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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting**

**Friday
September 25, 2015**

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Mariana Garcia
Uriel Iñiguez
Jo Ann Kauffman
James Murphy
Paul Tanaka
Robert Whaley
Vicki Wilson

Call to Order

Chair Jo Ann Kauffman called the September 25, 2015, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 8:30 a.m.

Quorum

A quorum was present. Michael Finley was absent. All other trustees were present.

Executive Session

Chair Kauffman announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)(c) and (g): to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase; to consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease; and to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. Executive session concluded at 9:30 a.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Chair Kauffman called the Committee of the Whole session of the September 25, 2015, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 9:39 a.m.

- President Cullinan briefed trustees regarding the President's Cabinet retreat that occurred July 21 – 22, 2015.
- Chair Jo Ann Kauffman and Vice President Westfall provided an overview of the Lucy Covington Center.

- Interim Provost Mary Ann Keogh Hoss provided an Academic Affairs update that included advising, international, 3-year degrees, summer as a fourth quarter, and the community health forum.
- College of Arts, Letters, and Education (CALE) Dean Roy Sonnema and Dr. Susan Ruby provided an overview of the Department of Education that included information about the Washington State program approval process and the results of the Professional Educators Standards Board (PESB) report. Trustees appreciated the conversation and encouraged continued improvement.

Executive Session

Chair Kauffman announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)(i): to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential; 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 12:45 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Chair Kauffman called the Regular Session of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:01 p.m. Trustee Kauffman noted the executive session lasted approximately 60 minutes, and no action was taken.

Reports

University President's Report

President Cullinan invited Senior Associate Athletic Director Pam Parks forward to share about the history of the President's Cup, which is awarded based on academic and athletic performance. This is the second time in the past five years that EWU has been awarded the Cup. Ms. Parks introduced two students: Corey McLean, a junior from Kennewick and Sarah Reiter, a sophomore from Renton.

President Cullinan reported on the opening of the year celebration that focused on the great work of the campus community. She mentioned activities attended since last spring: four EWU graduations and the meeting with NWCCU. Work in the community included, Kiwanis, Lions, and the Avista Leadership Academy. The president has taken on leadership positions to include chair of the Council of Presidents and co-chair of Spokane STEM. While the president's AASCU board term ends in October, the president will chair AASCU's Professional Development Committee. The president will remain on the Greater Spokane Inc., Board (GSI) and has been appointed to the advisory board for the Center for Mexican Studies in Seattle through UNAM. For a full report on the president's activities, please see the written report (attached).

Trustees' Reports

Chair Kauffman reported that the Board had concluded their retreat in June and approved the budget through a special meeting over the summer. Ms. Kauffman reminded members that this would be her last meeting. She has been on the board for more than 12 years, and sincerely appreciates that time. Vice Chair Jim Murphy read a resolution in Chair Kauffman's honor. Additionally, trustees have endowed the Lucy Covington Scholarship Committee with \$1200 in Trustee Kauffman's name. The resolution read:

WHEREAS, Ms. Jo Ann Kauffman has served with distinction as a member of the Board of Trustees continuously since her appointment on December 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman has shown exceptional dedication and commitment, providing leadership to help EWU reach its vision of transforming lives through excellence in learning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman, serving as Chair during academic years 2008-2010 and 2014-2015, and Vice Chair during academic year 2007-2008, successfully led the university through the economic recession resulting in unprecedented budget reductions; Ms. Kauffman then provided guidance to the new President; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman contributed to student success by leading the establishment of the Lucy Covington Center and scholarships for EWU Native American students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman, serving on numerous committees, including the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Committees, provided leadership on student success and academic quality; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman, serving as Board representative to the Diversity Initiative, provided crucial leadership to assist EWU in increasing the diversity of faculty, students, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman's engagement on campus and her unique ability to establish personal relationships with members of the board and the university community have strengthened and enhanced the Board's working relationships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman, in advocating for high quality, student-centered programs and facilities, and supporting EWU and its mission, has advanced the reputation of EWU throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kauffman will for many years be remembered for her caring commitment and outstanding leadership to EWU and its students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees recognizes and commends Ms. Jo Ann Kauffman for her wisdom, leadership, and dedicated service to Eastern Washington University during her eleven years as an Eastern Washington University Trustee. Given at Cheney, in the State of Washington, this 25th day of September, two thousand and fifteen.

Vice Chair Jim Murphy commented on the importance of commending people for doing good works. President Cullinan then asked the Dining Services staff to come forward. She thanked them for the many meals provided over the past weeks for camps and opening of the year activities. Vice President Mary Voves introduced each member of the team.

Organization President's Reports

Faculty Organization

Faculty Organization President Kevin Decker provided a full written report (see attached) that included three major topics: Critical Foundations, Faculty Commons, and the year ahead for Academic Senate. Dr. Decker introduced Jackie Coomes, vice president of the Faculty Organization, who will succeed him next year.

Associated Students

President Kyle Dodson introduced his executive vice president, Mr. Brendan Hargrave. Mr. Dodson provided a full written report (see attached).

Classified Staff Union

President Craig Walker greeted the board and emphasized the good work of the classified staff employees. He is encouraged with the new contract, as it facilitates better communication between employees and supervisors. Mr. Walker is pleased with the support the university administration has provided to WFSE. He also expressed appreciation for all groups cooperatively working together.

United Faculty of Eastern

President Michael Conlin was not available, thus Vice President Richard Orndorff provided the UFE report. He described the finalized MOU on EWU College in the Classroom (formerly known as Running Start) that standardizes workload pay across campus. Dr. Orndorff also mentioned that faculty are in the third and final year of their contract, and they look forward to working with management on the next contract.

Public School Employees Union

President Lisa Olson introduced Heidi O'Donnell, chapter treasurer and retention specialist for the Eastern Advantage Program. Ms. Olson highlighted PSE member involvement since the board met last, which included much involvement with the new student orientation and preparation for the start of the fall term. Over the summer, three members attended the state PSE state conference in Spokane and received training related to legislative issues that are impacting higher education and students.

Public Comment

No comments.

Action Items

Motion 09-01-15: Trustees approved the consent action agenda items as presented.

Motion 09-02-15: Trustee Murphy moved that Eastern Washington University will purchase the property known as the Governor Martin House from the Eastern Washington University Foundation for the sum of \$65,000. The facility will be used for general university purposes including the Faculty Commons.

Seconded by Trustee Whaley.

Motion carried.

Motion 09-03-15: *Trustee Whaley moved that Jim Murphy be appointed as Chair of the EWU Board of Trustees.*

Seconded by Trustee Tanaka.

Motion carried.

Motion 09-04-15: *Trustee Tanaka moved that Uriel Iñiguez be appointed as Vice Chair of the EWU Board of Trustees.*

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Chair Kauffman adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Jim Murphy, Chair

Mary Cullinan, Secretary Board of Trustees