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Mr. A. E. Saunders, Chairman
Board of Trustees
The Evergreen State College
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Dear ~~Mr~~ Saunders: *al*

It is now apparent that legislation, introduced at my executive request, to provide for a voting student member on boards of regents and trustees will not be approved this session. However, the concerns which motivated me to have such legislation introduced have not declined but have if anything become more acute.

I urge you and the members of your board to develop some kind of official, continuing communications with the student body. This can best be done, it seems to me, if a student representative designated by the student body were to be allowed to sit with the board and participate (but not vote) at all of its meetings, public and executive. Anything less would amount to a charade at worst and tokenism at best. I believe the interchange of ideas and the opportunity for mutual understanding of both common and divergent problems far outweighs any risks of possible damage to established tradition.

I would be pleased to hear from you as to your views on this subject and what action your board will take.

Sincerely,

Dave

Daniel J. Evans
Governor

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While this obviously doesn't apply yet, this letter is going to all boards of trustees. Any ideas you have would be welcome