

May 8th, 2019

Dear Evergreen State College Board of Trustees.

We disapprove of how the budget has been recently allocated—causing 10 lifeguards of the Evergreen State College pool to lose their jobs, the closing down of numerous art facilities such as the costume shop and experimental theater, and the laying off of both staff and faculty in the arts. Meanwhile, the administrative overhead budget remains high in terms of its funding.

We find that these cuts have critically damaged the college, as enrollment dropped significantly in Fall 2018 after over 20 positions were cut primarily in the arts. We do not want the college to close because of these undemocratic decisions that the top administration, including you all, make regarding the future of this institution.

We are concerned members of the community and rank and file members of the Industrial Workers of the World South Sound General Education Union.

We Demand:

- **A \$1 million cut from the Administrative Overhead section of the Evergreen State College Budget, with at least half of the college president's salary being included in that cut. This money will fund our other demands.**
- **The full, public reopening of the Evergreen State College pool as a worker-ran cooperative without any staff from an outside company, holding the same hours as the Costantino Recreation Center on campus. All 10 lifeguards must be offered their jobs back.**
- **The rehiring of all faculty in the arts and metal works who contracts were not renewed in 2018. All laid off faculty must be offered their jobs back.**
- **The reopening of the color processor and color dark rooms in Photoland, the costume shop, the experimental theater, and the scene shop. All the staff who maintained these facilities and were laid off in 2018 must be offered their jobs back.**

If meaningful action is not taken to meet these demands within the next fourteen days, further action will be taken. Notify the IWW South Sound General Education Union when you have fulfilled these demands.

Sincerely,

The Industrial Workers of the World South Sound General Education Union
olyiwwgened@protonmail.com

