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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 21, 1995
9:00 a.m.
Spokane Center
Second Floor Mall

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
Dr. George Durrie, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Phyllis Edmundson, Dean of the College of Education & Human Development
Mr. Richie Gibb, Director of Facilities Planning, Construction and Maintenance
Dr. Flash Gibson, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President and Provost
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for Advancement
Ms. Patricia Kelley, Dean of Libraries
Ms. Angelika M. Moskalonek, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President
Ms. Gayle Ogden, Executive Director for Human Rights and Legal Affairs
Dr. Theophil M. Otto, Librarian IV
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Editor/Media Coordinator for Communication Services
Mr. Bill Shaw, Chief Financial Officer for Business and Finance
Mr. Michael S. Stewart, Vice President for Business and Finance
Ms. Leslie K. Younger, Media Lab Coordinator

Faculty Present

Dr. Alex Cameron, Associate Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
Dr. Jeff Corkill, President of Faculty Organization
Dr. Mark Lester, Chair of English Department
Dr. Bob Morgenstern, Vice President of Faculty Organization

Students Present

Mr. Justin Franke, President of ASEWU
Ms. Erica Hucet, EWU Student

Guests Present

Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Scott Paul, EWU Intern
Mr. Ron Sims, ALSC Architects

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

Chair Ormsby called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present at the meeting.

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

No Trustees' Reports were presented.

Bargaining Unit I Representative Report, III.B.4. - Ms. Fleming

Ms. Fleming reported that the classified staff of Bargaining Unit I, Local 931, is developing a training program jointly with Human Resources. The training will be offered to all supervisors and Bargaining Unit I members and includes the new contract, university policies, RCWs and WACs that are used in conjunction with the contract. Training sessions will be video-taped for training of new employees.

President's Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization Report, III.B.1. - Dr. Corkill

Dr. Corkill gave an overview of issues discussed at the Senate's last meeting of academic year 1994-95:

1. Faculty Organization continued involvement in the planning and budgeting process for the next biennium.
2. In collaboration with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, the office of the Registrar and Faculty Organization officers are looking at a more standardized pattern of scheduling classes.

Dr. Corkill thanked the Board and the administration for the opportunity to serve as Faculty Organization President during the past academic year.

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

ASEWU President Franke reported on various activities and issues concerning students, including freshmen orientations, food vendors in the PUB, seeking input in the policy-making decisions of the university, comparing student life activities with other institutions and hiring a separate advisor for clubs and organizations.

Big Sky Athletics and Student Health Services issues need to include input from the students.

The ASEWU fall orientation/leadership retreat will be held on September 6 and 7. Mr. Franke invited members of the Board to attend the event.

President's Reports, III.B.3. - Dr. Drummond

Dr. Drummond covered a number of activities in his report:

New Student Orientations will be held on campus over the next couple of months.

The reorganization process and personnel realignments have almost been completed.

Dr. Ed Yarwood has accepted the position as interim dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences. Search to fill this position and the position of the dean of the College of Business and Public Administration will begin this fall. Dr. Ron Dalla, professor of mathematics, has accepted the position of dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Jerry Parker has become the new associate dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology; and Dr. Tom Karier is the new associate dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences.

Eastern Washington University was awarded nearly \$8 million in grants and contracts during fiscal year 1994-95, with the largest in the amount of \$2,173,885 for applied research in Archeological & Historical Services (AHS).

Dr. Drummond has been elected chair of the Big Sky Conference Presidents' Council.

The Space Committee has been revived under the leadership of Cyndi Cutler to assist in developing policies for allocation of campus facilities in an effective and efficient manner.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the June 23, 1995, Board of Trustees Meeting, IV.A.

Chair Ormsby requested that the minutes be approved with amendments as presented.

Motion #07-01-95: "I move that the minutes of the June 23, 1995, Board of Trustees meeting be approved with amendments as presented."

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

Fiscal Year 1996, IV.B. - Mr. Stewart

1. Operating Budget, IV.B.1.

Vice President Stewart gave a summary of the operating budget for fiscal year 1996.

The summary included a biennial overview of the Washington state legislative operating budget appropriations for the 1996-97 biennium, data on enrollment increases, restrictions or provisions included in the Biennial Operating Budget Appropriations Act, and the recommended annual operating budget for the first year of the current biennium. The operating budget data contained descriptions and highlights of the four major budget categories: educational and general operations, auxiliary enterprises, scholarships and fellowships and sponsored programs.

Mr. Stewart recommended approval of the operating budget for fiscal year 1996 which authorizes the university to proceed with plans for expenditures and transfers within the limits of the 1995-97 Biennial Appropriations Act.

Motion #07-02-95: "I move that the Board approve the operating budget in the amount of \$94,538,755 for fiscal year 1996."

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

Mr. Geraghty stated that the members of the Finance Committee met prior to the July Board meeting and reviewed the proposed budget. At the scheduled Board of Trustees retreat in October, members of Board will learn more about the mechanics and philosophical background of the budget and the role the Board plays in the planning and budgeting process.

Mr. Kirschbaum commended Mr. Stewart and his staff on the comprehensible presentation of the budget.

Mr. Ormsby commented that the Board spends less time to pass the budget because of the thorough process of preparations and presentation. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the Board to everyone who was involved in the project.

2. Capital Budget, IV.B.2.

Mr. Stewart presented the capital budget for 1996. Projects included JFK Library Add/Remodel, HVAC, Sutton Hall Remodel, Showalter Hall Auditorium Renovation, Classroom Renewal, Telecommunication Campus Network, etc., and local funding for projects to improve Housing & Dining, Parking Services and University Bookstore.

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board approve the capital budget of \$21,457,892 for fiscal year 1996, which begins July 1, 1995, and ends June 30, 1996.

Chair Ormsby entertained a motion that the capital budget be approved for the fiscal year 1996.

Motion #07-03-95: *"So moved."*

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

Mr. Geraghty commended Dr. Durrie and other members of EWU legislative delegation for their work with legislators which resulted in funding for many needed capital projects, especially the Library and Sutton Hall Remodel.

3. S & A Fees Budget, IV.B.3.

Mr. Stewart pointed out that the S & A Fees Budget are part of the operating budget and were approved as part of the operating budget.

Mr. Franke commented that concerns have been expressed about reductions proposed in the budget with some program cuts up to 40 percent and indicated that he will review the budget process.

The ASEWU budget for student activities increased by over \$40,000 from previous years. This shows ASEWU's commitment to increase student activities.

University Treasurer Resolution, IV.C. - Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board delegate its contracting and signature authority to him for university contractual agreements and signature authority.

Motion #07-04-95: *"I move that the Board approve the University Treasurer Resolution as presented."*

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

Approval of Public Works Contract Award Over \$150,000, IV.D. - JFK Library
- Mr. Stewart

Mr. Kirschbaum recused himself from consideration of the proposed contract and left the meeting room.

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Shea Construction, Spokane, Washington, for project #AE-93-05, JFK Library Addition/Remodel. Contracted work provides for the construction of a three-story 78,446 g.s.f. addition to the university's main campus library and the renovation of the existing building, including new mechanical and electrical systems throughout, building commissioning and site improvements.

MWBE percentages for Shea Construction show 11.9% MBE and 6.02% WBE participation.

Mr. Stewart added that the bid consists of a base bid and seven alternate bids. One alternate bid, "Steam Hot Water Heater," was taken off the bid because the work can be done by university staff at a lesser cost.

Chair Ormsby entertained a motion to approve the award of construction bid as recommended by Mr. Stewart.

Motion #07-05-95: *"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the contract award to Shea Construction, Spokane, Washington, for project #AE-93-05, JFK Library Addition/Remodel, in the amount of \$13,397,600."*

Motion by Mr. Jackson; second by Mrs. Beschel; approved. Five votes in favor, one vote abstention, and one member who recused himself from participation in the decision.

Dr. Drummond commended everyone who was involved in lobbying for the funding of the JFK Library project including Dr. Durrie, Senators Prince and Loveland, Representatives Schoesler, Sheahan, Silver, Sommers, as well as many other state representatives.

Information Items, V.

Briefing on Liberal Arts Reform, V.A. - Dr. Hoffman/Dr. Lester

Dr. Hoffman provided a brief introduction to the Liberal Arts Reform. Several years ago, Eastern began developing a core curriculum of distinction which would lead to a national reputation for academic excellence in undergraduate education. The university set several benchmarks to guide the program. Some have been achieved including two presentations at major national meetings, an invitation for inclusion in Dr. Ernest L. Boyer's book, *Peterson's College Guide* series and an invitation to the National Institute for undergraduate education, and recipients of national grants dealing with Undergraduate Education.

Dr. Mark Lester, chair of the Department of English, spoke about Eastern's National Endowment for the Humanities grant, specifically the design of the junior year course sequence and gave an update on the way the junior program works. Approximately 35 of Eastern's faculty engaged in the first round of curriculum development. There are three one-quarter courses: Human Identity, Individual and Society and Individuals in the Natural World.

Special Fees, V.B. - Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman informed the Board that he and the deans agreed to review special fees in cooperation with the Associated Students. Dr. Hoffman anticipated that he recommend a consolidated special fees program at the December or January Board meeting.

Report of Public Works/Architectural & Engineering Contracts, V.C. - Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart updated the Board on three existing contracts: 1) Science Building Commissioning Agent; 2) Well No. 1 Improvements, Phase I, #AE-93-12; and 3) ADA Improvements '94, AE #94-05.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

None

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Ormsby called an executive session from 11:02 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

Personnel Actions, VIII.*

Chair Ormsby entertained a motion to approve personnel matters.

Motion #07-06-95: *"I move that the personnel actions as presented by Dr. Drummond, Provost Hoffman and the Administration be approved as recommended."*

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

Chair Ormsby appointed a Nominating Committee composed of Jim Kirschbaum, Mike Ormsby and Julian Torres and charged the committee to recommend a slate of Board officers for next year.

Adjournment, IX.

Chair Ormsby adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Michael C. Ormsby, Jr.
Chair

Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary