

Sehome Hill board of Governors  
February 15th 2024

1. **Meeting called to order at 4:05pm:** John Tuxill, Kendra Bradford, Jenna Kelling, Joan Drinkwin, Steve Hollenhorst, David Engebretsen, Kate Venus, Nick Leader, Travis Tennessen, Caryn Regimbal
2. **Land acknowledgement:**
  - John T. read the boards land acknowledgement
3. **Agenda updates:**
  - Work parties in the Arboretum
  - Public comment period
4. **Minutes from November's meeting were adopted with motion Steve H. by and second by**
5. **Existing buisness:**
  - Public comment period: Discussion about how we should hold this time period. Time limits suggest about 3 minutes per person, and held at the beginning of the meeting. Will be recorded into the minutes. No public comments
  - Update on the new website: David has a new group of students working on the website. We will possibly review it in our next meeting and give our feedback. Students will maybe be adding information on the history but unsure of what else they will add or change. Getting closer to being able to add the history about the native people whose land this is but not quite yet. Board needs to look at the website to see if they have any recommendations or changes to the website by the next meeting, then we will review it and approve what changes we believe should be made. Hope is that David can publish it if not by March then April.
  - Kiosk insulation: four new kiosks and the new maps are in the works.
  - John brought up the primary documents, and the by-laws of the arboretum. By-laws and interlocal agreement is under review to

include the longhouse. These were reviewed and revised last in 2013. John suggested a revision on the position section of the by-laws to include a new position for a person from the long house community. Decision on how to appoint the new member, either making it a WWU appointed person or an addition of a board member from 8 to 9 members. Members are suggested to look over all documents and flag where there might be a need for revision and we will address it in the next meeting.

- Two open board positions: Nick leader has applied for an open city position, and Travis Tennessen has applied for the open University position. Heard from Both Travis and Nick on who they are and what they want/ their goals for the Arboretum. Joan motioned to recommend both Nick to the mayor and Travis to the university president, all board members approved. John wants to give a formal thanks to Grace for her work and time on the board.

**6. Meeting was adjourned at**