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Eastern Washington State College

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD  
OF  
TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, June 4, 1969  
Chinook Room, Ridpath Hotel  
Spokane, Washington

The Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington State College held a business meeting on Wednesday evening, June 4, 1969, in the Chinook Room of the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane, Washington. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Chairman L. G. Carmody. The following were present:

Board Members

Mr. L. G. Carmody  
Mr. Harvey Erickson  
Mr. Thomas F. Meagher  
Mr. Melvin B. Voorhees  
Mrs. Frederick Wilson, Jr.

Staff

Dr. Emerson Shuck, President  
Dr. Daryl Hagie  
Mr. Kenneth Kennedy  
Mr. Fred Johns  
Dr. George Kabat  
Mr. Henry Koslowsky  
Dr. Jack Leighton  
Mr. Brent Wooten  
Dr. Robert Anderson  
Mr. Donald Kallem  
Mr. John Lothspeich

Guests

Mr. Al Sims -- Black Student Union  
Mr. James Bell -- Black Student Union

MINUTES

The minutes of the two previous Board of Trustees Meetings were dispensed with on a motion by Mr. Meagher, seconded by Mr. Voorhees, and passed.

CLENCHED FIST ISSUE

The following statement was read in its entirety by Mr. Meagher, who then made a motion for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wilson and passed.

Statement approved by Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington State College, June 4, 1969

1. The College will neither approve nor deny use of the clenched fist salute by an individual. This position is intended to express accord with constitutional protection of individual freedom of expression, so long as no law is violated or there is no clear and present danger to the campus community.

Washington State law (RCW 9.86.030) makes it a criminal offense to publicly defile, defy, or cast contempt upon a flag of the United States. Proponents of the clenched fist salute have stated that it is not a defiance of the flag but their means of expressing their protest within the constitutional framework, and each individual must determine for himself whether the clenched fist salute detracts from or dilutes the meaning of the flag ceremony.

2. It is the responsibility of faculty members to establish and enforce regulations and practices which are reasonably necessary to promote the best conditions for teaching, or conducting activity programs; athletic coaches have the same responsibility to provide regulations directly related to athletic activities and team unity, within the accepted context of collegiate athletics.

Appropriate and adequate procedures in the regular channels of faculty and student deliberative bodies should be used to deal with and resolve questions about regulations and their enforcement, including those in athletics.

3. The college will strive to assure uniform and fair treatment of all persons. Any individual who chooses to act in contradiction to normal procedures or established regulations must be prepared, in the college as in society, to be subject to the appropriate consequences of such actions on his part.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Erickson that no punitive or repressive measures be taken regarding anyone who does or does not give any particular salute died for lack of a second.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Carmody then adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

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L. G. Carmody, Chairman

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John H. Lothspeich, Secretary

AGENDA

Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
called by Board Members  
8 p.m., June 4, 1969  
Chinook Room, Ridpath Hotel  
Spokane, Washington

- I. Discussion and action on the Athletic Code and Clenched Fist Salute.
  
- II. Adjournment