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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 June 11, 1992, 12:00 p.m.
 Ridpath Hotel, Terrace Room C

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Mrs. Jean L. Beschel, Chair
 Mr. Al Brisbois, Vice Chair
 Mr. John V. Geraghty, Jr.
 Mr. Joe W. Jackson
 Mr. James L. Kirschbaum
 Mr. Michael C. Ormsby
 Dr. Julian J. Torres, Jr.

Staff Present

Mr. David R. Cook, Sports Information Director
 Dr. Richard Curry, Dean, College of Letters and Social Sciences
 Mr. Robert L. Decker, Principal Accountant, Controller's Office
 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
 Dr. Fred J. Evans, Dean, College of Business Administration
 Mr. Richie W. Gibb, Director of Capital Planning
 Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
 Mr. Steve Hopf, Director, Central Services
 Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
 Dr. Karen L. Michaelson, Associate Vice Provost for Grants and Research Development
 Ms. Leslie L. Mowatt, Office Assistant II, Office of the President
 Mrs. Gayle M. Ogden, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Affirmative Action
 Mr. Ronald J. Raver, Associate Director of Athletics
 Mr. Gregory L. Sheridan, Associate Vice President for University Advancement
 Mr. Michael Stewart, Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting
 Mr. Victor E. Wallace, Lieutenant, Campus Police
 Mr. Lee Yerty, Athletic Intern
 Ms. Lesli K. Younger, Media Lab Coordinator, Spokane Center
 Mr. Richard L. Zornes, Athletic Director, Head Football Coach

Faculty Present

Dr. Frank E. Nelson, Professor of Management Information Systems, Faculty Athletic Representative

Students Present

Ms. Adelina Gonzales, President, ASEWU
 Mr. Michael Pendleton, President-Elect, ASEWU

Guests Present

Mr. Allen Ogdon, Mayor, City of Cheney
 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 12:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

Reports, III.

Trustee Reports, III.A.

Mrs. Beschel reported that she had recently attended a meeting of the Higher Education Coordinating Board Subcommittee for Minority Participation and Cultural Diversity. The committee reviewed a WICHE grant proposal being submitted to gain funding to assist in minority issues. The committee also reviewed a main access paper that addresses minority participation and diversity in higher education, and discussed the importance for the Legislature to fund the goals and procedures regarding these issues.

Mrs. Beschel presented Mr. Dolan with his 25 year service pin from Eastern and thanked him for all his years of dedicated service.

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

Mr. Ormsby had three important items to report on from the Joint Center. The first item was the process that the JCHE is going through to interview and select a new executive director. Dr. Max Snyder will complete his duties sometime in July. Mr. Ormsby stated that he and Dr. Drummond are on the personnel selection committee. There were approximately 150 candidates for the position of executive director. The field was narrowed to 12 and, as of yesterday, three finalists were announced. They will begin the final review process soon.

The second item Mr. Ormsby reported on was the bids for the SIRTI facility. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 15. The JCHE Board will meet in a special session on June 16 to award the contract for construction, which should begin immediately.

The discussion of who will take the primary leadership role on programs offered at SIRTI, Washington State University or Eastern, has made great progress. The provosts have identified who will offer which programs, with very little friction and a great deal of cooperation. Mr. Ormsby stated that the work of the Joint Center will pick up next fall with new permanent leadership. He also stated that the board received at report at their last meeting on both the program and campus master plans, and both are moving ahead.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

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

No faculty organization report was presented.

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

Ms. Gonzales thanked the board and stated what a pleasure it was to work with them.

Mrs. Beschel presented Ms. Gonzales with a plaque and a gift on behalf of the board and thanked her for the uniqueness she has brought to Associated Student leadership at Eastern.

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

Dr. Drummond stated that commencement at Eastern will be held Friday, June 12, with Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, giving the Commencement address. Eastern will award approximately 1856 baccalaureate degrees and 421 master's degrees.

Several Medals and Awards will given at reception this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the University Theatre. Reta Gilbert, professor of communications studies, will receive the EWU Trustees Medal. Frank Kazemek, associate professor of education, will receive the Burlington Northern faculty Achievement Award. Lillian Wong and Victor Wallace will both receive Eastern's Distinguished Service Award.

Forums were held on campus May 28 and 29 seeking input from the campus community on the Liberal Arts Reform process currently under way at Eastern. The forums were very well attended by both faculty and students.

Dr. Drummond announced that the six buildings that form the original core of Eastern's campus were approved for historic designation in May by the Washington State Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. It is now up to the National Register to accept the council's recommendation.

Eastern's Faculty Senate voted at its June 1 meeting to approved a faculty salary plan. It has been a long process to get to this point and a full presentation of the salary plan will be given at the July board meeting.

The EWU Foundation funded \$4,700 in Staff/Faculty Minigrants spring quarter, bringing the grant awards for this fiscal year to \$32,000.

Eastern student Donna McKereghan has received an honorable mention in the 1992 Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest. She has been on the National Dean's List for four years and has received a scholarship to attend Miami University where she will pursue her doctorate in philosophy. Ms. McKereghan is also a disabled student and a single parent. She will be graduating magna cum laude and receiving the Presidential Commendation.

Dr. Drummond reported that Dianne Welsh, assistant professor of business management, has been named as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention to be held in New York City next month. She will represent the 5th Congressional District.

Ursula Hegi, associate professor of English, is one of 38 authors from 19 states to have a work selected for the Syndicated Fiction Project's 11th Series. Her short story "Stolen Chocolates" is her fifth piece to be chosen since the National Endowment for the Arts created the project 10 years ago.

V. Louise Saylor, dean of Libraries, has been reelected to a three-year term representing the Pacific Network on the OCLC Users' Council. OCLC is a non-profit library service and research organization whose computer network and products link more than 14,000 libraries in 46 countries and territories.

Al Brisbois, a member of the EWU Board of Trustees, recently presented the first Bertha Finely Brisbois Memorial Scholarship to Lori Ann Ost, a senior at Columbia High School in Hunters, Washington. Mr. Brisbois established the scholarship in 1989 in his mother's name to help Native American students attend college.

Regarding enrollment, Dr. Drummond stated that Eastern has maintained the lead of 1,000 applications over last year. Of the increase, over 800 applicants are qualified to register at Eastern. Dr. Drummond also noted a large upsurge in transfer students.

Mr. Ormsby suggested that the university advise the local delegation and other key legislators that Eastern does not have sufficient funding levels to admit all qualified applicants, and that funding for additional students be one of the top priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the May 14, 1992 Board of Trustees' Special Meeting and Minutes of the May 15 Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A.* and IV.B.* - Mrs. Beschel

Motion #06-01-92: "I move that the minutes of the May 14, 1992 Board of Trustees' Special Meeting and the minutes of the May 15, 1992 Board of Trustees' Meeting be approved as amended."

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

Honorary Master's Degrees, IV.C. - Dr. Drummond

Dr. Drummond stated that the Washington State Legislature, during its 1992 session, authorized the Board of Trustees of the state colleges and universities to grant honorary master's degrees upon the recommendation of the faculty. The recommendation is to award Eleanor Chase the Honorary Master of Social Work and Pauline Flett the Honorary Master of Arts in Humane Letters.

Mr. Ormsby stated that it is very fitting for these two particular individuals be the recipients of the first honorary degrees awarded by Eastern.

Motion #06-02-92: "I move that the board approve the honorary Master's degrees as presented."

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

Public Works Contract Award, Project No. AE-90-04, HPE Walkway Repairs, Phase II, IV.D. - Mr. Gibb

Mr. Gibb stated that this project is for resurfacing of the walkways adjacent to the fieldhouse, Special Events Pavilion and Aquatics Center. This work will complete repairs on the infamous leaks in the HPE complex.

Mr. Geraghty questioned the large difference in the two qualified bid amounts. Mr. Brisbois requested that the administration determine if either bidder had an approved apprenticeship program.

Motion #06-03-92: "I move that the board award public works contract #AE-90-04 to Krueger Sheet Metal of Spokane in the amount of \$443,025."

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

Public Works Contract Award, Project No. AE-91-09, Dormitories Renovation, Phase I, IV.E. - Mr. Gibb

Mr. Gibb stated that the dormitories are in need of significant refurbishing. This project will result in the replacement of floor drainage fixtures, shower and toilet room finishes, upgrade of ventilation systems and miscellaneous exterior repairs, including replacement of sidewalks and masonry retaining walls at Morrison Hall.

Again, Mr. Brisbois asked the administration to determine if any of the qualified bidders had an approved apprenticeship program.

Motion #06-04-92: "I move that the board award public works contract #AE-91-09 to Vern W. Johnson & Sons of Spokane in the amount of \$400,000."

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

Fiscal Year 1993 Operating Budget, IV.F. - Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman introduced Mr. Mike Stewart, Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting to discuss this agenda item. Mr. Stewart briefly reviewed the 1993 Fiscal Year Operating Budget. He stated that the Board of Trustee Finance Committee had reviewed and approved the operating budget.

Dr. Drummond stated that the state continues to reduce support levels and micro-manage. Mr. Geraghty stated that these views should be shared with the Legislature.

Motion #06-05-92: "I move that the board approve the Fiscal Year 1993 Operating Budget in the amount of \$86,989,459."

Motion by Mr. Brisbois; second by Mr. Jackson; approve unanimously.

Fiscal Year 1993 Capital Budget, IV.G. - Mr. Gibb

Mr. Gibb briefly reviewed the 1993 Fiscal Year Capital Budget. He stated that the Board of Trustee Finance Committee had also reviewed and approved the capital budget.

Mr. Geraghty asked if the university is looking at using private funds to support any of these capital projects. Dr. Drummond stated that the university is beginning to explore those possibilities.

Motion #06-06-92: "I move that the board approve the Fiscal Year 1993 Capital Budget in the amount of \$13,085,385."

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

Information Items, V.

Annual Intercollegiate Athletic Report, V.A. - Mr. Zornes

Mr. Zornes highlighted some of the achievements of the athletic department over the past year. He thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support through the governance principles, Dr. Keith Quincy and the members of the Athletic Policy Board for their guidance, and the Associated Students for their support.

Mr. Geraghty stated that the Finance Committee has reviewed the athletic report and was pleased to see that the athletic department was on track and operating within the principles. He credited Mr. Zornes and his staff for all the work they have done, especially since they are the lowest funded program in the Big Sky Conference. Mr. Geraghty noted that the department needs to give increased attention to gate receipts and outside funding.

E. Clair Daniels Distinguished Professorship in Accounting, V.B. - Dr. Drummond

Dr. Drummond announced that Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes had recently donated \$150,000 to Eastern to initiate the endowment of a distinguished professorship in accounting in the name of Mrs. Hughes' father, E. Clair Daniels, co-founder of LeMaster & Daniels. Dr. Drummond and Mr. Sheridan have been in contact with local accounting firms and feel that they have commitments for the additional \$100,000 needed to establish the endowment. He stated that Eastern would press hard for the matching state funds.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

No old or new business was indicated.

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Beschel called an executive session from 2:20 p.m. to 2:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

Personnel Actions, VIII.*

Motion #06-07-92: "I move that the Board approve the personnel actions as amended."

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

Annual Institutional Review, IX.

Mr. Brisbois briefly reviewed the institutional review report submitted by Dr. Stanley F. Paulson.

The report was made available to the public and would be distributed to all the various departments. (See attachment #1.)

Adjournment, X.

Chair Beschel adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Jean L. Beschel
Chair

Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary