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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 May 15, 1992, 9:00 a.m.
 University Room, Third Floor
 Sheraton - Spokane Hotel

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Mrs. Jean L. Beschel, Chair
 Mr. John V. Geraghty, Jr.
 Mr. Joe W. Jackson
 Mr. James L. Kirschbaum
 Dr. Julian J. Torres, Jr.

Staff Present

Dr. Alexander B. Cameron, Associate Dean , College of Business Administration
 Ms. Elizabeth R. DeRuyter, Director, News Bureau and Communication Services
 Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees
 Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
 Mr. George A. Durrie, Director of Government Relations
 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 Administration
 Dr. Robert J. Gariepy, Dean of University Honors
 Mr. Bernard J. Gill, Jr., Research Analyst, Academic Assessment
 Dr. James C. Glass, Dean, College of Science, Mathematics and Technology
 Ms. Isabelle W. Green, Director of Alumni Relations
 Mr. Ronald A. Hall, Director of Internal Audit
 Dr. Robert C. Herold, Associate Vice President for Special Programs/Director of Summer Session
 Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
 Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for University Advancement
 Dr. William K. Katz, Dean, College of Education and Human Development
 Dr. Elwyn C. Lapoint, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Assessment
 Dr. Allen C. Meadors, Dean, College of Health, Social and Public Services
 Dr. Karen L. Michaelson, Associate Vice Provost for Grants and Research Development
 Ms. Leslie L. Mowatt, Office Assistant II, Office of the President
 Dr. Terry Novak, Vice President for Business and Finance
 Mrs. Gayle M. Ogden, Associate Vice President for Human Resources/Affirmative Action Officer
 Mrs. Carolyn S. Olafson, Director of Benefits
 Mrs. Judy Samples, Director, Community Relations
 Mr. Gregory L. Sheridan, Associate Vice President for University Advancement
 Ms. Lynnae E. Sowers, Office Assistant III, Academic Advising
 Mr. Victor E. Wallace, Lieutenant, Campus Police
 Ms. Lesli K. Younger, Media Lab Coordinator, Spokane Center

Faculty Present

Dr. Perry Higman, President Faculty Organization
 Dr. Steven M. Simmons, Professor of Computer Science

Students Present

Mr. Christopher J. Early, Easterner
Ms. Adelina Gonzales, President, ASEWU
Mr. Michael Pendleton, President-Elect, ASEWU

Guests Present

Mr. Allen Ogdon, Mayor, City of Cheney
Dr. Stanley F. Paulson, Consultant, Academic Search Consultation Service
Mr. James Reinbold, City Manager, City of Cheney

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. - Mrs. Beschel

Chair Beschel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present. She stated that the board would take action on the Medals and Awards Committee recommendations during the personnel actions.

Reports, III.

Trustee Reports, III.A.

Mrs. Beschel reported that Representative Gary Locke had joined the trustees for breakfast. She had also had the pleasure of meeting the Tawanka Alumni group. Mrs. Beschel attended a presentation by Dr. Elisabeth Zinser, President of the University of Idaho, regarding women in leadership. Mrs. Beschel also attended the Evening at Pops performance and stated it was a delightful event, full of fun. The recent ABC Breakfast, with Don Morford of Sedwick James, and the faculty Legislative barbecue were other university events Mrs. Beschel had attended.

Mr. Kirschbaum reported that three weeks ago he had the opportunity to spend a night in tent with Perry Higman while attempting to climb Mt. Hood. Mr. Kirschbaum accompanied a group from the Outdoor Center, with Matt Chase as the leader on the trip. Mr. Kirschbaum noted how impressed he was with Mr. Chase's abilities and teaching, stating that it was a very educational trip. He thanked Mr. Chase and Dr. Higman for allowing him to accompany them on the trip.

Trustee Reports, Spokane Joint Center for Higher Education Report, III.A.1. - Mr. Ormsby

Mrs. Beschel stated that, in Mr. Ormsby's absence, the Joint Center report would be given by Dr. Drummond as part of his presidents' report.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

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

Dr. Higman stated that he appreciated Mr. Kirschbaum's kind comments. He also reported on the Salmon Barbecue, stating that it was a great exchange and Eastern had, hopefully, established a very sound and productive atmosphere.

On May 4, the Senate passed a modified version of the salary plan with a vote of 21 to 9. The Senate representatives will meet with the administration to iron out any differences they may have. Dr. Higman stated that he hoped the Senate could also give solid directions and clear deadlines to the reorganization plan.

Dr. Higman also reported that at the next board meeting Barbara Miller, Vice President of the Faculty Organization, will represent him.

Associated Students, III.B.2. - Ms. Gonzales

Ms. Gonzales began by introducing Mike Pendleton, President-Elect of the Associated Students. Ms. Gonzales also welcomed the two new council members. She thanked Dr. Higman and the Faculty Organization for including her in the legislative luncheon, which she felt was very productive.

Ms. Gonzales thanked the faculty and administration for always including the students in university activities and committees. Some examples she mentioned were student membership on the search committee for a campus police officer; the institutional review, both individually and the entire council; the president/student conference; the Dean of Students community forum regarding the Rodney King verdict; and Cultural Pluralism symposium.

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

On Wednesday Eastern celebrated its first Campus Pride Day, which included a barbecue and cleaning up the campus. All the constituents were involved and it was a very positive day.

Dr. Drummond reported that there were four national authorities in curriculum reform and cultural diversity met with faculty, staff and students on May 11 for a Cultural Pluralism Symposium. The purpose was to examine the most effective and creative ways to incorporate cultural pluralism into the general education curriculum. The symposium was very well attended.

Eastern's Institute for Labor Education and Research, which is a new institute this year, is co-sponsoring a community forum on "Health Care Reform: A Challenge for the 1990s," at Gonzaga Law School on May 23. The forum will address possible solutions to today's health care problems.

Stephen Emerson, a historian with Archaeological and Historical Services, has submitted Eastern Washington University into nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This includes the original building district. If this nomination is approved, Dr. Drummond stated that it would be first such district on a university campus in the state of Washington.

The American Chemical Society has put its stamp of approval on the Chemistry Department's program, thanks to the efforts of entire department, led by Chair Dr. O. Jerry Parker.

Dr. Drummond reported that Willow Springs Magazine was awarded a \$6,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for further support of the magazine, thanks to the strong efforts of Nance Van Winckel, editor of the magazine.

Ms. Ursula Hegi, Associate Professor of English, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Book Critics Circle. Professor Hegi has been reviewing books for the past decade for the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Newsday, and others. Dr. Drummond stated how pleased we are to have Professor Hegi as part of our faculty.

Mrs. Jo Rogers, Personnel Representative in Human Services, has been appointed to the governor's Interagency Committee for State Employed Women.

Mr. James B. Albert, Associate Professor of Music, was awarded a fellowship in Boston College's Institute for Teaching American Music.

Dr. Travis Rivers, Chair of the Music Department, was named one of five senior critics for the Music Critics Association's Early Music Institute in San Antonio.

Miss Christina Nagahashi, a student from Japan, has been awarded a Soroptomist International Scholarship by the Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS), an organization dedicated to improving the status of women and the promotion of international goodwill and understanding.

Dr. Drummond read a letter he recently received from the Elie Wiesel Foundation notifying him that on May 21, Eastern student Donna McKereghan will be presented with an Honorable Mention in the 1992 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest.

The most recent enrollment report indicated that Eastern had received 5,500 applications for admission for fall, still up 1,000 from last year. Dr. Drummond stated that he is please people are choosing Eastern, but at the same time he is concerned that we are unable to provide access.

The Joint Center for Higher Education Board had met Wednesday and discussed the SIRTI budgets. The JCHE Board had approved the Washington State University budget, with Eastern's being presented at the next meeting. Other issues the board discussed were program plans and visions, answering questions as to which institutions will offer which programs. The board also heard a report on grants SIRTI will soon be receiving.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the April 3, 1992 Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A.* - Mrs. Beschel

Motion #05-01-92: "I move that the minutes of the April 3, 1992 Board of Trustees' Meeting be approved."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Mr. Jackson; approved unanimously.

Public Works Contract Award, Project No. AE-85-01, Electrical System Renewal, Task IV, IV.B. - Dr. Floyd

This project is the final step in completing the upgrading of the campus-wide high voltage electrical distribution system and the replacement of all hazardous materials in the system.

Dr. Floyd stated that the administration is recommending the selection of Merit Electric.

Motion #05-02-92: "I move that the board award Public Works Project No. AE-85-01, Electrical System Renewal, Task IV to Merit Electric of Spokane."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Mr. Jackson; approved unanimously

ASEWU Supplemental Budget Request: Spokane Center Student Lounge, IV.C. - Dr. Floyd

Dr. Floyd stated that no funds were available for the construction of a student lounge as part of the Spokane Center remodeling. The ASEWU Council was asked to utilize reserves in the amount of \$68,000 to cover the costs related to construction of a lounge. The council approved the request on March 10, 1992. The sub-street level areas, fronting on First and Wall streets, would be covered and made available for year round use.

The administration has agreed with student leadership that, should the building be sold or exchanged, the students would be reimbursed on a pro rata basis, sharing in any appreciation on the building and, conversely, accepting any losses if the building is sold for less than its value at the time the remodeling of the facility is complete. A separate memorandum of understanding will be executed with AS leadership.

Motion #05-03-92: "I move that the board approve the AS request to allocate \$68,000 from their reserve accounts to the special student lounge atrium project in the Spokane Center."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Mr. Geraghty; approve unanimously.

TIAA-CREF Retirement Plan Cashability Option, IV.D. - Dr. Floyd

Mrs. Olafson's discussed the CREF cashability option. The recommendation is for 100% cashability of CREF accumulations at retirement or separation from full-time university service. This recommendation corresponds with the recommendation from the university's special task force which addressed this issue. The attorney general agrees that this is an option consistent with the authority of the trustees.

Motion #05-04-92: "I move that the board approve the 100% CREF cashability option as proposed."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Dr. Torres; approve unanimously.

Tuition-Waiver Reduction Policy, IV.E. - Mr. Durrie

Mr. Durrie stated that as part of this year's budget reconciliation, the Legislature directed that each institution reduce its tuition-waiver program by an amount equal to 6.6%, with no one program being reduced by more than 13.2%. The Legislature went further and established dollar saving targets for each institution. Eastern's target saving is \$12.790 million in operating fee revenues. This amount of money is deposited in a separate account in the treasurer's office. Mr. Durrie stated that for Eastern to receive that money, they must realize \$12.790 million in additional operating fee revenue from the 6.6% reduction in their waiver program.

The Legislature exempted Washington Scholars and Vocation Excellence Awards from any reduction and Eastern intends to make no reductions in graduate service appointments.

Mr. Durrie state that Eastern will reduce the WICHE program and international students component by a maximum of 13.2%. The remaining waiver programs will each be reduce by 7.3%.

Dr. Drummond stated that Mr. Durrie and the committee have done the best job possible with these reductions and urged all the constituencies to point out to legislators the negative problems these legislative directives create and to come up with a strategy to deal with this issue.

Motion #05-05-92: "I move that the board *reluctantly* approve the proposed tuition-waiver policy reduction for fiscal year 1993."

Motion by Mr. Geraghty; second by Mr. Kirschbaum; approve unanimously.

Information Items, V.

College of Science, Mathematics and Technology Six-Year Plan Update, V.A. - Dr. Glass

Dr. Glass reviewed the goals of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology. Some of the updates of the goals included major fund-raising to upgrade equipment, ACS approval of the Chemistry Program, recruitment of new faculty, several new projects providing services for regional agencies and stronger student retention.

Academic Assessment Update, V.B. - Dr. Lapoint

Dr. Lapoint reported on recent assessment activities. (See attachment #1.)

Dr. Drummond commended Dr. Lapoint and his staff for bring this program along and incorporating it into the institutional planning, helping the institution to provide a superior education to our students.

ASEWU Quarterly Supplemental Expenditures for Winter Quarter 1992, V.C. - Dr. Floyd

As required by the board, the Associated Students must present a quarterly report on all expenditures. The total expenditures for Winter Quarter 1992 are \$18,930.44.

Report of Charges, Fees and Waiver Programs, V.D. - Dr. Floyd

Dr. Floyd presented a report of charges, fees and waiver programs, as per board requirements. Mr. Geraghty noted that there were little change in the fees.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

No old or new business was indicated.

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Beschel called an executive session from 10:25 a.m. to 10:59 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

Indemnification Resolution, VIII.*

Dr. Floyd stated that the proposed resolution indemnifies the four individuals named in the law suit filed by Mr. John Bauknecht.

Motion #05-06-92: "I move that the board approve the indemnification resolution as presented."

Motion by Dr. Torres; second by Mr. Jackson; approve unanimously.

Request for Individual Defense, IX.*

Dr. Floyd stated that the administration is requesting the board's approval to have the Attorney General's Office represent the individuals named in the law suit filed by Mr. John Bauknecht.

Motion #05-07-92: "I move that the board approve the request for individual defense."

Motion by Dr. Torres; second by Mr. Kirschbaum; approve unanimously.

Personnel Actions, X.*

Motion #05-08-92: "I move that the Board approve the personnel actions as amended, the addendum and the 1992 Medals and Awards Committee recommendations."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Mr. Geraghty; approved unanimously.

Adjournment, XI.

Chair Beschel adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Jean L. Beschel
Chair

Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary