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Eastern Washington University  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
February 25, 1994, 9:00 a.m.  
Spokane Center, Second Floor Mall

MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

J.D. Annie Cole, Associate Vice President for Student Life  
Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees  
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President  
Dr. George A. Durrie, Director, Government Relations  
Dr. Robert H. Elton, Interim Dean, College of Health, Social and Public Services  
Dr. Fred J. Evans, Dean, College of Business Administration  
Mr. Richie W. Gibb, Director, Facility Planning, Construction and Maintenance  
Mrs. Carol Golden, Secretary, Office of the President  
Ms. Isabelle W. Green, Director, Alumni Relations  
Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Dr. Russell S. Hubbard, President, Faculty Organization  
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for University Advancement  
Mr. T. James Lochner, Director, Finances for University and Auxiliary Services  
Mr. Larry G. Mix, Chair, Collective Bargaining Unit II, and Transportation Supervisor  
Dr. Terry Novak, Dean, Extension for Urban and Regional Development/Professor of Public Administration  
Mrs. Gayle M. Ogden, Associate Vice President for Human Resources/Affirmative Action Officer  
Mr. Rick L. Romero, Director, Contract Services  
Mrs. Louise V. Saylor, Dean of Libraries  
Mr. Michael Stewart, Vice Provost for Planning and Budget

Faculty Present

Dr. David M. Daugharty, Professor, Mathematics

Students Present

Mr. Mike Hayes, Student

Guests Present

Ms. Sally Cole, President, EWU Alumni Association  
Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General  
Mr. Al Ogden, Mayor, City of Cheney  
Mr. Greg Olarid, AFT/NEA  
Mr. James M. Reinbold, City Administrator, City of Cheney  
Mr. Todd Rothrock, Construction Management Associates  
Mr. Bob Walsh, Owner, Walsh Construction

### Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. - Dr. Torres

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

### Reports, III.

#### Trustee Reports, III.A. - Mrs. Beschel

Mrs. Beschel reported on her attendance at the January 31, 1994, Senate/Faculty meeting on liberal arts reform. The meeting participants appeared to be in general agreement with the concept and with the proposals regarding freshman and sophomores. The majority of concerns seemed to center on the yet-to-be determined details of the upper division years, an area that will be addressed next but is still three years away from implementation.

Mrs. Beschel was very pleased to hear the subsequent vote of acceptance of the liberal arts reform. This is a major landmark to further excellence in academics and commitment to a quality, undergraduate, educational foundation upon which to build a lifetime of intellectual pursuit and interest. Everyone who worked so hard in devising and refining liberal arts reform should be commended.

Mr. Ormsby reported that the Joint Center is increasing their request for funding next year by an amount in excess of \$200,000, which had been included in the Governor's budget to the legislature. The Senate reduced that amount to \$97,000 and there is no money included in the House budget. This is operational money for the first building to be brought on line this summer. Efforts are currently being made to explain to legislators why this is not an increase in funding, but a necessary expense for the opening of a facility.

#### Presidents' Reports, III.B.

##### Faculty Organization, III.B.1. - Dr. Hubbard

Dr. Russell Hubbard reported on the current activities of the Faculty Organization. Dr. Hubbard reported that the liberal arts reform debate was useful. There were various amendments, the chief one being an additional year for planning and preparation of the upper division liberal arts enhancement program. Freshman this fall will be under the new liberal arts program. Transfer students entering in the fall of 1995 will be expected to meet the upper division requirements. The Undergraduate Affairs Council and other committees are continuing to flesh out the details of the courses to be offered. The final vote was held on February 7, 1994 and the support from the academic senate was overwhelming. The work of the various committees have been superb on completing this issue.

The four collective bargaining forums were not well attended. Strong guidelines are beginning to be drawn between the factions. Every effort is being made to allow all voices to be heard and feelings vented. If the faculty chooses to enter into collective bargaining, it must be entered into in the spirit of good will, rather than antagonism and hostility. A particular problem could be the restriction of administrators not being allowed to vote. Voting is scheduled for March 2 in Spokane and March 3 on campus with the choice being between the United Faculty of Eastern (NEA/AFT) or no representation. The ballot box will be monitored by Ken Latch, assistant to Marvin Schirke, PERC, and the results should be known by Thursday afternoon, March 3.

##### Associated Students, III.B.2. - Ms. Niharika Bhasin

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

Dr. Drummond reported that he and Dr. Torres attended a formal ceremony held in Yakima on February 10 to sign a Cooperative Agreement between Heritage College and EWU that enables Eastern to offer a master of social work degree program at Heritage College, beginning this Spring.

Interviews are continuing through March 3 for a new Dean of Libraries.

A forum on Cultural Diversity held on February 24 was well-attended. All departments and programs on campus were encouraged to send representatives to attend this thought-provoking session.

Native American sculptor and artist James Luna visited campus. Mr. Luna's talk is part of the continuing National Endowment for the Arts series on art and the environment. He highlights common misconceptions about Native American culture in his work.

Jo Rogers, Director of Administrative Personnel and University Training, has been appointed as the higher education representative to the executive board of the Governor's Interagency Committee for State Employed Women.

Terry Novak, Dean of Extension for Urban and Regional Development, is helping to establish a plan for the Downtown Spokane Action Committee. The plans from this committee are being displayed in the Seafirst building lobby on the Skywalk level.

A \$10,000 Minority Tuition Grant for students pursuing careers in alcohol/drug treatment has been awarded to Joe Terhaar, Director of the Alcohol/Drug Studies Program.

\$152,000 in grants are being awarded to faculty for various research projects, ranging from geographical research to studying variable chemical atomic substances to measurement of radon gas.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the January 28, 1994 Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A. - Dr. Torres

**Motion #2-01-94:** *"I move that the minutes of the January 28, 1994 Board of Trustees' meeting be approved, including some editing changes."*

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

Selection of Architectural Consultant, IV.B. - Dr. Hoffman

The consultants will provide architectural and engineering services for the upgrading of classroom facilities campus wide. The upgrading includes modern media communication systems, and energy efficient lighting and refurbishing, including painting and floor coverings. The total project is budgeted at \$1.5 million dollars. Integrus Architecture meets university MWBE and WBE requirements.

**Motion #2-02-94:** *"I move the Board approve the contract for architectural and engineering services for the classroom renewal project be awarded to Integrus Architecture of Spokane."*

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

Selection of Mechanical Engineer Consultant, IV.C. - Dr. Hoffman

This contract is for mechanical and engineering services for three capital projects which include the Rozell Heating Plant's chillers, upgrading of the Art Building's HVAC system, and replacing Boiler No. 4 and related control systems in the heating plant. This is a multi-biennia project with estimated expenditures of \$2.4 million during the 1993-95 biennium. The number one ranked firm, MW Consulting Engineers, meets the universities MWBE and WBE requirements.

**Motion #2-03-94:** *"I move that the Board approve the selection of MW Consulting Engineers as the engineering consultants for the chillers/HVAC/boiler and controls project."*

*Motion by Mr. Brisbois; second by Mr. Geraghty; approved unanimously.*

Selection of Design/Build Contractor, IV.D. - Dr. Hoffman

The board authorized the financing proposals for the PUB expansion and remodel project at its June 25, 1993 meeting. The project includes a bookstore, expanded office space for clubs and activities, a state of the art Writing Lab, a Computer Lab, improved access and general refurbishing of the building.

The finance committee met on Monday, February 14, and reviewed the two proposals submitted by interested contractors. The two proposals were reviewed by a selection committee that include representative from the students, faculty, administration and the Cheney community. The overwhelming choice of the committee was Walsh Construction Company. Walsh was the contractor for the family housing project which we opened last fall. Mr. Stewart displayed and discussed plans from both proposals, giving reasons for the decision to choose Walsh Construction Company over its competitor.

The total amount of the design build contract for the PUB expansion and remodel is \$7 million dollars. Walsh Construction meets MWBE and WBE participation requirements.

Mr. Geraghty asked that in future bids from Spokane area teams be used in the design build process.

**Motion #2-04-94:** *"I move that the Board award the PUB expansion and remodel contract to Walsh Construction Company."*

*Motion by Mr. Geraghty; second by Mr. Brisbois; approved unanimously.*

Acceptance of Completion of Public Works Contract Over \$150,000, IV.E. - Dr. Hoffman

The Family Housing Complex is complete and has been occupied since Fall quarter. All the work has been satisfactorily completed by Walsh Construction Company for the total contract amount of \$4,010,002.34. There is a one year warranty period which covers all materials and labor related costs to the project.

The original bid was for \$4 million. It was decided to add air conditioners at an added expense of \$600,000. Brick veneer in entry ways and utility room added \$100,000 to consist with the master plan. Minor change orders were put through regarding playground equipment and other improvements which added to the overall quality.

**Motion #2-05-94:** *"I move that the Board approve acceptance of Public Works Contract AUX-9201Z003027, the Family Housing Complex project ."*

*Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Mr. Jackson; approved unanimously.*

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Dr. Drummond went on record in acknowledging the roll of the students in their participation of the previous contract. The students on the committee spent time to help work on the design concept, and were very active in working out the financing structure in a responsible fashion. A debt of gratitude goes to the students, the representatives from the City of Cheney, and their colleagues.

Housing and Dining Rates for Academic Year 1994-95, IV.F. - Mrs. Johnson

The proposed housing and dining rates increases range from an increase for double occupancy, meal plan 1 of 8% to large single, meal plan 1 increases of 11%. The rate increases support the cost of deferred maintenance, improved food service and cable television and data communications hookup.

The proposed rate increases for apartments, including the married student court, Holter House, and the new family housing complex, range from a low of 6% for the family housing complex to 9% for married student court. The increases are necessary to cover cost increases in utilities, including garbage, water and sewer, other deferred maintenance and to provide funds for renewal and replacement reserves.

**Motion #2-06-94:** *"I move that the Board approve the proposed housing and dining rate increases for the 1994-95 academic year."*

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

EWU Alumni Association/EWU Cooperative Agreement, IV.G. - Mrs. Johnson

The cooperative agreement is a continuation of the existing agreement. This agreement is to be in effect for two years and automatically renewed in conjunction with the approval of the biennial budget for the university.

**Motion #2-07-94:** *"I move Eastern Washington University Alumni Association and Eastern Washington University cooperative agreement be approved as presented."*

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

A special presentation was made by Ms. Sally Cole, President, EWU Alumni Association to Dr. Drummond. Dr. Drummond was made a lifetime member of Eastern Washington University Alumni Association with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Dr. Drummond has proven himself to be an outstanding advocate of EWU, its alumni, staff, students and faculty and therefore the proclamation also thanks extends to Dr. Drummond and appreciation for his timeless work on behalf of the Eastern community.

Information Items, V.

Cheney Campus Remodel and Additions Project, V.A. — Mr. Stewart

Mike Stewart presented a briefing on projects currently or about to get under way on the Cheney campus in addition to the PUB expansion. With the attention on the SIRT1 and Riverpoint projects, it is important to remind everyone of the significant improvements on the Cheney campus, including the large number of capital projects, i.e., library, Sutton Hall, and classroom renovations.

Eastern is working with the Washington State Patrol and members of the Governor's office to consider siting a Washington State Forensics Crime Lab on the Cheney campus. This would be a multiple use facility.

**Old Business/New Business, VI.**

Mr. Dolan proposed that the May and June meetings both be canceled and a special meeting be called for June 10 to replace those two meetings. The Board of Trustees agreed to the proposed schedule changes.

Dr. Novak, Dean, Extension for Urban and Regional Development and Professor of Public Administration reported on the WSU architecture and the east downtown plans.

**Executive Session, VII.**

Chair Torres called an executive session from 10:37 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

**Personnel Actions, VIII.\***

**Motion #2-08-94:** *"I move that the Board approve the personnel actions as presented."*

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

**Motion #2-09-94:** *"I move that an Honorary Master of Arts Degree be presented to Board member James Kirschbaum at Commencement."*

*Motion by Mr. Brisbois; seconded by Mr. Jackson; approved unanimously.*

**Adjournment, IX.**

Chair Torres adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

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Julian J. Torres  
Chair

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Kenneth R. Dolan  
Secretary