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## Board of Trustees Minutes, January 24, 2014

Eastern Washington University

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**

**Friday**  
**January 24, 2013**

**MINUTES**

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair  
Mark Mays, Vice Chair  
Uriel Iñiguez  
Jo Ann Kauffman  
Michael O'Donnell  
James Murphy  
Robert Whaley  
Vicki Wilson

**Call to Order, I.**

Chair Tanaka called the January 24, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:30 a.m.

**Quorum, II.**

A quorum was present. All trustees were in attendance.

**Executive Session, III.**

Chair Tanaka announced the Board will convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the following purposes: to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential litigation. Also, the Board will plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or will review the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress, which is exempt pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. Executive session concluded at 1:10 p.m.

**Reconvene Open Meeting**

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the January 24, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 p.m.

## **Reports, IV.**

### University President's Report, IV.A.

President Arévalo reported on some of the activities he attended since the last board meeting which included attending Eastern's Career day to speak to more than 600 students of color to encourage them to plan for college. He also commented on the successful dedication of Patterson Hall that included attendance by area legislators. Dr. Arévalo also spoke at ASEWU's DREAM Act rally. He referred to his written report for further information of this reporting period. Dr. Arévalo brought attention to the new annual publication from MarCom, *Engage* magazine. He noted the value of community engagement to faculty, staff, students and our partners in the community through meaningful projects that result in the betterment of a community through internships, community service, collaborative projects, etc.

Dr. Arévalo introduced Dr. Fuller to bring the Board up to date on the topic of creating a College of Health Science and Public Health. Dr. Fuller referred to earlier discussion in Committee of the Whole regarding a number of departments' interest in converting to semesters while the remainder of the university continued on the quarter system. Those same departments have also been consulted with about the new college proposal. All departments involved endorse the plan and desire to move forward. The proposal is set to move through various levels as prescribed by the provided policy and will go to Rules Committee next Tuesday. This college would be headquartered at Riverpoint and would house all of our health science programs. This includes two baccalaureate programs: Communications Disorders (COMD) and Dental Hygiene and the rest would be master's programs and the doctoral in physical therapy (DPT). Dr. Fuller further noted the Washington State Achievement Council (WSAC) has identified three areas where the state is growing: computer science, engineering, and health professions; thus the new college seems a good approach.

Dr. Arévalo then announced he had informed the board during executive session of his plan for retirement, effective July 15, 2014.

Chair Tanaka commented that the trustees would be getting together soon to begin discussion of selecting Eastern's 26<sup>th</sup> president. Mr. Tanaka also looks forward to engaging the Eastern campus community in the process. Trustees thanked Dr. Arévalo for his service noting the transformational change at the University, and they also noted the University has never been more stable.

### Organization President's Reports, IV.B.

#### Faculty Organization, IV.B.1.

Dr. Smith commended Dr. Arévalo on his leadership of the University, especially during the economic crisis. She then began to update the board on general education. Dr. Smith noted the Faculty Organization was behind in having their statement, which should have been provided on January 10. In the next few weeks, she hopes to share a final statement with the board and university leadership. They have also been working on the pilot first year experience. She thanked all involved with the Patterson Hall remodel. For more information, see Dr. Smith's full written report.

#### Classified Staff Union, IV.B.2.

The WFSE had nothing to report this period.

Associated Students, IV.B.3.

President Jigre noted he was very surprised with Dr. Arévalo's retirement announcement and thanked him for his leadership. He welcomed Trustee Iñiguez. He reported on the students' involvement with the DREAM Act Rally and commented on student attendance at their final retreat at Camp Reed. He reported the Ethan Vodde, the ASEWU legislative liaison, is in Olympia and will be advocating for students along with the Washington Student Association. Lastly, he reported on the plan for 50 students to attend Lobby Day in Olympia.

**Public Comment, V.**

There was no public comment.

**Action Items, VI.**

Consent Action Items, VI.

Minutes of the December 3, 2013, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.1.

*Motion 01-01-14: Trustee Murphy moved that the minutes of the December 3, 2013, regular Board of Trustees Meeting be approved.*

*Seconded by Trustee O'Donnell.*

*Motion carried.*

**Summation: Trustee Wrap-up Discussion, VI.**

The Board will keep the campus updated on plans for the presidential transition.

**Adjournment, VII.**

Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 2:10 p.m.

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Paul Tanaka, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary