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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**Friday  
September 27, 2013**

### **MINUTES**

Trustees Present:

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

**Call to Order, I.**

Chair Tanaka called the September 27, 2013, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:32 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)(g)(i) for the following purposes: to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; 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 1:06 p.m.

**Reconvene Open Board of Trustees Meeting**

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the September 27, 2013, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:16 p.m.

## **Reports, IV.**

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

President Arévalo acknowledged two new administrators and welcomed them to their first board meeting: Dr. Charles Lopez and Dr. Neil Woolf.

His report to the board began with mention of a keynote address he provided to the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence in Seattle. The audience included chief diversity officers, presidents and chancellors of institutions throughout the country. His address included discussion of the various methods EWU uses to broaden access and opportunity in the academic community and how to utilize diversity to expand the range and quality of the undergraduate experience.

Dr. Arévalo reported on travel to Tokyo, Japan, to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Asia University America Program (AUAP) along with other four-year college presidents from Washington State. Additionally, a delegate from the Osaka University of Commerce visited EWU due to an interest in developing a student exchange system.

Other international travel included a trip to Limerick, Ireland, and two cities in Germany. The purpose of the trip to Ireland was to rejuvenate a partnership that began in 1994. In addition, the president reported on the development of a new 2+2+1 degree path that will provide students from India with the opportunity to earn an MBA from EWU following the completion of their undergraduate engineering degree in Ireland. President Arévalo also visited Fachhochschule Schmalkalden and Universität Passau in Germany.

Our friends from Fundación Universitaria Juan N. Corpas in Bogotá, Colombia, also visited EWU this summer, and President Arévalo hosted a musical event that featured music from European and Latin composers.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Committee on International Education has asked Dr. Arévalo to be their vice chair for the coming academic year, and he has accepted. The committee helps member campuses respond to the globalization of society and implications for AASCU campuses, faculty, students and curricula.

Dr. Arévalo reported on the annual Welcome Back Breakfast where he provided his state of the university address along with respective presidents of the Faculty Organization, Associated Students of EWU, United Faculty of Eastern, and Washington Federation of State Employees. The breakfast preceded the Pass through the Pillars, marking a student's first steps on campus with a walk through the Herculean Pillars that serve as the entry point to campus. He also reported on a successful new student convocation event.

### Trustees' Reports , IV.B.

Board members provided their reports in Committee of the Whole earlier this morning.

### Organizations President's Reports, I.V.C.

### Faculty Organization, IV.C.1

President Julia Smith reported on the successful visit of Dr. Vincent Tinto, the keynote speaker for our Strategic Planning conference and also mentioned the success of the Welcome Back Breakfast.

Dr. Smith reported the faculty are pleased with the collaboration between faculty and administration on the salary study. She also reported that the Student Success and Retention Committee (SSRC) is hard at work. Over the summer, the General Education Review and Reform Committee finished their white paper. It reviews our current general education system.

The Q2S discussion is considered to be faculty's biggest challenge. The faculty do not see an advantage to switching to semesters, nor do they find relevant data regarding shifts between them.

### Classified Staff Union, I.V.C.2

President Kathleen Warren announced the bargaining team members. She also reported that members of the classified staff were invited and attended the September 7 football game and pregame reception as guests of President Arévalo.

### Associated Students, IV.C.3.

President DJ Jigre reported that ASEWU leadership spent the summer building relationships with faculty and administration and planning their leadership training week. Mr. Jigre also assisted with firstStep orientation by welcoming incoming students and their parents to Eastern. He reported on the three ASEWU goals: 1) Quarters to Semesters – providing an accurate assessment of student opinion; 2) Campus Library Hours – implementing a pilot program to extend library hours for fall quarter; and 3) PUB remodel – polling students on whether they are willing to pay a PUB remodel fee.

### Public Comment, V.

Mr. Wil Parks commented regarding his challenge course business. Vice President Mary Voves will follow up with the Board regarding outcomes.

## **Action Items, VI**

### Consent Action Items, VI.

Minutes of the June 21, 2013, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.1.

Minutes of the July 9, 2013, Special Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.2

Minutes of the August 15, 2013, Special Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.3

**Motion 09-01-2013:** *Trustee Murphy moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.*

*Seconded by Trustee Whaley.*

*Motion carried.*

### Discussion Action Items, VI.B.

## **Supplemental Capital and Operating Requests**

**Motion 09-02-13:** *Trustee Kauffman formally moved for approval of the Supplemental Capital and Operating Requests as presented.*  
*Seconded by Trustee Murphy*  
*Motion carried.*

Naming of the New Residence Hall

**Motion 09-03-2013:** *Trustee Kauffman moved for approval of the name Snyamncut Hall for the new residence hall.*  
*Seconded by Trustee O'Donnell*  
*Motion carried.*

Memorandum of Understanding between the Public School Employees of Washington and Eastern Washington University effective upon approval through August 31, 2014.

**Motion 09-04-2013:** *Trustee Kauffman moved for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Public School Employees of Washington and Eastern Washington University effective upon approval through August 31, 2014.*  
*Seconded by Trustee Whaley*  
*Motion carried.*

Board of Trustees' Officer Elections

**Motion 09-05-2013:** *Trustee Whaley moved that Chair Paul Tanaka remains chair of the board and that Mark Mays continues as vice chair.*  
*Seconded by Trustee Wilson.*  
*Motion carried.*

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

**Adjournment, VII.**

Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Paul Tanaka, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary