

Board differs in vote to support Johnson

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The College Board of Education defeated a motion to unanimously support President Joe Johnson through recent controversies, indicating they wanted to wait until the Climate Commission reported to the board, in a meeting on Oct. 11. Member Larry Wright, who made the motion, left the meeting in protest after the vote. Chair Ron Adams, Vice Chair Keith Bidstrup and Board Member Charles Clemans voted no on the motion; Wright and Board Member Jess Smith voted yes. Before the vote, Wright praised Johnson for his continuous work at the college. Also, Wright said that

Johnson is one of the best presidents this college has seen. Wright continued in saying that the allegations against Johnson were a "crime" and a "travesty."

Johnson went on personal leave Oct. 2. According to Executive Assistant Kathleen Smith, there is still no definite date for when President Johnson will return. Dian Connett, vice president of instructional services, is supposed to be back at the college next Monday, according to Executive Assistant Janis Rosenlof. Connett has been on personal leave since Sept. 7.

The Climate Commission was formed Sept. 13 by the College Board of Education and will assess concerns regarding both leadership and campus communications.

Wright voted no on the formation of the Climate Commission

during September's board meeting.

At Wednesday's board meeting, a tentative schedule was announced for the Climate Commission. The survey will be distributed to the campus on Oct. 25 and returned on Oct. 31. The results are scheduled to be announced at the Dec. 13 board meeting.

Ten of the college deans sent Johnson a letter on Sept. 12 asking him to step down.

The Clackamas Print sent the Board of Education and President Joe Johnson a Freedom of Information Act request Oct. 6, asking for a copy of the deans' letter.

As of press time, Johnson has yet to respond to *The Print's* request.

The College Board President responded to *The Print's* request, saying they also have yet to see the deans' letter.

Accreditation states approval of Clackamas

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Institutional strengths and weaknesses of Clackamas were shared by the accreditation team to mark the end of their visit last Friday.

Dr. Jill Wakefield, a representative for the accreditation team announced the team's four commendations and three recommendations.

The first commendation made by Wakefield regarded Clackamas' "commitment to supporting access to learning as evidenced by expanded on-line deliveries, high school articulation efforts, flexible scheduling and outreach efforts to the English language learning community."

The second commendation concerned efforts made to respond to business and industry needs in the community by partnering with local area employers and unions.

Third, "The college is commended for its connection to the community as evidenced by the success of the foundation in raising funds to support students and programs," said Wakefield.

"Clackamas was also acknowledged for the beauty of the campus and "the way new facilities have been designed to support student learning in informal and

formal settings," said Wakefield. "The college is also commended on the planning, acquisition and utilization of resources that enabled it to build six new buildings since 2000."

Despite Clackamas' long list of commendations, the accreditation team had three recommendations to make.

"While assessment was conducted at the course level, the committee did not find evidence that student learning outcomes are identified, published and assessed for transfer degrees," said Wakefield. "The committee

recommends that the college identify, publish and systematically assess the expected learning outcome for its transfer degrees."

Second, "The committee recommends that the institution systematically apply evaluation and planning procedures and assess to the extent to which it fulfills its mission

and achieves its goals, and periodically publish its results for its constituents," said Wakefield.

Finally, the team pointed out that while many areas of Clackamas have rapidly grown in complexity, they have not been accompanied by adequate financial management, tools and control.

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Jill Wakefield,
Accreditation team member

Soccer shakes off Clark College



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Clackamas defender Lauren Elliott (5) fights for the ball during last Saturday's come from behind victory against Clark College. The Cougars were down 0-1 at half but won 5-2.

Barlow parking lot, car break-in worries student

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Confidence in the safety of the Barlow parking lot has been shaken.

On Oct. 10, after having classes from 9:45 a.m. to 4:17 p.m., Mistymarie (who wishes her last name not be mentioned), walked to her car parked behind Barlow Hall and found that it had been broken into.

Her doors and trunk were open, and her passenger window had been pried loose from its seal. After noticing that her stereo unit and face plate were missing, she called campus security and filed a report.

"Historically [the Barlow parking lot] has been a problem for us," said Peter Kandratieff, a campus security officer. "There is not one vantage point... unless, of course, you are on a roof."

Kandratieff pointed out that the Barlow lot is especially difficult to secure because of its considerable size, its multiple access points and the cover it

receives from trees.

"Funding," said Kandratieff, is the only reason surveillance cameras have yet to be installed. "It's a trend among a lot of colleges and universities."

Even though there is a proactive security committee that meets once a month and addresses security concerns around campus, there are no immediate plans to install any security devices.

Until then, Mistymarie has decided to park in the two-hour parking when she can, or count on luck to find a stall close to her classes.

"It bothers me, but, at the same time, there is really nothing that I can do about it because I have to go to school to get an education," said Mistymarie. "This is the only place where I can come, so, it's a little disappointing."

Campus safety does not have any official suspects at this time, though they are working with the Oregon City Police Department closely to solve this particular case and ones similar to it.