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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Friday
June 22, 2012

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Bertha Ortega, Chair
Jo Ann Kauffman
Mark Mays
Kris Mikkelsen
Patrick Spanner
Paul Tanaka, Vice Chair
Robert Whaley
Ines Zozaya-Geist

Call to Order, I.

Chair Bertha Ortega called the June 22, 2012, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 10:45 a.m.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present. All trustees were in attendance.

Executive Session, III.

Chair Ortega announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) for the following purpose: to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

She further announced that executive session would last approximately 90 minutes and that no final action would be taken during the executive session.

Reconvene Open Board of Trustees Meeting

Vice Chair Tanaka called the Committee of the Whole and Regular Open Session of the June 22, 2012, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 12:33 p.m. He noted that Chair Ortega had to leave early, and that no final actions were taken during the executive session.

Committee of the Whole

FY 2013-15 Decision Packages

Vice President Voves noted two budgets would be seen today; first, the annual budget adjustment, will need to be approved in the full board meeting, and the other is an overview of planning for the 2013-15 biennial budget with possible funding requests. State revenue is flat, so we do not expect a lot of new funding, but it is still important to keep our priorities in front of the legislature. Our requests come from our strategic plan goals of student success, institution of innovation and community engagement. Potential uses are: faculty salary increases (\$6,600,000), enrollment funding (\$12,570,000), learning commons (\$570,000), outreach, opportunity and student success (\$820,000), information technology infrastructure upgrades and e-learning initiatives (\$2,950,000), and maintenance and operations (\$1,896,000).

Open Board Meeting

Trustee Tanaka noted we would be adding an agenda item regarding the President's contract.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

Dr. Arévalo highlighted this year's commencement, noting this is the time of year that makes it all worthwhile. We had 2,925 students eligible to graduate in Cheney, and over 2,900 "walked" in the ceremony. This is slightly more than last year, which indicates we are growing the number, which was one of the performance goals we had. Our Bellevue Campus commencement was also well attended, with approximately 230 students receiving their undergraduate degrees, which is significantly larger than some 120 from last year. The Vancouver commencement for Social Work held on the west side boasted a crowd of more than 800. Seventeen of 19 eligible for baccalaureate degrees walked across the stage, and 47 of 49 eligible for their master's degrees were in attendance. The most outstanding part of the event was the recognition of two MSW graduates who have also received their BASW in our Vancouver program as well as an associate degree from Clark College. We have seen growth in all our programs where we have partnered with other institutions and are exploring new locations.

He attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities' (AASCU) Millennium Leadership Institute (MLI) in Washington, DC, serving as faculty in the professional development program and also as a panelist with four other presidents who fielded questions about choosing a senior leadership team, developing a university mission, relationship building and cultivating the external community, and the difficult financial decisions facing universities today. He also conducted a presentation on financial management.

He has become involved in the Strive network, a career education partnership involving various community sectors in a collaborative effort to ensure greater numbers of successful high school graduates. This is similar to Priority Spokane, but broader using community impact, and aligns itself with our goal of community engagement.

He also participated in the Spokane Lilac Parade again this year.

Trustees' Reports, IV. B.

Trustee Tanaka reported that the Board held its annual retreat yesterday and part of this morning. It was a productive session, primarily looking to restructure how we conduct our board meetings--specifically moving to one Committee of the Whole session rather than the separate committee meetings we have now.

He commended Judge Whaley for his participation via telephone.

Graduates at the Bellevue Commencement ceremony wore caps and gowns for the first time, which added a lot to the experience.

The Trustees attended a reception for the 6th and 9th District legislators last night, and Trustee Tanaka thanked David Buri for arranging the event.

This is Patrick Spanner's last meeting, and Mr. Tanaka formally thanked him for his service as student trustee this past year.

Organization President's Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

Sam Ligon reported on the EWU Faculty Organization and Academic Senate's very active and productive academic year, noting that significant progress was made on several very important activities: the temporary hybrid Academic Systems Advisory Committee (ASAC) had its charge extended through the 2012-13 academic year; the Faculty Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) has announced their intention to change their committee charge into a hybrid type of committee to build upon the success of the new ASAC; the entire Faculty Organization constitution, bylaws, and other policy documents will be reviewed and revised next year; the Student Success and Retention Committee (SSRC) of the Faculty Senate believe a mentoring program for all first-year students with faculty volunteers could be instituted here and are doing further research on this idea; and the Faculty Senate approved six new or revised academic policies during the academic year.

Associated Students, IV.C.2.

Kaleb Hoffer reported the Associated Students at EWU have a great feeling of success and pride from their graduated peers, athletes, administrators, faculty, staff members and ASEWU leaders. They have left an inspirational path, marked by success. He thanked everyone for their hard work and thoughtfulness while making tough budgetary decisions. The ASEWU's tentative goal topics for 2012-2013 include: PUB Remodel, Interfaith Space, Riverpoint Services, Diversity Week, Learning Commons, and library hours. He and the council are excited and motivated to work with everyone as a community to create opportunities for those who fight every day to become successful.

Action Items, V.

Consent Actions Items, V.A.

Minutes of the May 17, 2012, Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.1.

Minutes of the May 30, 2012, Special Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.2.

Motion 06-01-2012: *Trustee Mays moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.
Motion carried.*

President's Contract, V.B.

Motion 06-02-12: *Based on the Board's annual performance evaluation, Trustee Kauffman moved to extend the President's contract for another year on the term. In addition, a retention incentive is to be provided under deferred compensation in the amount of \$30,000. The Board further directed the staff to work with the president to ensure the changes are made to the contract.
Seconded by Trustee Mays.
Motion carried.
Trustee Spanner abstained.*

Public Comment, V.C.

Trustee Tanaka noted that this is a newly-instituted part of the agenda for all public entities, and we are working on the appropriate policies and procedures to govern this section. No one had any public comments at this time.

Discussion Action Items, V.D.

FY2013 Supplemental Operating & Capital Budget, V.D.1.

Vice President Voves said this item addresses our budget adjustment for FY2013. The Board approved the 2011-2013 operating and capital budgets at its June 2011 meeting. Today's action addresses changes in that budget. Things are better because of our enrollment increase, so we are asking for approval of a revised operating budget amount of \$227,249,708. This budget also includes a 3 percent increase in the service and activities fee.

There are also some minor changes in the capital budget, resulting in an increase in appropriations funding and a decrease in re-appropriations for a revised supplemental capital budget of \$89,182,102.

Motion 06-03-2012: *Trustee Spanner moved that the FY2013 Supplemental Operating & Capital Budget be approved as presented, the dollar amount being \$227,249,708, with a three percent service and activity fee increase.
Seconded by Trustee Zozaya-Geist.
Motion carried.*

Personnel Actions – Tenure and Promotion, V.D.2.

Motion 06-04-2012: *Trustee Zozaya-Geist moved that the Personnel Actions - Tenure and Promotions, be approved as presented.*

Seconded by Trustee Mikkelsen.

Motion carried.

Trustee Spanner abstained.

Adjournment, VII.

Vice Chair Tanaka adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Bertha Ortega, Chair
Board of Trustees

Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary