Organizational meeting

The first meeting of the Board was called to order by Governor Daniel J. Evans in the Board Room at 2:00 P.M. All appointed members were present.

Attendance

Governor: Daniel J. Evans

Board Members:
- Two Year Term: Trueman L. Schmidt, Olympia, Vice-President, Olympia Brewery
- Three Year Term: Alfred E. Saunders, Tacoma, President, Puget Sound National Bank
- Four Year Term: Mary Ellen McCaffree, Seattle, State Representative, 32A District
- Five Year Term: Halvor Halvorson, Spokane, General Contractor
- Six Year Term: Roger F. Camp, Vancouver, President, 1st Federal Savings & Loan

Invited Guests:
- Gordon Sandison, Port Angeles, State Senator 24th District
- Harry B. Lewis, Olympia, State Senator, 22nd District
- Mary Stuart Lux, Olympia, Representative 22nd District
- Hal Wolf, Yelm, Representative 22nd District
- Howard Burnham, Vancouver, Member Temporary Advisory Council on Public Higher Education
- Dr. Garrett Heyns, Olympia, President, Southwest Washington State College Committee
- Mrs. Ralph C. Brown, Olympia, Vice-President, Southwest Washington State College Committee
- Leroy M. Hittle, Olympia, Promotion & Publicity for Southwest Washington State College Committee
- Robert I. Tenney, Olympia, Member Southwest Washington State College Committee

Press:
- Dale Nelson, Associated Press, Olympia
- Mike Layton, Daily Olympian, Olympia
- Robert Cour, Seattle Post Intelligencer
- Robert C. Cummings, Tacoma News Tribune

Governor's Staff: David W. Peyton
Governor Evans called the meeting to order and commended the Trustees for accepting their appointments. He said that "the need for a new college is obvious", based on the prediction for a heavy increase in population, especially in the college-age group. He added that plans should be developed so as to accept the first students "at the earliest possible moment."

He proposed that the Board of Trustees meet with Trustees of the three existing state colleges to provide an integrated program of higher education. He said that the new college, since it is to be located near the State Capitol, can serve some of the needs of state government and the state government can serve some of the needs of the college. He said that this was an opportunity for interaction between state government and an institution of Higher Education.

The Governor announced that the first order of business was for the Board of Trustees to organize itself and that nominations were open for the Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Saunders nominated Mr. Schmidt. On motion of Mrs. McCaffree, a unanimous vote was cast for Mr. Schmidt as Chairman.

Governor Evans said that among the initial responsibilities of the Board were the selection of a site within 10 miles of the city limits of Olympia by December 1, 1967 and the naming of a President and staff. He approved the idea of engaging a retired college president on a temporary basis if necessary.

The Governor introduced Dr. Heyns and Mr. Hittle and commended them for their leadership in organizing community support for the location of the new college in the Olympia area. He asked Mr. Hittle to present the Board with background information.

Mr. Hittle described activities of the Southwest Washington State College Committee composed of Thurston and Mason County residents and presented members of the Board with copies of the following publications:


5. "Initial Planning and Cost Considerations for a new State College" by Frederic T. Giles, Professor of Higher Education, U. of W.

6. Thurston County map, showing 11 possible sites that were suggested by various persons to the Southwest Washington State College Committee. These suggestions were passed on without recommendation.
Senator Sandison reviewed the legislative background of the college; related how the Temporary Advisory Council was created by the 39th legislature to study the problem; reported on activities of the Council during 1965 and 1966 leading to its recommendation that a new college be established in Thurston County, and told how that recommendation was eventually enacted into law by the 40th Legislature (Chapter 47, Laws of 1967).

He said that it was not the intent of the Legislature that this be just another four-year college, that it was an unique opportunity to meet the needs of the students of today and the future because the planning would not be bound by any rigid structure of tradition as are the existing colleges nor by any over-all central authority as is the case in many states.

Governor Evans reviewed the appropriations for the new college; $905,000.00 for the site and $500,000.00 for start-up expenses, $15,000,000.00 for the first phase of construction if the Bond Issue is approved by the voters in November, 1968. He said that money was available for a Firm of Consultants to help select the site and that he thought more money could be obtained if the appropriation for acquisition of property was not sufficient.

Senator Lewis commended the Trustees for their willingness to give of their time and energy to serve the state through the establishment of the new college. He emphasized that here was an opportunity for a new college concept. He suggested that the Trustees look at other new colleges, such as those at Albany, New York and Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Burnham explained the criteria that were developed by the Temporary Advisory Council to measure the potential of various areas in the state. He said that members of the Council visited 13 counties before concluding that the best area would be that described as "in Thurston County within 10 miles of the city of Olympia". He reported in detail on 11 specific sites which had been inspected to determine that there were available and suitable locations within the area described although the Council made no recommendation as to any order of preference in relation to these or other sites.

Mr. Camp presented the following and moved its adoption:

STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO SITE SELECTION

The 40th Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Washington enacted Engrossed House Bill No. 596 on March 6, 1967 which was subsequently passed by the Senate, March 7, 1967 and approved March 21, 1967 by the Governor.

Page 2, lines 17-19 establishes a new four year State College.
Page 2, line 33 and page 3, lines 1-3 defines the area within which the college will be located. Further, the Board of Trustees shall study, examine and select such site prior to December 1, 1967.

The objectives of the Board in site selection will include but not be limited to:

1. Requirement of not less than 600 acres within approximately 10 miles of the city limits of the city of Olympia. (This requirement is stipulated by the Bill)

2. Prospect of future site growth.
3. Cost

4. Current and proposed transportation network.

5. Proximity to community and regional facilities which would enhance the activities of the faculty, staff and student body.

6. Adaptability of terrain to facilitate advantageous and economic use of the site.

These items, 1-6, are not listed in sequence of priority. They are listed only to illustrate the scope of study which is involved in site selection.

It is the intent of the Board to establish standards of criteria with assistance from several sources, including, but not limited to, professional research firms, Thurston County Board of Realtors, State Highway Commission, the Universities and other colleges.

Upon the approval of the standards of criteria, the Board will examine proposed sites. The standards of criteria will be graded by degrees of priority. The site selection will be accomplished within the time frame. However, the Board is most concerned that the final selection must not be determined in a hasty or emotional manner.

The Board sincerely appreciates the interest of citizens and groups of Thurston County citizens in the site selection. The Board trusts that this statement will clarify to the Governor, the Legislature and the citizens of the state our interest to proceed in an orderly fashion with a site selection which will result in furthering higher education in the state.

The statement of policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

RCESS RECONVENED AT 4:12 P.M.

Mrs. McCaffree was nominated and elected Secretary.

Mr. Halvorson moved, seconded by Mr. Camp, that Mr. Peyton be requested to contact Representative Tom Copeland to obtain office space (with telephone and secretary) in the Legislative Building. Motion carried.

Mrs. McCaffree moved that Mr. Peyton be asked to request the Budget Director to assign a Budget consultant and that he be at the next Meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Halvorson moved that Mr. Peyton be asked to request the Attorney General to assign an Assistant Attorney General to the Board and that he be at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt appointed Mr. Halvorson to be Chairman of a Site Selection Committee.

Chairman Schmidt appointed Mr. Camp as Chairman of a Subcommittee to seek and interview candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Board of Trustees.
TRUEMAN L. SCHMIDT, CHAIRMAN

MARY ELLEN MCCAFFREE, SECRETARY