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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 24, 1996
9:00 a.m.
Spokane Center
Second Floor Mall

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Dr. William Barber, Assistant to the President and Professor of Psychology
Dr. Alex Cameron, Assistant Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
Dr. Sandra Christensen, Assistant Professor of Business Management/
Secretary of the Faculty Organization/Academic Senate
Ms. Sally Cole, Past President of Alumni Association
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 Governmental Relations
Dr. Phyllis Edmundson, Dean of the College of Education & Human Development
Mr. Richie W. Gibb, Director of Facility Planning, Construction & Maintenance
Dr. Flash Gibson, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
Ms. Isabelle W. Green, Director of the EWU Alumni Relations
Dr. Robert C. Herold, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Dr. James Hoffman, Senior Vice President and Provost
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Ms. Kerry Lynch, President of Alumni Association
Dr. Elroy McDermott, Dean of College of the Business and Public Administration
Dr. Bob Morgenstern, President of the Faculty Organization and Chair of Academic Senate
Ms. Angelika M. Moskalonek, Administrative Assistant, Office of the President
Ms. Gayle Ogden, Executive Director of Human Rights & Legal Affairs
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Dr. Ray Soltero, Dean of College of Science, Mathematics, and Technology
Mr. William Shaw, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael S. Stewart, Vice President for Business and Finance
Mr. Chris Wavada, Media Lab Coordinator
Dr. Edmund Yarwood, Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Ms. Lorraine Hill, EWU Police Officer

Faculty Present

Mr. Tom Bonsor, Professor of Economics and President of the United Faculty of Eastern
Dr. Robert E. Gibbs, Professor of Physics
Dr. Ray Hamel, Professor/Department Chair of Computer Science
Dr. David C. Jabon, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Walter Powers, President of the Retirees' Association

Students Present

Mr. Dean Dunham, ASEWU President-Elect
Mr. Mike Ehrmantrout, Staff Writer of the Easterner
Mr. Justin Franke, President of ASEWU
Mr. Kelly Jahns, EWU Student and Member of Math Team
Mr. Daniel Jump, EWU Student and Member of Math Team
Mr. Emil Kraft, EWU Student and Member of Math Team
Mr. Greg McAllister, ASEWU Vice President for Finance

Guests Present

Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Mike Huffman, Cheney Free Press
Dr. Walt Powers, President of EWU Retirees' Association
Ms. Amy Sooeey, Executive Director of Cheney Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Ray Whitfield, Vice President of EWU Retirees' Association

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

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

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

Mrs. Beschel reported on the workshop "Implementing the Vision" held on May 17, 1996. Mr. Brisbois and Mrs. Beschel represented the Board at the workshop. Approximately 120 members of University constituencies attended. The purpose of the workshop was to formulate a strategic plan for implementing Eastern's Vision. Mrs. Beschel said it was one of the most productive events she has participated in and encouraged other Board members to attend future meetings.

Mrs. Beschel reported also on the May 22 Finance Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed contract awards and other financial matters.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

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

Dr. Morgenstern gave a brief report on the recently held all-day Technology Workshop for faculty. Thirty EWU faculty and two McNair Scholars attended the event. The purpose of the workshop was to show faculty how to apply technology to teaching. At the end of May the Department of Information Resources will hold Digifest, a presentation of the latest computers and technology available.

The Senate passed features of the Liberal Arts Reform. Dr. Morgenstern related some of the faculty's views on the Liberal Arts Reform.

Faculty recommended the approval of the proposed parking rate increases.

The elections for Faculty Organization officers is underway. Dr. Morgenstern introduced Dr. Sandra Christensen who is a candidate for the position of Vice President of the Faculty

Organization and running unopposed. Dr. Dana Elder will be the new President of Faculty Organization effective September 1996.

Dr. Morgenstern expressed his concern on how to keep faculty fully informed and assure representation of faculty in Spokane and on campus as Eastern is moving to a dual campus.

He announced Dr. Jeff Corkill has been elected President of United Faculty of Eastern.

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

ASEWU President Justin Franke informed the Board of the results of the Student Health Survey. The survey reflected low usage of the Health Service provided by Rockwood Clinic. He said 74% of students responding to the survey believed that the mandatory fee should not be continued; 54% of the student population responding said they have never used the coverage; and 75% have medical coverage other than through the Rockwood Clinic. The Associated Student Council voted to recommend that any contract not have a mandatory fee. The student body is opposed to any mandatory fee but would like to look into the option of negotiating a voluntary contract to ensure students for their health care needs. An optional fee would be a substantial savings of student dollars.

The ASEWU budget passed unanimously and reflects funding of more events benefitting the entire campus instead of individual organizations. It also focuses on collective services that will be accessible to everyone. Budget shortfall, because of declining enrollment, has placed constraints on the budget. The budget will be adjusted accordingly. Some programs have been eliminated and dollars have been reallocated.

A new clubs and organizations advisor position has been funded through agreement with the administration in which the expense will be equally shared. A search is currently under way.

Funding was made available to serve the entertainment program and activity board and to help support the demand for increased activities in Spokane and Cheney, along with big name concerts.

A Ropes Course may be built by August 15. The course will provide the opportunity to build team work, personal and physical development, and teach trust to participants. It will serve as a great tool for student recruitment.

The ASEWU budget also includes matching dollars from the administration to bring back the once very popular Speaker Circuit in collaboration with Dr. Robert Herold, vice provost for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Edmund Yarwood, dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences. The students and the administration will form a committee and select speakers and various events to bring to campus.

The budget reflects an agreement with the Provost's Office to fully fund the fine arts through a percentage allocation by which the Provost's Office will pay for the academic portion of the activity and the students will pay for the extra curricular portion. This year's AS Council, in serving present and future students, was required to make some difficult choices at a time of budget constraints and much activity on campus.

Mr. Franke highlighted the accomplishments of this year's AS Council: ASEWU office remodel, funding of the Easterner, establishing the Review Student Publication Committee, office in Spokane, planting the seed for future child care on campus, conducting the Health Care Survey, negotiated for the Ropes Course, hired a business manager to assist the Clubs & Organizations (C & O) funding for fund-raising, built ASEWU PUB Express for clubs and organizations, the C & O advisor, and planted the seed for a future contract between Spokane Transit and Eastern. Mr. Franke suggested that a committee immediately begin researching the possibility of having a

U Pass by Fall of 1997 to help link the Cheney and Spokane locations of the University. The ASEWU inventory project has been completed. All of ASEWU's assets have been logged into the computer, allowing a better overview of the inventory. More units of the Code Blue system will be added in the future. The Council is hoping through the Speaker Circuit to bring big name concerts, such as the Steve Miller Band, to campus in the future.

Mr. Franke expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve as ASEWU President and gave recognition to Dr. Drummond and Mr. Dolan for their assistance. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Drummond for signing the Recognition Awards dedicated to people who helped students get through college.

Mr. Geraghty commended Mr. Franke for his work and dedication as AS President and especially for his work on the Student Health Survey.

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

Dr. Drummond presented the Steering Committee Members--Dr. Robert Gibbs, Dr. Ray Hamel, Dr. Jeanne Small (Dr. Small was unable to attend--and members of the Board of Trustees with framed copies of Eastern's Vision Statement.

Additionally, ten marble, metal-edged Vision Statements will be mounted in selected buildings across campus.

Drs. Gibbs and Hamel thanked Dr. Drummond and the Board for the opportunity to participate in the process of developing Eastern's Vision.

Resolution Commending EWU Math Team, IV.E. - Dr. Jabon

Dr. Drummond asked Mr. Geraghty to present the Resolution to the Math Team.

Mr. Geraghty commended the EWU Math Team--Kelly Jahns, Daniel Jump and Emil Kraft--for placing second among the Washington colleges and universities in the recent Putnam Exam, a national Mathematics competition. Chair Geraghty entertained a motion to approve the resolution.

Motion #05-01-96: "I move that the Board approve the resolution commending the EWU Math Team."

Motion by Dr. Torres/Mrs. Beschel; second by Mr. Kirschbaum; approved unanimously.

Mr. Geraghty presented the team with a framed resolution and copies of the resolution to each participant. Dr. Jabon commented briefly on the achievements of each student.

Dr. Drummond continued his report.

Commencement will be held this year on Saturday, June 15, with college convocations following after Commencement.

Retirees' Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 14, PUB Commuter Lounge at 8 am.

The College of Business and Public Administration Awards Banquet will be held Friday, May 31, at Cavanaugh's Inn at the Park.

The new Physical Therapy Master level Program has been accredited.

The first Running Start class located at West Valley High School, a pilot, has been completed successfully.

Dr. Drummond reported briefly on the Big Sky Conference he recently attended. He noted that last year our conference was the only conference in the nation to put three referees on the floor for the Women's Basketball games just as it is for the Men's Basketball games. This year, the Big Sky Conference is the first conference in the nation to pay the same compensation to referees and officials of both Men's and Women's Basketball games.

Trustee Joe Jackson and Dr. Drummond attended a reception for the Hispanic Academic Achievers Program (HAAP) in Pasco, where \$75,000 in scholarship awards were presented to students. Eastern offered to match scholarships to students who decided to come to Eastern. Dr. Drummond announced a joint scholarship program with US Bank which targets students who wish to go into career banking and participate in programs that are part of the award. Mr. Jackson commented that the Tri-Cities is an excellent market to encourage students to attend Eastern, and with the activities presented at the reception, Eastern will be able to welcome more students from the Tri-Cities. Dr. Drummond noted that currently several HAAP students are attending Eastern.

United Faculty at Eastern Report - Mr. Bonsor

Mr. Bonsor noted that the Board approved the Faculty Collective Bargaining Contract one year ago, on April 7, 1995. He gave a brief overview of the accomplishments achieved by its officers during the first year of the contract.

Retirees' Association Report - Dr. Powers

Dr. Powers thanked the administration for the assistance in establishing the Retirees' Association's office, arranging for the monthly lunches, and the general support rendered to the Association. He expressed the members' interest to look into the possibilities of providing benefits to the University. Dr. Ray Whitfield, President-Elect, gave a brief report on the Retirees' Association members' activities during this past year.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the April 5, 1995, Board of Trustees Meeting, IV.A. - Mr. Geraghty

Chair Geraghty requested that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion #05-02-96: "I move that the minutes of the April 5, 1995, Board of Trustees meeting be approved."

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

Chair Geraghty moved Agenda Item IV.H., Housing and Dining Rates 1996-97, ahead in the agenda.

Mrs. Beschel reported that Mr. Stewart presented the following three contracts at the Finance Committee meeting on May 22. Trustee Beschel announced the Finance Committee's recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Geraghty invited Mr. Stewart to present the three contracts jointly. Copies of the contracts were available at the meeting. He stated that these contracts were an on-going effort of the University to renovate the campus and to provide facilities which faculty, students, and staff

will appreciate as part of the ideals presented in the Vision Statement. Mr. Stewart felt that with the expected expansion of the student population, these improvements are needed.

Contract Awards Over \$150,000: Project #AE-93-10, Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade, IV.B.
- Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board approve a contract award to R. Redding Construction Co., Inc., for project #AE-93-10, Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade. This project provides for the addition of approximately 5,200 square feet to the Rozell Heating Plant to accommodate new chiller equipment for increasing the cooling capacity of the plant.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of project #AE-93-10, the Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade, to R. Redding Construction for the base bid plus alternate M1 and A1 for \$1,756,000.00.

Motion #05-03-96: "I move that the Board approve contract award to R. Redding Construction Co., Inc., for project #AE-93-10, Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade, for the base bid plus M1 and A1 in the amount of \$1,756,000.00."

Contract Award Over \$150,000: Project #AE-95-04, Classroom Renewal Phase IV.C.
- Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Citadel Construction, Spokane, WA., for project #AE-95-04, Classroom Renewal Phase 3. This project provides for renovation of classrooms in Patterson Hall Room 353, P.E. Classroom Building Room 103, Cheney Hall Room 104, Kingston Hall Room 353, and Williamson Hall Rooms 123 and 138. Project also provides air conditioning in Hargreaves Hall Rooms 301, 302 and 303.

The Finance Committee recommended approval of Agenda Item IV.C., Project #AE-95-04, the Classroom Renewal Phase to Citadel Construction for the Base Bid plus alternative bid #1 for \$792,500.00.

Motion #05-04-96: "I move that the Board approve contract award to Citadel Construction, Spokane, WA., for project #AE-95-04, Classroom Renewal Phase 3 in the amount of \$792,500.00."

Contract Awards Over \$150,000: Project #AE-91-02, Showalter Hall 2nd Floor Lobby/Auditorium Renovation, IV.D. - Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a contract award to Walker Construction for project #AE-91-02, Showalter Hall 2nd Floor Lobby & Auditorium Renovation. This project provides for the extensive renovation of the Showalter Hall 2nd Floor Lobby and Auditorium as part of the University's effort to preserve its historic buildings. The renovated auditorium will allow a greater use of the facility for campus and community functions such as lectures, drama and music productions, guest speakers and special events.

The Finance Committee recommended Agenda Item IV.D., project #AE-91-02, the Showalter Hall 2nd Floor Lobby and Auditorium Renovation, to Walker Construction for the base bid plus Alternatives 1, 2 and 3 for \$1,867,000.00.

Motion #05-05-96: "I move that the Board approve the contract award to Walker Construction for project #AE-91-02, Showalter Hall 2nd Floor Lobby & Auditorium Renovation, in the amount of \$1,867,000.00."

Chair Geraghty accepted the recommendations from the Finance Committee in form of a motion.

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

Approval of Merger of the Departments of R-TV and Theatre, IV.F. - Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman requested that the Board approve the merger of the faculty and the Departments of Radio-TV and Theatre. The merger request has been through the shared governance process. The proposed name change was not recommended to the Board. Dr. Hoffman invited suggestions for a new name.

Chair Geraghty entertained a motion to approve this recommendation for consolidation of the Departments of Radio-TV and Theatre."

Motion #05-06-96: "I move that the Board of Trustees approve the consolidation of the Departments of Radio- TV and Theatre."

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

Mr. Geraghty noted that the recommendation came with an unanimous vote from the departments to move ahead with the merger.

Institutional Review 1996, IV.G. - Mr. Geraghty

Mr. Geraghty gave a brief summary of the 1996 Institutional Review.

Chair Geraghty asked for a motion to accept the 1996 Institutional Review and to authorize the administration to distribute the report.

Motion #05-07-96: "I move that the Board of Trustees accept the 1996 Institutional Review and authorize the administration to distribute the document to the public."

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

Housing and Dining Rates 1996-97, IV.H. - Mr. Stewart

Mr. Stewart recommended approval of the room and board rates and the monthly apartment rates for the academic year 1996-97.

Mrs. Beschel reported that the Finance Committee discussed the future of the housing rates and Eastern's housing. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the proposed rate increases.

Motion #05-08-96: "I move that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed room and board rates and the monthly apartment rates for the academic year 1996-97."

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

Information Items, V.

EWU Alumni Association Annual Report, V.A. - Ms. Lynch/Introduction Mrs. Johnson

Ms. Johnson, vice president for University Advancement, introduced Ms. Lynch, president of the EWU Alumni Association, who is serving in her second year as president.

Ms. Lynch presented the Alumni Association's Mission Statement and gave an overview of the 100 year relationship between the University and the Association. She also reported on current activities and the Alumni's plans to carry into the 21st Century.

Ms. Isabelle Green, director of the EWU Alumni Office, distributed a pamphlet on the specialty EWU license plates which are now available through all of the state's vehicle licensing outlets. A portion of the fee for the license plate contributes to the AAEWU Scholarship Fund.

AAEWU President recognized Ms. Sally Cole, past president of the Alumni Association, and presented her with an award in appreciation of her dedicated service to the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association at Eastern Washington University.

Update on College of Business and Public Administration, V.B. - Dr. McDermott

Dr. Elroy McDermott, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, acknowledged the presence of Dr. Alex Cameron, assistant dean of the College, and Dr. Sandra Christensen, assistant professor of Business Management and vice president-elect of the Faculty Organization. Dr. McDermott reported briefly on the College's activities and the move to the Riverpoint Building in Spokane. He highlighted faculty achievements and addressed issues resulting from the move to Spokane concerning the College, its faculty, students and staff.

Dean McDermott invited everyone to attend this year's annual awards dinner to be held on May 31.

Chair Geraghty invited members of the Board to join Dr. McDermott on a tour of the Riverpoint Building after the Board meeting.

Continuation of President's Report, III.B.3. - Dr. Drummond

Dr. Drummond invited Dr. Barber and Mr. Stewart to give an update on the 'Implementing the Vision Workshop' held on May 17 and attended by Mrs. Beschel, Mr. Brisbois and 117 members of the University.

Dr. Bill Barber, special assistant to the President, reported on the activities and results of the workshop and the continued planning process of implementing the vision. Four areas of strategic initiatives which had been identified by the Steering Committee were reaffirmed by the participants at the workshop. They are as follows: program excellence, campus life, student enrollment, and Eastern's reputation.

Dr. Barber hopes to have a draft of the Strategic Planning document completed by the next workshop scheduled for October 11.

Mr. Stewart, vice president for Business and Finance, noted his satisfaction with efforts made so far in the strategic planning process and the participation of the members of the Board of Trustees. He pointed out Mrs. Beschel's comments about establishing goals that are measurable, that relate to the vision and are time sensitive.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

No old or new business.

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Geraghty called an executive session from 11:04 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

Personnel Actions, VIII.*

Mr. Geraghty entertained two motions to approve Personnel Actions presented at the Executive Session.

Motion #05-09-96: "I move approval of the part-time and one-year-only special faculty for positions in Academic Affairs contingent on available funding."

Motion made by Mr. Brisbois; second by Mr. Jackson; approved unanimously.

Motion #05-10-96: "I move that the personnel actions as presented in the Board Book and the addendum as presented by the Administration be approved."

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

Adjournment, IX.

Chair Geraghty adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

John V. Geraghty, Jr.
Chair

Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary