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Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Friday
February 26, 2016

MINUTES

Trustees Present

Michael Finley
Mariana Garcia
Jay Manning
James Murphy
Paul Tanaka
Vicki Wilson

Thursday, February 25

Work Session

1. Fiduciary Responsibilities. Board Chair Jim Murphy, assisted by Mary Voves, Laurie Connelly, and Annika Scharosch, led a discussion on the legal meaning and obligations of the fiduciary role of trustees.
2. Climate Change Summit. Trustee Manning attended the November 30 to December 12, 2015, U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris and shared a summary of the experience and the new course for global climate efforts.
3. Dinner Meeting. The Board invited Spokane-area school superintendents to meet to discuss ways to better collaborate. They also discussed teacher shortages.

Friday, February 26

Quorum

A quorum was present. Trustee Whaley was absent.

Board Committee of the Whole

Year-End Financial Review. Ms. Toni Habegger provided an in depth financial review for fiscal year 2015. In conclusion, EWU is strong, vibrant, and financially healthy due to prudent planning and financial management.

Debt Report. Ms. Toni Habegger and Financial Advisor Susan Musselman provided an overview of the EWU debt report. This included outstanding debt, debt practices, rating and

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credit, key university ratio and comparisons, external covenants for auxiliary bonds, debt capacity, potential new financing and debt and continuing disclosure policies.

Legislative Update. Mr. David Buri joined the meeting by telephone and provided highlights of the 2016 legislative session. The Senate and House budgets were released, and Mr. Buri explained the differences in the two budgets. Once the legislative session ends, we will know more specifically of the impacts to EWU. He cautioned regarding next year's budget and issues surrounding a \$500 million shortfall. Mr. Buri also thanked everyone for their support in Olympia. Dr. Cullinan and trustees were present and active in Olympia, in addition to our STEM students and CSTEM faculty. Trustee Tanaka asked about the science building, and Mr. Buri reported that he was hopeful EWU would receive approval to build next year.

College of Health Science & Public Health Semester Conversion Update. Dr. Gary Pratt shared the process of transitioning the health science programs from the quarter system to the semester system as directed by the Board at their meeting in 2013. Dean Lauren O'Hanlon thanked faculty for their hard work toward completion of a successful conversion. Mr. Tanaka asked about the cost of conversion, and Mr. Iniguez asked about how the students fared through the process.

NWCCU Report and Assessment Update. Vice Presidents Gary Pratt and Stacey Foster shared how we are just about ready to submit our Year 1 Report (due March 1), the start of a new seven-year cycle process. Three core themes have been developed from the mission of the university: student academic achievement, student support and development, and faculty support and development. This was a collaborative work process with the vice presidents and the Blue Ribbon Task Force. The Board will be asked to approve the core themes at today's meeting.

College Spotlight: College of Health Science and Public Health. Dean Lauren O'Hanlon provided an extensive overview of the College and informed the Board of the programs offered within the college: communication disorders, health services administration, occupational therapy, public health, and dental hygiene. She invited students to attend the meeting, and Joe Shannon, Nikki Neslund, and Misty Murphy shared about their EWU experiences. Each of the students emphasized their appreciation for the inter-professional opportunities available to them.

Commencement Update. Chris Robbins, project manager for President Cullinan, updated the Board on the transition to commencement at the Spokane Arena. The positive aspect is the intimate, climate-controlled environment. June 11 is the commencement ceremony.

Policies. Attorney Scharosch explained the teleworking policy is in response to the governor's directive to create a policy in an effort to reduce congestion and pollution; the hoverboard policy bans hoverboards on campus until their safety is established; the Women's Commission policy contains minor updates regarding membership as requested by the Commission; and lastly, the shared leave policy addresses the financial impact of shared leave on departments.

PUB Update. Vice Presidents Mary Voves and Stacey Foster shared on the status of repairing and renovating the Pence Union Building. Shawn King introduced the architects from Perkins +

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Will who provided an in-depth presentation of the renovation. The Board will approve the PUB bond resolution in May, 2016.

Executive Session

Chair Murphy announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) and (i): to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential; also, the Board may also 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 1:09 p.m.

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Chair Murphy called the regular meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:12 pm. Trustee Murphy noted that executive session lasted approximately 60 minutes, and no action was taken by the Board during the executive session.

Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Reports

University President

Chair Jim Murphy introduced our newest trustee, Jay Manning.

Head Football Coach Beau Baldwin praised Cooper Kupp noting he is the model student athlete: a national award winner, team captain, and an outstanding student who will be with us again next season.

President Mary Cullinan announced that Bill Chaves has been named FCS AD of the year. She touched on the successful visits to Olympia during the past legislative session, the Women in STEM event (she co-chairs Spokane STEM), the speaking engagement at the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber, and her third President's Regional Advisory Board Council meeting where Patrick Jones' economic impact analysis of EWU in the region was highlighted. The report showed the impact of EWU on the local economy. She explained the Graduation Project, which is the institution's commitment toward ensuring that students progress through to graduation. Advising is part of the Project, as well as scholarship fundraising, assessment, and first-year experience/critical foundations/GE reform. Dr. Cullinan thanked the campus community for their support, as giving by faculty and staff has increased by 300%.

Board of Trustees

Board Chair Jim Murphy thanked everyone who has given to the Inspire Awesome scholarship effort. Over \$150,000 in scholarship funds have been raised in support of EWU students. Chair

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Murphy also reported that 100% of all three EWU Board memberships, the EWU Board of Trustees, the Foundation Board, and the Alumni Board, have given gifts to the university. In total, \$1.2 million has been raised since May 1, 2015.

Chair Murphy also acknowledged the individuals who assisted with the health sciences and public health quarters to semesters transition. A collaborative project team consisting of faculty from Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Information Technology, and staff and administration was thanked for their efforts toward a successful transition. Also acknowledged was the Q2S Task Force.

Faculty Organization

President Decker welcomed Trustee Jay Manning and then reported on Critical Foundations and First Year Experience, the Uncommon Read, Faculty Commons, and the 2015 and 2016 Ormsby Awards. Dr. Michael Zukosky spoke about his work in community engagement. See Dr. Decker's comprehensive written report.

Associated Students

President Kyle Dodson recapped his written report and explained the bike share program and the work of Katie Sweeney, who is pursuing a policy on making EWU a smoke-free campus. See Mr. Dodson's comprehensive written report.

Classified Staff Union

President Craig Walker discussed department reorganizations and he asked that when these reorganizations affect classified staff, that members are notified early on and given the opportunity to provide input. He emphasized the importance of good communication. Job title and duties were also mentioned by President Walker, and he respectfully requested that classified employees also be given the opportunity to provide input regarding these types of changes.

United Faculty of Eastern

President Conlin welcomed Trustee Jay Manning and reported on recent bargaining efforts.

Public School Employees Union

President Olson expressed appreciation for PSE's being asked to participate in the Provost Search process. She also mentioned the impact of implementing the Advising initiative on PSE members and is hopeful that in the future PSE will be included in the discussions that affect their membership.

Information Items

Advising Update

Chris Robbins and Heather Page provided an in-depth briefing on the focus and direction of the advising initiative. Mr. Robbins explained the process of meeting and discussing the efforts with various campus constituencies, which showed that we could not provide the advising we wanted to because of capacity issues. He explained the centralized, team approach of the new advising model.

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Public Comment

Chair Murphy offered the opportunity for public comment, and no comments were offered.

Action Items

Motion 02-01-16: *Trustee Tanaka moved for approval of the November 20, 2015, Board of Trustees' meeting minutes.*

*Seconded by Vicki Wilson.
Motion carried.*

Motion 02-02-16: *Trustee Finley moved to approve the following policies as presented on the agenda: 201-01, Policy Management; 204-02, Posters; and 204-08, Service and Assistance Animals in University Housing.*

*Seconded by Trustee Manning.
Motion carried.*

Discussion Action Items

Resolution Regarding Cross Connection Control Program: *Board Chair Jim Murphy called for a vote and all trustees present approved the resolution regarding the cross connection control program as presented.*

Approved.

College Name Change—College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Social Work to College of Social Sciences: *Board Chair Jim Murphy called for a vote and all trustees present approved the name change to the College of Social Sciences.*

Approved.

NWCCU core themes: *Board Chair Jim Murphy called for a vote to approve the Core Themes as presented: student academic achievement, student support and development, and faculty support and development; and all trustees present approved the Core Themes.*

Approved.

Naming University Facilities, Jack R. Leighton Human Performance Lab: *Board Chair Murphy called for a vote and all trustees present approved the naming of the Physical Education Health & Recreation human performance laboratory as the Jack R. Leighton Human Performance Lab.*

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Approved

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the February 26, 2016, EWU Board of Trustees' meeting at 3:00 p.m.

James M. Murphy, Chair
EWU Board of Trustees

Mary Cullinan, Secretary
EWU Board of Trustees