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(Attachment IV.A.1.)

Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 5, 1997
9:00 a.m.
Pence Union Building
Room 263-67

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Mr. Phil Akers, Associate Vice President for Development and Executive Director of the EWU Foundation
Dr. Bill Barber, Assistant to the President
Ms. Miriam Berkman, Interim Director of Counseling Services
Dr. Lynn Briggs, Director of the EWU Writer's Center
Mr. Matt Chase, Dean of Students
JD Annie Cole, Executive Director of Human Rights
Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Ms. Michelle Doutre, Program Coordinator for Grants and Research Development
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
Mr. George Durrie, Director of Governmental Relations
Dr. Eldon Edmundson, Director of the Health Services Administration Program
Dr. Phyllis Edmundson, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development
Ms. Stephanie Ennis, Assistant Director of Student Activities
Mr. Keith Flamer, Orientation Coordinator
Ms. Ruth Galm, Administrative Director of Academic Grants Research
Mr. Dennis Hays, Transportation Supervisor and Chair of Bargaining Unit II
Dr. Robert Herold, Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for Advancement
Dr. Tom Karier, Associate Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences and Professor of Economics
Ms. Pat Kelley, Dean of Libraries
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Ms. Stacey Marsh, Director of Annual Giving
Mr. Tom McArthur, President of Local 931
Lt. Tom McGill, EWU Campus Police
Mr. Michael Nelson, Director for Internal Audit
Ms. Judy Norman, Director of Development for the Libraries and the College of Education and Human Development
JD Gayle Ogden, Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs & Charitable Estate Planning
Ms. Angelika M. O'Neill, Administrative Assistant to the President
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer

Ms. Karen Raver, Director of DDS/ADA Compliance Officer
 Mr. Rick Romero, Director of Contract Services
 Dr. John Schleede, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
 Mr. Bill Shaw, Chief Financial Officer
 Dr. Ray Soltero, Dean of the College of Mathematics, Science and Technology
 Mr. Delbert L. Thompson, Senior Information System Consultant and Chair of Bargaining Unit I
 Mr. Carl Walden, Electrician High Voltage
 Ms. Leslie Younger, Computer Services Consultant
 Dr. Niel T. Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
 Mr. Richard Zornes, Director of Athletics

Faculty Present

Dr. John Buchanan, Professor of Geology
 Dr. Sandra Christensen, President of the Faculty Organization
 Dr. Jeff Corkill, President of the United Faculty at Eastern
 Dr. Joan Dickerson, Professor of Education
 Dr. Michael Frumkin, Dean of Social Work
 Dr. Ernest Gilmour, Professor of Geology
 Dr. Elizabeth Kissling, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies
 Dr. Eugene Kiver, Professor of Geology
 Dr. Jerry Logan, Assistant Professor of Education
 Dr. Robert Olafson, Professor of English
 Dr. Martin F. Sedorf, Professor/Department Chair of History
 Dr. Leo Simpson, Professor/Department of Business Management
 Dr. Lynn M. Stephens, Professor of Accounting
 Dr. Sally Anne Winkle, Associate Professor of Modern Languages & Literature

Students Present

Mr. LaShund Lambert, President of ASEWU
 Ms. Pia Hansen, Easterner Staff Writer
 Ms. Alison Powell, ASEWU Council Member

Guests Present

Mr. Ron Gooley, Retired Citizen and EWU Alumnus
 Mr. Kevin Hansen, Cheney Free Press
 Mr. Grayden Jones, The Spokesman Review
 Mr. Richard Kunkel, KPBX
 Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
 Mr. David Rey, Cheney Free Press
 Ms. Jackie Scholz, Cheney Business Woman
 Ms. Amy Sooy, Cheney Citizen
 Dr. Ray Whitfield, EWU Retiree
 Mr. Joe Zupan, KPBX

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

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

Chair Kirschbaum announced the following modifications to the agenda: Action items first, including agenda items presented by Dr. Herold, followed by the remainder of action items, information items, reports, New/Old Business-Discussion of Senator West's letter; and Executive Session.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the October 24, 1997, Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A. - Mr. Kirschbaum

Motion #12-01-97: "I move that the minutes of the October 24, 1997, Board of Trustees' meeting be approved as distributed."

Motion by Trustee Beschel; second by Dr. Torres; approved unanimously.

Summer Session 1998 Tuition Fees, IV.E. - Dr. Herold

Motion #12-02-97: "I move approval of the 1998 Summer Session tuition at \$79 per undergraduate credit hour, \$124 per graduate credit hour and an additional \$50 enrollment fee."

Motion by Trustee Brisbois; second by Trustee Beschel; approved unanimously.

Information Items, V.

Annual Reports, V.A.

1997 Summer Quarter Report, V.A.1. - Dr. Herold

Dr. Herold reported on the philosophy and special courses of the program which has been in existence for eight years. Sally Winkle, Associate Professor of Modern Languages and Literature, and Jerry Logan, Assistant Professor of Education, gave accounts of their 1997 Summer Session experiences.

Summer Session recently received an award from the Western Association of Summer Session Administrators in the non-credit category for the 1997 Public Affairs' Symposium on "Downtown Revitalization." Dr. Herold expressed appreciation to Jack Geraghty for his participation in the program.

Action Items, IV.

Selection of Architectural/Engineering Consultants, IV.B. - Mr. Shaw

Mr. Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, presented this agenda item on behalf of Mr. Stewart and requested approval of the following omnibus positions, agenda items IV.B.1. through IV.B.4.:

Motion #12-03-97: "I move approval of the recommended selection of the omnibus positions for architectural consultant, electrical engineering consultant, mechanical engineering consultant and civil engineering consultant for the current biennium."

Motion by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Jackson; approved unanimously.

Mr. Shaw requested approval of agenda item IV.B.5.:

Motion #12-04-97: "I move approval of the recommended selection of the electrical substations consultant as presented."

Motion by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Beschel; approved unanimously.

Housing and Dining Rates 1998-99, IV.C. - Mr. Romero

Motion #12-05-97: "I move approval to continue 1) to freeze the 1998-99 residence hall and dining rates at last year's level and 2) to offer \$600 - \$800 housing incentive grants."

Motion by Trustee Beschel; second by Trustee Brisbois; approved unanimously.

Trustees Beschel and Ormsby commended Mr. Romero and his staff for an excellent report and job on turning around the housing situation.

Requested Amendment to Operating Budget, IV.D. - Mr. Shaw

Motion #12-06-97: "I move that the Board approve the requested amendment to the operating budget for fiscal year 1997-98, in the amount of \$862,900."

Motion by Trustee Geraghty; second by Trustee Jackson; approved unanimously.

Information Items, V.

Annual Reports, V.A.

Grant and Research Development, V.A.2. - Ms. Galm

Ms. Ruth Galm, Administrative Director of Academic Grants and Contracts, reported that \$7,425,028 were received in grants and contract awards during the fiscal year 1996-97. The grants and contract funding has held steady for the last four years with a positive outlook for the coming year.

The Office of Grant and Research Development broadened its services last year to help students identify outside funding for studies abroad, fellowships and research activities. The office also created a World Wide Web page to provide services more quickly and effectively to the University community.

Chair Kirschbaum commended Ms. Galm and her staff for an excellent job.

EWU Leadership Initiative, V.B. - Mr. Chase

Mr. Matt Chase, Dean of Students, summarized the philosophy on which the EWU Leadership Initiative is based and future visions of the group's work. The program, which was brought into existence this fall by a group of faculty members and administrators, is committed to the development of leadership skills and ethics among Eastern's students. Dr. Lynn Briggs shared her observations and interactions as current member of the TOOLY (nickname for the Advisory Board) Advisory Board.

Chair Kirschbaum congratulated the presenters and the group for their valiant effort in creating this program.

Reports, III.

President's Reports, III.B.

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

Dr. Christensen gave a summary of Senate activities during the Fall quarter and focused on three activities: Renewed commitment to "Quasar" endowment; updated the requirements to federal standards for the research and scholarship section of the by-laws; and acted on donations from the Faculty Organization checkbook \$250 each for Christmas Family Project and "Food for the Homeless".

An "All Faculty Meeting" was held Monday, December 1, to discuss the shared government system in respect to the new course program development process; faculty's concern that the targets of student/faculty ratios are unattainable, even if enrollments are increased; the relevance of the Faculty Organization and Eastern's reputation with a focus on the responsibility we have as faculty, as staff, as administrators and as Board members to sell our University to the community and to prospective students.

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

ASEWU President LaShund Lambert presented his views on the issues of student protest dealing with the proposed discontinuation of the ceramics course; impending play-offs to be held at Joe Albi Stadium; and rally against a possible merger with Washington State University. He expressed, from the students' perspective, the view that a merger would not be desirable.

He also mentioned the receipt of a letter from the White House regarding President Clinton's initiative "One America." For the past several years, Eastern's students have held an annual event called, the "World Party," a celebration of diversity, ethnic food and cultures. Mr. Lambert felt that the letter was proposing something, which Eastern is already doing.

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

President Drummond reported on the upcoming visit of area legislators to the campus on December 9; the start-up of the "Weekend College" beginning Winter Quarter to be offered at the EWU Spokane Center and at Riverpoint; and the selection of four EWU football players to the GTE District VIII Academic All-America football team: Jeff Ogden, Steve Mattson, Derek Strey and Mike MacKenzie

Eastern has joined other public colleges and universities in the state in proposing a major initiative to the 1998 Legislature that would strengthen the public-private partnership to enhance the quality of higher education in Washington.

Steve Mattson, a senior defensive end player on Eastern's football team was one of only eight football players nationwide who were honored for academic and athletic accomplishment by Burger King. A \$10,000 scholarship was given to the University in Steve Mattson's name by Burger King. Steve is a pre-med major with a 3.8 grade point average (GPA).

Dr. Drummond invited everyone to attend the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division I-AA Playoff game on December 6 at Albi Stadium, EWU versus Western Kentucky.

Special Reports, III.B.3.A.:

Local 931 President Tom McArthur introduced the three newly selected officers: Carl Walden, Executive Vice President of Local 931; Dennis Hays, Vice President of Bargaining Unit II; and Del Thompson, Vice President of Bargaining Unit I. Mr. McArthur addressed, on behalf of the classified staff, the recent headlines regarding a possible merger between Eastern Washington University and Washington State University and stated that a merger would not benefit the students, nor the institution.

Enrollment Report, III.B.3.B.:

President Drummond invited Vice Provost Levin-Stankevich to update the Board on how the enrollment initiatives are doing and what the administration sees as early warnings or promises for next year.

Dr. Levin-Stankevich indicated that the news about a possible merger has already impacted the recruiting efforts of the Admissions Office and, as reported by Mr. Zornes, of the Athletic Department. The Vice Provost focused in his presentation on key performance indicators which indicate the effectiveness of ongoing recruitment for Fall 98, by the Office of Admissions, the colleges, faculty, staff and everyone who is an ambassador for Eastern. At present, the overall projections of Fall 1998 applications look positive.

The Board of Trustees adjourned for a ten minute break and returned at 10:35 a.m.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

Trustee Beschel reported on the progress of the presidential search and the activities of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

New Business, VI.

Issue of Senator West's Letter, VI.1. - Mr. Kirschbaum

Chair Kirschbaum presented for discussion the issue of a proposal made by Senator West to possibly merge Eastern Washington University with Washington State University, in a letter addressed jointly to EWU President Drummond and WSU President Smith. A copy of the letter is attached.

The Board stated that it would be their responsibility to respond to Senator West's proposal as the governing body of Eastern Washington University.

The Board members expressed their views that such a merger proposal is premature, especially as the problems that a merger is intended to solve have yet to be defined or clarified.

The Board expressed commitment to examine issues of higher education service to the region and strongly endorsed a statewide discussion of how higher education is delivered in Washington state. The Board also emphatically stated that any discussions of higher education delivery in the state must include full representation by Eastern--and all current and future stakeholders.

Chair Kirschbaum invited the audience to give their comments to the question of how we should respond to Senator West's letter. Several public comments were made at the meeting.

The Board of Trustees voted on the following:

To request that Senator West withdraw from consideration his request for a plan for possibly merging Eastern Washington University with Washington State University.

Not to authorize President Drummond to work with WSU President Sam Smith on a merger proposal at this time.

To encourage further discussion of the involved issues and inclusion of everyone who has a stake in this issue.

To ask Jim Kirschbaum, as chair of the Board of Trustees, to respond to Senator West's letter.

Motion #12-07-97: "I move 1) to request that Senator West withdraw his request for a plan for possibly merging Eastern Washington University with Washington State University and 2) not to authorize President Drummond to work with WSU President Sam Smith on a merger proposal at this time; 3) to encourage community based discussion and the inclusion of everyone who has a stake in the issue and in this discussion; and 4) to ask Jim Kirschbaum, as chair of the Board of Trustees, to respond to Senator West's letter."

Motion made by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Brisbois; approved unanimously.

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Kirschbaum called an executive session from 11:30 a.m. to 11:57 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

Personnel Actions, VIII.

Chair Kirschbaum requested motion for approval of the personnel actions.

Motion #12-08-97: "I move that the personnel actions, including the addenda presented at the Executive Session, be approved as presented."

Motion made by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Brisbois; approved unanimously.

Motion #12-09-97: "I move that additional personnel actions, promotions based on president's rights presented at the Executive Session, be approved as presented."

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Motion made by Trustee Brisbois; second by Trustee Geraghty; approved by majority vote. Trustee Ormsby voted "No."

Adjournment, IX.

Chair Kirschbaum adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

James L. Kirschbaum
Chair

Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary