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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Friday**  
**May 14, 2015**  
**MINUTES**

Trustees Present:

Michael Finley  
Uriel Iñiguez  
JoAnn Kauffman  
James Murphy  
Frank Navarro  
Paul Tanaka  
Robert Whaley  
Vicki Wilson

**Business and Finance**

Debt Report

Toni Habegger and Susan Musselman provided the Board of Trustee members with the May 2015 Debt Report. They reviewed the University's current bond outstanding debt; the internal debt practices; the University's Moody's Bond Ratings; the University's debt ratios and comparisons; the auxiliary bonds; and, the debt and continuing disclosure policies. The full Debt Report is provided to the Board of Trustees annually.

Legislative Update

Mr. David Buri provided an update on the 2015 Washington State legislative session. The session ended April 30, but currently they are two weeks into a special session. Mr. Buri provided the Board with an historical overview of the three budgets: Governor, Senate, and the House, but he could provide no definite numbers because the session has not concluded. He also briefed the Board regarding the impact of the Running Start legislation.

**Committee of the Whole**

Chair Jo Ann Kauffman called the May 14, 2015, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 9:35 a.m.

PUB Update

Vice President Mary Voves and Dr. Amy Johnson provided the Board with a timeline for the renovation of the Pence Union building (PUB). Students voted on February 24 to approve fees to issue bonds, and details of the fee will be outlined in the upcoming budget presentation. The PUB will remain open the entire time of the renovation, but some services will temporarily move. The plan is to break ground in spring. The university has a policy for naming buildings, as Trustee Tanaka raised the question as to protocol for naming buildings.

### FY2016 Operating and Capital Budgets

Vice President Voves provided a presentation comprising of the 2015-17 operating and capital budget, a first read of the proposed budget to the Board of Trustees. Since the budget has not been passed by the Washington State Legislature, VP Voves explained that she could share what we know for now although it is not final. She began with a budget overview and background on funding history. Although we are healthy, strong and continue to grow, the state continues to reduce funding allocations. Declining state investment in deferred maintenance and capital funding presents a major issue for the future. Net reduction since 2009-11 is 37%. For this biennia, best case scenario, tuition will be frozen; worst case scenario, we will be asked to reduce tuition. Budget instructions to units and departments included five percent reduction scenarios, although the governor's budget called for 15% reductions. VP Voves reviewed the budget process and recommendations submitted by the University Budget Committee (UBC) and the funding recommendations approved by the President. The 2016 operating and capital budget will move forward for final approval at the June 26, 2015, EWU Board of Trustees' meeting.

### EWU Students

President Cullinan introduced two students to the Board. Mikaila Leyva is from Everett, Washington; her major is International Affairs with a minor in Spanish. She has received a fellowship for attending graduate school. Amy Nuñez is from Yakima, Washington, and her major is Spanish and Literacy and Elementary Education. She received the Trustees' Scholarship. Both students thanked the Board for their EWU experiences.

### New, Revised, and Repealed Policies

Ms. Laurie Connelly explained the policy items.

1. EWU 801-01, President's Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate. This policy revises committee purpose, modifies committee membership, and clarifies committee responsibilities.
2. EWU Policy 403-03, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). This policy redefines 'spouse' to coincide with federal law; it clarifies leave use for married employees to better comply with federal law; addresses leave use for expectant mothers to comply with federal law; and adds option for employees to decline use of FMLA as established by case law in the 9th Circuit.
3. EWU Policy 202-04, University Fee Approval, updates the description of mandatory fees.
4. WAC 172-64, Alcohol Policy at Eastern Washington University, revises rules related to alcohol in residence halls, clarifies identification of university-owned private residences, adds a requirement for food or snacks to be provided where alcohol is served, and clarifies alcohol rules for employees and/or students when participating in a university sponsored group trip.
5. WAC 172-90, Student Academic Integrity, WAC 172-121 Student Conduct Code), revises university rules to assign authority to the provost to suspend or expel students for violations, adds an academic hearing process for cases involving possible suspension or expulsion, and includes several minor revisions to increase clarity.
6. EWU Policy 402-04, Investigations of Employees for Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Domestic Violence, Relationship, Violence, and Stalking, establishes a university policy to comply with legal requirements.

7. EWU Policy 502-03, Student Newspaper, clarifies the university's commitment to the freedom of the newspaper staff to control newspaper content, adds student guidelines regarding newspaper content, provides university responsibilities for administrative support, clarifies newspaper funding to coincide with current practices, clarifies the role and responsibilities of the faculty advisor to the newspaper, and revises the composition and responsibilities of the Board of Student Publications.
8. EWU Policy 204-06, Supplemental Parking Permits, clarifies issue and control and provides for periodic policy review.
9. UGS Policy Repealers (240-020, 240-040, 240-060), Information Technology, relates to OIT operations and activities that are more appropriate to the internal policies of OIT.
10. UGS Policy 100-060-100, Repealer - EWU Women's Commission, the policies will be established by the university president given the Commission is appointed by and reports to the university president.

The Board moved into Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.