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Board Members Present

Mrs. Jean L. Beschel, Vice Chair
Mr. Al Brisbois
Mrs. Eleanor E. Chase
Mr. John V. Geraghty, Jr.
Mr. Joe W. Jackson
Mr. James L. Kirschbaum, Chair
Mr. Michael C. Ormsby

Staff Present

Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President; Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
Dr. Robert H. Elton, Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Research
Dr. Fred J. Evans, Dean, College of Business Administration
Dr. Elson S. Floyd, Vice President for Student Services
Dr. Robert C. Herold, Associate Vice President for Special Programs
Mr. Steven J. Hopf, Central Services Supervisor, Central Services
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. William H. Katz, Dean, College of Education and Human Development
Mr. William R. Kidd, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Academic Personnel
Mr. Leonard H. Klatt, Associate Vice President of Human Resources
Mrs. Sandra L. Kruse, Administrative Assistant to the President
Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Allen C. Meadors, Dean, College of Health, Social, and Public Services
Dr. Karen L. Michaelson, Director, Grants and Research Department
Ms. Leslie L. Mowatt, Administrative Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Mrs. Gayle M. Ogden, Affirmative Action Officer, Special Assistant to the President
Ms. Stefanie E. Pettit, Information Specialist II, University Advancement
Mrs. Karen Raver, Director of Disabled Students
Mr. William J. Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, Business and Financial Services
Ms. Lesli K. Younger, Instructional Media Center, Spokane Center

Faculty Present

Dr. George A. Durrie, Associate Professor of Government; President, Faculty Organization

Students Present

Mr. Dennis Worsham, President, ASEWU

Guests Present

Mr. Steve Perry, Pastor, Cheney Faith Center

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. - Mr. Kirschbaum

Chair Kirschbaum called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

Reports, III.

Trustee Reports, III.A.1.

Chair Kirschbaum reported that he attended the House Appropriations Committee hearing regarding the budget. He also stated that he would attend the Senate hearings next week. Chair Kirschbaum noted that Eastern was looking for support in presenting the budget packages to the legislature. Mrs. Beschel asked if we would receive any relief from the cuts proposed by the governor for higher education. Chair Kirschbaum said he did not believe higher education would be spared. He noted that the next revenue projections were due out in mid-March. It was also noted that the recommended figures put Eastern back to less funding than in 1985.

Mr. Geraghty reported that he, as well as other board members and administrators, had attended the Momentum '91 Conference. At the conference, area business people reestablished the economic goals of the community. They set forth 13 goals, among which were ones relating to higher education. The mix of SIRTII, the Higher Education Park, and improved K-12 education had made education a top agenda item for the Momentum group. Mr. Geraghty said that there would be a fund raising drive to keep higher education as an aggressive agenda item for Momentum. He said that higher education would continue to be a major forum in the community.

President's Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization, III.B.1. - Dr. Durrie

Dr. Durrie reported that he also attended the House Appropriations Committee hearing. He stated that Dr. Drummond did a superb job on his "maiden voyage" and that he felt things went very well. He noted that the House staff offered an unsolicited willingness to work with Eastern.

Dr. Durrie said that progress was being made on the faculty salary plan. The Faculty Affairs Council met January 24, 1991, and the proposal will be presented to the Council of Academic Deans early in winter quarter and the Senate in early to mid-Spring quarter. He also noted that the document on the role of the Department Chairs would be forwarded to the Senate in a few weeks.

Associated Students, III.B.2. - Mr. Worsham

Mr. Worsham reported that the Associated Students now had a student lobbyist in Olympia who was working closely with Dick Barrett, Director of Government Relations, to present student issues. ASEWU sponsored a speech by Yolanda King, eldest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Thursday, January 17, 1991. Over 800 people attended Ms. King's speech. Also, there was a peace demonstration held in mall on the Cheney campus on Wednesday, January 23, 1991, to voice opinions of the war in the Persian Gulf. Mr. Worsham reported that the Alumni/ASEWU Leadership Lunch was a great success. Eighteen students were recognized. ASEWU is also working closely with Dr. Elson Floyd, Vice President for Student Services to set up a campaign to celebrate diversity on campus. Also, January 31 will be the opening for filing for student government positions.

University, III.B.3. - Dr. Drummond

Dr. Drummond stated that the stress and strain felt by the campus community over family and friends involved in the Gulf War needed to be an item of attention on campus and in the community. This is a complex and evolving issue. Dr. Drummond noted that the issue could be dealt with in the classroom, as appropriate.

Dr. Drummond reported that on Monday, January 21, 1991, he testified before the House Appropriations Committee regarding the budget proposals. He explained the administration is working on four key areas: restoration of the governor's budget cuts; the faculty salary issue; additional flexibility; and added autonomy in how we use our funds, increased enrollment, and how we are accountable to the state.

Eastern experienced its highest enrollment ever, 7,549 FTE. There was an decline in lower division students and freshman, but transfers increased. Winter quarter 1991 head count enrollment is down 148 students from fall quarter. Minority enrollment represents 8.1% of the total student population, compared to 6.7% last year. Resident Hall occupation is also up 8%. These figures show the direct result of effective recruiting and efforts to make EWU a better place for all students, faculty, and staff.

The College of Business Administration has an exchange program with Eastern block nations. One of the programs done most recently was to help the USSR modernize its banking system.

In addition to the community celebrations for the recent Martin Luther King Holiday, Dr. Drummond reported that he and Father Coughlin, from Gonzaga University, gave short speeches at the African/American Forum on January 15, 1991. Carl Maxey was the featured speaker and about 250 people attended. Dr. Drummond also noted that it was indeed an honor to have Yolanda King on the Cheney campus to speak to a standing room only audience, especially just a few days before the holiday.

Dr. Drummond reported that Eastern was recently selected by the Washington State Arts Commission to administer the Exhibit Touring Service, a program that prepares and exhibits traveling art and humanities shows. Funding is provided by the Washington State Arts Commission and the Washington Commission for the Humanities. This program will provide increased visibility for the university.

Dr. Drummond noted that several of Eastern's faculty and staff were honored or appointed recently. Richard Hobbs has been named the first full-time head of the Eastern Regional Office of the State Division of Archives and Records Management, which is housed in Eastern's JFK Library. Ursula Hegi's novel, Floating in My Mother's Palm, was rated as one of the most notable books of the year by the New York Times Book Review. Howard Uibel, Chair of PEHR, was recently installed as President of the Resort and Commercial Recreation Association, a national organization of resort and recreation directors. Ed Yarwood, Professor of Russian and Director of English Language Programs, received the Continuing Service Award from the Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers at the recent state language conference. Mary Benham, Program Assistant for University Honors, has been nominated for a four-year term to the Spokane County Boundary Review Board. Dr. Drummond also noted the passing of Alvie Shaw, a retired professor from the Education Department at Eastern.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the December 7, 1990 Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A.* - Mr. Kirschbaum

Motion #01-01-91: "I move that the minutes of the December 7, 1990, Board of Trustees' Meeting be approved with minor editing changes."

Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Mrs. Chase; approved unanimously.

Supplemental Budget Request for ASEWU Health Services Consultant, IV.B. - Dr. Floyd

Eastern Washington University has, in the past, offered health services to its students through the Cheney Medical Center on a contractual basis. This program, however, was terminated in the fall of 1983 when the university's 15-year contract with the medical center expired. Since that time, EWU has not offered organized and affordable health services to its student body.

The Associated Students are requesting that the board authorize the expenditure of \$25,050.00 from the ASEWU Reserve Fund Account to award a personal services contract to Dr. James H. States. Dr. States will determine what programs and equipment would be needed in the establishment of student health services at Eastern.

Dr. Floyd noted that this program would be a self-support program. All full-time students would be required to pay the modest fee for coverage. Mrs. Karen Raver, Coordinator of Student Health Services, stated that the care offered would be minor emergency and acute care, no overnight stays.

Chair Kirschbaum asked if the Associated Students would be reimbursed for the \$25,050.00 consulting contract. Dr. Floyd stated that if health services were implemented, the money would be reimbursed through the fees.

Motion #01-02-91: "I move that the board authorize the Associated Students to award a personal services contract to Dr. James H. States, in the amount of \$25,050.00, from the Associated Students Reserve Fund Account."

Motion by Mr. Geraghty; second by Mrs. Beschel; approved unanimously.

Tuition Rates for Summer Session 1991, IV.C. - Dr. Herold

Summer session 1991, as in the two past years, will operate on a self-support basis. Accordingly, tuition rates are set in relation to instructional and direct operating expenses. The proposed rates for summer session 1991 are \$54 per undergraduate credit, \$78 per graduate credit, and a \$40 enrollment fee with no cap on the number of credits. This differs from \$51 per undergraduate credit, \$70 per graduate credit, and a cap at 12 credits for summer session 1990. The slight increase in tuition is mainly in order to absorb a six percent salary increase which was granted January 1, 1991.

Motion #01-03-91: "I move that the Board of Trustees approve the tuition rates for Summer session 1991."

Motion by Mr. Ormsby; second by Mrs. Beschel; approved unanimously.

Bylaw Amendment: 300.45.00 Holidays, IV.D. - Mr. Klatt

Bylaw 300.45.00 lists those holidays granted to state employees. Holidays falling on Sunday will be granted the following Monday. Holidays falling on Saturday will be granted the preceding Friday. All twelve-month term employees are also granted one personal holiday per year. The Board of Trustees, under HEP Board rules, may designate alternative holidays. The proposed changes will bring the university bylaws into compliance with Higher Education Personnel Board rules.

Motion #01-04-91: "I move that the board accept the proposed bylaw amendment as presented."

Motion by Mr. Ormsby; second by Mrs. Beschel; approved unanimously.

Shared Leave Policy/Procedure, IV.E. - Mr. Klatt

RCW 41.04.650 authorizes state employees to share accrued annual leave, subject to approval by the agency head. Approval of the proposed policy would allow EWU employees to share accrued leave time with other state employees, subject to the rules outlined in the policy.

Motion #01-05-91: "I move that the board approve the Shared Leave Policy/Procedure as presented."

Motion by Mr. Brisbois; second by Mr. Ormsby; approved unanimously.

Information Items, V.

Grants and Contracts Report, V.A. - Dr. Michaelson

Dr. Michaelson reported that the total received for grants and contracts for the first half of the current fiscal year was \$2.9 million. She noted, that with the outbreak of the war in the gulf, their office had already received notification of future cut backs in federal grants. Dr. Michaelson said it was especially gratifying to note that, for the first time, all six of the colleges were represented with grant proposals.

Update on 1991-93 Biennium Capital and Operating Budget Requests, V.B. & C. - Mr. Shaw

Mr. Bill Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, outlined differences between Eastern's 1991-93 biennium capital and operation budget requests and what the governor is recommending to the Legislature.

In reference to the governor's proposed operational budget, Dr. Drummond said that if salary increases are not factored in, the university stands to be \$1.1 million below its 1985 funding, as viewed in 1985 dollars. In addition, he stated that Washington and New Jersey are the only states which have fewer students enrolled in public higher education institutions today, than in 1980.

Chair Kirschbaum stated that when times are difficult, it is higher education that historically bears the highest burden in dollar reduction. He said that these cuts limit the opportunity for higher education in the state beyond high school.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

Executive Session. VII.

Chair Kirschbaum called an executive session from 10:53 a.m. to 11:43 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

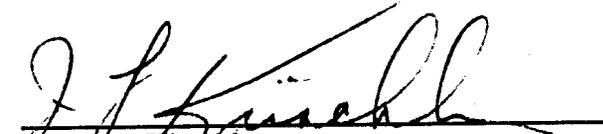
Personnel Actions. VIII.* and VIII.A.*

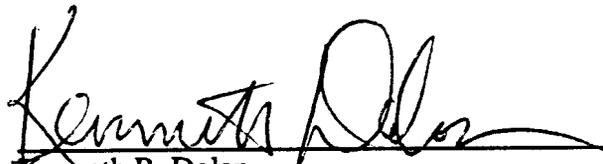
Motion #01-06-91: "I move that the Board approve the personnel actions as amended." (See attachment #1)

Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Mrs. Chase; approved unanimously.

Adjournment. IX.

Chair Kirschbaum adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.


James L. Kirschbaum
Chair


Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary