teaching Award;

Dr. Monte Helm, Assistant Professor of Chemistry & Featured Scholar for Winter Term, 2007;

Dr. Shere Byrd, Professor of Biology & recipient of the 2006-07 Alice Admire Outstanding Teaching Award.

Chairman Silva offered congratulations on behalf of the Board and thanked each individual for their dedication to their profession and to the College.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ACTION AGENDA – CONSENT

Approval of the Minutes of the February, 20, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College

Tom Schilling moved that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the February 20, 2007 Regular Meeting, with a second by Brian Bissell. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Degree Candidates for Spring Term, 2007

Provost Roderick stated that approximately 551 graduates are eligible to receive their degrees at two ceremonies being held on Saturday, April 28th.

Pat Noyes moved that the Board approve the granting of specified degrees to those candidates completing the requirements at the end of the Spring Term, 2007. Bridget Irish seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Silva indicated that some changes were needed on the planning calendar. Peggy Sharp indicated that the date of Monday, May 11th for the Colorado Springs Alumni event should be corrected to Friday, May 11th. Further discussion of meeting dates ensued and the following changes were agreed upon by the Trustees:

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 10:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting via Teleconference
Thursday, August 16, 2007 10:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting via Teleconference
Friday, September 21, 2007	Regular Meeting Durango Home Football Game that evening Home Soccer Game on Saturday

Committee Reports

External Affairs

ACTION: Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2007 Teleconference Meeting of the External Affairs Committee (Carry-In Item)

Tom Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2007 teleconference meeting of this Committee. Linda Campbell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Approval of Resolution Supporting Governor Ritter's Mill Levy Stabilization Plan

Tom Schilling, Chair, provided background information regarding the Governor's plan and the benefit to higher education in the State. He further stated that if this resolution was adopted, the Board would be the first to pass such a resolution in support of the Governor's plan. Tom Schilling moved that the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College approve a resolution in support of Governor Ritter's mill levy stabilization plan. Pat Noyes seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Academic & Student Affairs Committee

REPORT: Promotion and Tenure Actions for 2007-2008

Provost Roderick briefly described the process for awarding tenure and/or promotion. President Bartel indicated within the next year, the definition of full professor will be redefined to highlight a pattern of focused scholarship.

Chair Pat Noyes stated that the Academic & Student Affairs Committee had not met since the February Board meeting.

Finance Committee

ACTION: Approval of Tuition Schedules for Academic Year 2007-2008 and Summer Sessions 2008

Michele Peterson reviewed the information provided in the tuition schedule. In the absence of Chair Richard Ballantine, Chairman Silva stated there was concern voiced at the Finance Committee meeting regarding the financial impact of a 5% increase on out-of-state students. Ms. Peterson explained that a scholarship program will begin in the Fall, 2007 that will provide scholarship assistance to eligible out-of-state students in the amount of \$1,000. Approximately 70% of these students will meet the requirements. This is a renewable award which students can receive for four years, if they continue to meet the eligibility requirements. The same type of scholarship assistance will be available to in-state students in the amount of \$500.

Brian Bissell moved that the Board of Trustees approve the Tuition Schedule for the Academic year 2007-2008 and summer session 2008, and that the attached tuition rates be adopted thirty days from this date and that notice shall be given as of this date in compliance with CCHE Tuition and Fee Policy. Tom Schilling seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2007 Teleconference Meeting of the Finance Committee (Carry-In Item)

Brian Bissell moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2007 meeting. Linda Campbell second and motion carried unanimously.

BREAK

Standing Reports

Foundation Report

Jim Foster, Vice President of the Foundation, reported that the Foundation is prepared to assume a greater role in fund raising and they're actively seeking Enterprise Zone status to assist in the Capital Campaign for the College Union building. He also gave a brief review of the financial status of the Foundation.

Alumni Report

Chris Aaland, Director of the Alumni Office, provided a written report of upcoming events, fund raising activities, and some of the programs and collaborations currently underway.

Faculty Representative Report

Bridget Irish asked the Trustees to let her know of any area they might like to hear about in her future reports. She elaborated briefly on her written report and stated that some of the Art Department faculty would be present at the scheduled visit to the Student Juried Art Exhibit in the Gallery later in the morning session.

Student Representative Report

Brayton Thomas Thurber highlighted a few of the items in his written report. He read a farewell letter to the Board as this is his last term as Student Representative. He introduced the new president of the Associated Student of Fort Lewis College, Anna Mekeel, who will assume the responsibility of Student Representative. Chairman Silva thanked Brayton for his service and diligence and presented him with parting mementoes.

Legal Counsel Report

Fred Kuhlwilm stated his written report stands with no additional comments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bartel began by stating that the College is giving full attention to its emergency plan in light of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. Several meetings will take place over the course of the summer and at the October retreat, he will report to the Board on the campus's strategy for handling all levels of emergency situations.

Brian Bissell requested that the Board Policy and Procedure Manual have a statement that allows for the Provost to assume the full responsibilities delegated to the President in the event of a long absence from campus, illness, or any circumstance that would prevent the

President from fulfilling his duties. Fred Kuhlwilm offered to draft such an amendment and have it ready for Board approval during the afternoon session.

Strategic Direction 1:

ACT Student Opinion Survey Results

Amy Yeager distributed copies of the outcomes from the ACT Student Opinion Survey administered in Fall of 2006 and reviewed a few of the areas of particular relevance and/or concern.

President Bartel informed the Board that he had signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment, and that Fort Lewis College is now a charter member, along with CU and Metro in Colorado.

Strategic Direction 4:

President Bartel reported on changes in the structure of the Advancement area as a result of the departure of Judy Heasley, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Discussion has taken place with the Executive Board of the Foundation on how to move forward. Plans are underway to use the salary from the Vice President position to create two positions: Director of Annual Fund and Director of Major gifts and Planned Giving.

All of the staff under the auspices of the Foundation, as well as Alumni Director and Prospect Researcher, will move to the second floor of Berndt Hall. Marketing and Communications would then relocate to Kroeger Hall as these individuals work closely with Admission. Jim Foster stated that the Foundation officers endorse this plan as it allows for closer collaboration with the President. President Bartel will work with legal counsel to make the needed changes in the Foundation MOU to reflect this structure.

Chairman Silva recessed the meeting in order for the Trustees to visit the Juried Student Art Exhibit at the Art Gallery and the Delaney Library in the Center for Southwest Studies, where a book entitled, *Aqui Se Comienza: A Genealogical History of the Founding Families of La Villa de san Felipe de Albuquerque*, was donated to the library by Ilean and Leonel Silva.

BREAK FOR VISITS AND LUNCH

Chairman Silva reconvened the business meeting at 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

At the request of President Bartel, Karen Aldrich, Human Resource Director, reported on some of the problems being experienced by faculty and exempt staff who have insurance with Anthem Blue Cross and the steps being undertaken to resolve the issues with payment of claims.

Tom Schilling moved that the HR Office look in to insurance coverage for domestic partners. Motion passed with one Nay vote.

Strategic Direction 1 (continued):

Director of the Native American Center, Yvonne Bilenski, gave an extensive report on the accomplishments, the challenges, and future plans for the Native American Center.

Dean of Natural and Behavioral Sciences, Dr. John Ninnemann, reported on the status of student undergraduate research at the College and the benefits to the students. His report included information regarding the Second Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium.

Strategic Direction 2:

Carol Smith, Dean of Enrollment Management and General Education, along with Andy Burns, Director of Admission, gave an update on enrollment projections for Fall 2007. Andy elaborated on activities underway to increase the yield for fall, such as Preview Weekend for Admitted Students, breakfasts and luncheons with Denver area high school counselors, increased communication with admitted students, enhanced financial aid packages, new website and student blogs, etc.

Capital Construction Report:

Steve Schwartz reported that the Long Bill had gone to the Governor. It contains \$1.5 million for the first phase of Berndt Hall and monies for two controlled maintenance projects on campus. As requested by the Finance Committee, Proposed Project Timelines were given to the Trustees, denoting all phases of each capital construction project currently on the table (Union Building, Residence Hall, and Berndt Hall). Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of each project.

Chairman Silva requested Fred Kuhlwilm to present the proposed motion for inclusion in the Board's Policies and Procedures Manual relative to the delegation of Presidential authority to the Provost. The motion follows:

Moved that the job description of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in the Board's Manual of Policies and Procedures, Section 4, at page 4-6, be amended to add the following sentences at the end of the first paragraph of the job description:

In the event of the President's death, disability, prolonged absence or other inability to perform the duties of his/her position, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall assume the powers, duties and responsibilities of the position of the President of the College. The President or the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall notify immediately the Board Chair that the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has assumed the duties of the President.

Brian Bissell moved that the job description of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in the Board's Manual of Policies and Procedures, Section 4, at page 4-6, be amended as stated above. Brayton Thomas Thurber seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Pat Noyes moved for adjournment, with a second by Brian Bissell.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.