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(Attachment IV.A.)

Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 4, 1997
9:00 a.m.
Cheney Campus
Pence Union Building
Room 263-65

Board Members Present

Mrs. Jean L. Beschel
Mr. Al Brisbois
Mr. Michael C. Ormsby
Dr. Julian J. Torres, Jr.

Board Members Not Present

Mr. John V. Geraghty, Jr.
Mr. Joe W. Jackson, Chair
Mr. James L. Kirschbaum, Vice Chair

Staff Present

Dr. William Barber, Assistant to the President
Dr. Alex Cameron, Associate Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
Ms. Kathy Fleming, Vice President of Bargaining Unit I
Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President and Provost
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for Advancement
Ms. Pat Kelley, Dean of Libraries
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice Provost for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management
Mr. Tom McArthur, President of Local 931
Sgt. John Murphy, EWU Campus Police
Ms. Angelika M. O'Neill, Administrative Assistant to the President
Ms. Gayle Ogden, Associate Vice President of Development and Charitable Estate Planning
Mr. Michael Nelson, Auditor
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Mr. William Shaw, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael S. Stewart, Vice President for Business and Finance
LTC. Alan Westfield, Chair of Department of Military Science
Ms. Leslie Younger, Computer Services Consultant

Faculty Present

Dr. Dana Elder, President of Faculty Organization

Students Present

Mr. Dean Dunham, President of ASEWU
Ms. Harmony Frederick, EWU Student and Staff Writer for the Easterner
Ms. Tiffany LaMonte, EWU Student and Member of the ASEWU Council

Guests Present

Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Jim Reinbold, City Manager of the City of Cheney
Ms. Amy Soeey, Executive Director of the Cheney Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. - Mrs. Beschel

Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Kirschbaum and Mr. Geraghty were excused from the meeting. Mrs. Beschel chaired the meeting.

Mrs. Beschel called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

No Trustees' reports.

President's Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization Report, III.B.1. - Dr. Elder

No Faculty Organization report.

Associated Students, III.B.2. - Mr. Dunham

ASEWU President Dean Dunham announced the results of the recently held ASEWU general election. The slate of next year's officers is as follows: LaShund Lambert, President; Strider D. Denison, Executive Vice President; Kimberly Alverson, Finance Vice President; Aaron Gutierrez, Academic Affairs; Casey Curtis, Athletic Affairs; Frank Klarich, Legislative Affairs; Denny Caldwell, Public Relations; Terra Miller, Student Activities; Allison Powell, Student Health Services; Gail M. Nitta, Student Services; Kevin Oaks, Transportation and Safety; and Amy Smith, University Advancement.

Mr. Dunham noted that the Associated Students presented this year's Faculty-of-the-Year Award to Dr. Diane Azim, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, at the Founder's Day Convocation. The award is given each year in recognition of special faculty and their dedication to students. Honorable mentions were awarded to: Dr. Anthony Flinn, Assistant Professor of English; Dr. Robin McRae, Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Dr. Arne Sippola, Associate Professor of Education; Ms. Ann Teberg, Associate Professor of Education; and Mr. Craig Mason, Visiting Assistant Professor of Government.

A student health services plan with the Rockwood Clinic is expected to be implemented before the fall of 1997. The plan chosen is the so-called "hard waiver plan" under which students must provide proof of insurance to get a "waiver" for the otherwise mandatory student health services fee.

The City of Cheney has extended the lease for the Wren Pierson Building as a day care facility for next academic year, 1997-98. The legislature has voted down a proposed bill which would

have set aside funds for an on-campus child care facility. The question remains as to what will be done after the extension period expires.

A variety of activities, programs and events have been planned for Spring quarter. One of the highlights is the upcoming "World Party," scheduled for April 26. Mr. Dunham invited everyone to attend.

President's Report, III.B.3. - Dr. Drummond

In response to Mr. Dunham's statement regarding child care, Dr. Drummond noted that a group from the Women's Commission is working with students, staff, faculty and persons from the Vice President for Business and Finance on a solution for the child care issue.

President Drummond introduced Dr. John Schleede, the newly appointed Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, effective July 1. Dr. Schleede is currently Associate Dean of the College of Business at Central Michigan University.

The IBM main frame computer was shut down on March 24. Administration and students now share one system, increasing the available computer output.

The Education Department received full accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education through the year 2001.

Dr. Drummond and Dr. Edmund Yarwood, Dean of the College of Letters, Art and Social Sciences, recently visited nine universities in three Southeast Asian countries and Japan and signed five agreements with universities allowing 1) international students to study at Eastern and 2) Eastern's students to study abroad.

Leo Simpson, Professor of Management and Chair of the EWU Department of Management, has been named Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship in Eastern's College of Business and Public Administration.

Larry Denny, Professor of Technology, was named Engineer of the Year for 1997 by the Spokane Chapter 248 of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, an international organization which promotes the education of engineers and engineering technologies. Professor Denny was cited for his pursuit of excellence in vocational/technical education and for being the driving force behind the formation of SME Student Chapter 202 at Eastern.

Robert Ridings, Associate professor of English, has edited Inland, the Journal of the Inland Council of Teachers of English, and the Idaho Council of Teachers of English for the past three years. This year, Dr. Ridings' journal was awarded first prize among the eighteen competing journals--the runners-up were journals published by state affiliates of Arizona and Iowa.

Ursula Hegi, Professor of English, has been invited to appear on the Oprah's Book Club on the Oprah Winfrey Show, on April 8 to discuss her book, "Stones from the River."

Dr. William Youngs, Professor of History, published the book titled, "The Fair and the Falls," a book about "Expo '74." A book signing party will be held on April 9.

Dr. Drummond thanked Mr. Mike Stewart, Vice President for Business and Finance, and everyone who was involved in this year's Founder's Day preparation. He applauded Mr. Stewart also for the successful completion of the Showalter Hall Auditorium renovation.

John Friesz, Seattle Seahawks Quarterback, will be guest speaker at the April 30th President's Council luncheon.

The second week in April has been declared American Indian Awareness Week on campus, featuring a wide variety of events and ending with the annual POW POW on Saturday, April 12, at the Pavilion.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the February 28, 1997, Board of Trustees Meeting, IV.A. - Mrs. Beschel

Dr. Torres noted a change to the minutes. *Motion #02-02-97, Strategic Plan, Agenda Item IV.B.*, was second by Dr. Torres rather than NONE.

Motion #04-01-97: "I move that the minutes of the February 28, 1997, Board of Trustees' meeting be approved as corrected."

Motion by Mr. Brisbois; second by Dr. Torres; approved unanimously.

Information Items, V.

Enrollment Projection Update, V.A. - Dr. Levin-Stankevich

Dr. Levin-Stankevich, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, gave a brief update on enrollment projections and presented statistics showing enrollment trends and projections. Eastern is addressing the issues of student recruitment and retention and has developed various ways to improve, i.e.: increased direct mail to students, increased faculty involvement, added technology, telemarketing, westside recruitment, housing cost reduction, financial aid and scholarships, improved publications.

He stated that the results of a survey recently conducted of those students who were admitted for the fall 1996 freshman class but who did not enroll at Eastern, point to a number of reasons for not selecting Eastern among them financial considerations, housing availability and desirability of other institutions.

Commencement Update, V.B. - Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman, Senior Vice President and Provost, reported on a recently held forum for students, faculty, staff and administrators to discuss changes in the celebration of Commencement at Eastern. In past years, Eastern Washington University has held one large Commencement ceremony followed by a series of convocations. This year, the university will hold two separate Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 14, 1997--a morning event (8:30 a.m.) for the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences together with the College of Education and Human Development and an afternoon event (1:30 p.m.) for the College of Business and Public Administration along with the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology. Each Commencement ceremony will include a formal academic procession of students and faculty and all the ceremonial traditions associated with the former all-university event, including a message delivered by either the university president or guest speaker. An all-university barbecue in the Mall is scheduled between and overlapping the two events. Some colleges may also schedule separate receptions.

The reason for the changes is to make Commencement a student-focused event, a dignified and joyous ceremony that students want it to be. Graduating students and next year's seniors will be consulted to see how they like the two-ceremony plan and held in the Pavilion, the one campus facility large enough to accommodate the colleges.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

New Business: Current Budget Situation

Mr. Ormsby summarized Eastern's current budget situation as discussed at the Finance Committee held prior to the Board meeting. The Board asked the administration to hold bi-monthly Finance Committee meetings over the next few months to keep the Board informed of budgetary developments.

No motion needed.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

Executive Session, VII.

Mrs. Beschel called an executive session from 10:15 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

Personnel Actions, VIII.*

Mrs. Beschel entertained a motion to approve personnel matters.

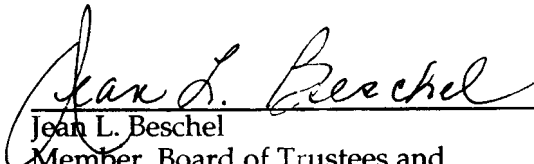
Motion #04-04-97: "I move that the personnel actions and the addendum as presented by the Administration be approved."

Motion made by Mr. Ormsby; second by Dr. Torres; approved unanimously.

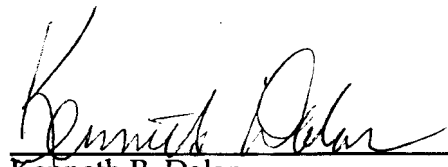
Dr. Drummond announced that the June Board of Trustees meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 24, and will be held in Spokane at the Spokane Center.

Adjournment, IX.

Mrs. Beschel adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.



Jean L. Beschel
Member, Board of Trustees and
Acting Chair



Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary