

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FORT LEWIS COLLEGE
November 9, 2007
Teleconference Meeting

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Call to Order

Chairman Leonel Silva convened the teleconference meeting of the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College at 10:00 a.m.

Trustees Participating:

Leonel Silva, Chairman; Richard Ballantine; Brian Bissell; Linda Campbell; Peter Decker; Bridget Irish; Anna Mekeel; Pat Noyes; and 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; Fred Kuhlwilm, Legal Counsel; Peggy Sharp, Deputy Secretary & Executive Assistant to the President; Michele Peterson, Budget Director; and Mike Larson, Audio Consultant.

ACTION/CONSENT:

Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees for Fort Lewis College

Fred Kuhlwilm, Legal Counsel, noted the following correction on Page 8. The paragraph related to Brian Bissell's motion authorizing supplemental pay for Peggy Sharp should read as follows:

“... supplemental pay for the same period in the amount of \$1,500 per month to Peggy Sharp.”

Tom Schilling moved for approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees as amended. Pat Noyes seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION/NON-CONSENT:

Approval of the Master Enterprise Bond Resolution

Steve Schwartz, Vice President for Finance & Administration, called on Fred Marienthal, Bond Counsel with Kutak Rock, and Vicki Mattox, Financial Advisor/Underwriter with Stifel Nicholas, who were participating via phone, to provide a more extensive explanation of the Master Resolution and its purpose. The Master Enterprise Bond Resolution provides a framework under which all future bonds for Fort Lewis College

will be issued. They elaborated extensively on the various facets and details of the document and responded to questions from the Trustees. Brian Bissell moved for approval of the Master Enterprise Bond Resolution. Peter Decker seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of the First Supplemental Resolution

Fred Marienthal and Vicki Mattox further described the purpose for the First Supplemental Resolution and the authorization encompassed in the Resolution. The First Supplemental Resolution and the accompanying documents contain the detail of the specific transaction for financing the Union and Residence Hall projects, as well as refinancing the College's current debt. The Resolution also provided the not-to-exceed parameters of the bond sale. Following discussion, Peter Decker moved for approval of the First Supplemental Resolution, with a second by Richard Ballantine. Motion carried.

Personnel Action: Approval of Reappointment of the Head Coach of the Fort Lewis College Men's Basketball Team and Execution of a Proposed Three-year Employment Contract

President Brad Bartel explained the need for Board approval of issuance of a multi-year contract for staff. Fred Kuhlwilm, Legal Counsel, expanded on the content of this contract and responded to questions. Peter Decker moved to approve the reappointment of the head men's basketball coach and execution of a proposed three-year employment contract. Richard Ballantine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Calendar Corrections:

- Regular Meeting Date for June corrected to Friday, June 20, 2008

Additions to Calendar:

- Holiday BOT Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007
- Commencement Dinner scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2007
- Dinner at Peter & Deedee Decker's post Legislative Reception on Monday, February 4, 2008

Committee Reports

Academic & Student Affairs Committee

Pat Noyes, Chair, reported that the committee had not met, but will meet following adjournment of today's Board meeting to review Performance Contract reports and new degree proposals.

External Affairs Committee

Tom Schilling, Chair – no report.

Finance Committee

Richard Ballantine, Committee Chair -- no report.

Performance & Audit Committee

Peter Decker, Chair, stated that the Performance & Audit Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the President's Conference Room. Steve Schwartz announced that Cheryl Wiescamp has been hired as the Internal Auditor and will start this Monday, November 12. She currently is the Financial Manager for the Fort Lewis College Foundation.

Standing Reports

Faculty Representative Report

Bridget Irish announced the Dr. Charles "Chuck" Riggs, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, will be her successor as Faculty Representative next summer. The next selection for the Common Reading Experience is *Three Cups of Tea*. The author, Greg Mortenson, will be on campus on September 18th. She also announced that the Common Reading Experience and the League of Women Voters are co-sponsoring a town hall meeting on Saturday, November 10th, in an effort to involve more community participation in the Common Reading Experience program.

Student Representative Report

No report as Anna Mekeel was only able to stay on the teleconference for a brief time since she was traveling with the volleyball team to a tournament.

Legal Counsel Report

Fred Kuhlwilm stated he would have a written report for the December meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & UPDATE

President Bartel thanked everyone for their thoughts and support during his recent medical procedure and treatment.

Provost Steve Roderick reported on the status of the three Dean searches and also on the searches in progress for a Library Director and for the Registrar. In addition President Bartel stated that Dean John Ninnemann is chairing the search for a Director of the Center for Southwest Studies and Trustee Ballantine has agreed to be on this committee.

President Bartel stated that he is monitoring the enrollment management efforts and that a branding study is being planned to assist in marketing the College.

At the conclusion of the President's report, Chairman Silva called for a motion to adjourn. Peter Decker so moved and Brian Bissell seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.