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(Attachment IV.A.)

Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27, 1998
9:00 a.m.
Pence Union Building
Room 263-67

Minutes

Board Members Present

Trustee James L. Kirschbaum, Chair
Trustee Jean L. Bešchel, Vice Chair
Trustee Gordon E. Budke
Trustee Lucy Isaki
Trustee Joe W. Jackson,
Trustee Mark Mays
Trustee Michael C. Ormsby

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. Annie Cole, Executive Director for Human Rights
Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Flash Gibson, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs
Dr. Robert Herold, Executive Vice Provost
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
Lt. Tom McGill, EWU Campus Police
Ms. Gayle Ogden, Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs & Charitable Estate Planning
Ms. Angelika M. O'Neill, Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Dr. John Schleede, Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
Mr. Bill Shaw, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael Stewart, Vice President for Business and Finance
Dr. Ed Yarwood, Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences
Ms. Leslie Younger, Computer Services Consultant
Dr. Niel T. Zimmerman, Acting President

Faculty Present

Dr. Sandra Christensen, President of the Faculty Organization
Dr. William Goetter, Chair of the Department of Education
Dr. Shane Mahoney, Professor of Government
Mr. Ron Raver, Professor of PEHR

Students Present

Mr. LaShund Lambert, ASEWU President

Mr. Strider Dennison, ASEWU President-Elect

Guests Present

Mr. Grayden Jones, The Spokesman-Review
Mr. Richard Kunkel, Manager of KPBX
Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Mr. David Rey, Cheney Free Press
Mr. Jim Reinbold, City Manager of the City of Cheney
Mrs. Amy Jo Sooy, Mayor of the City of Cheney

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

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

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

Mrs. Beschel, chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, gave an update on the committee's activities and the progress of the search. The Search Advisory Committee has begun the selection process according to the established timeline. Acceptance of applications will continue until the position has been filled.

Mr. Kirschbaum noted that all three newly appointed members of the Board of Trustees have appeared before and been interviewed by the Senate Higher Education Committee. The appointments are now pending approval by the Rules Committee.

President's Reports, III.B.

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

Dr. Christensen, president of the Faculty Organization, thanked Chair Kirschbaum for introducing Dr. Niel Zimmerman, newly appointed acting president, at the February 17 Senate meeting and presented the following motion "for the good of the order" passed at said meeting:

"The Academic Senate calls upon its chair to communicate to acting president Niel Zimmerman its good wishes in his new position. The Senate thanks President Zimmerman for his willingness to take on the difficult tasks of a presidency and offers its help in making his term in office a success. The members of the Senate look forward to working with President Zimmerman in his effort to move Eastern Washington University in a positive direction."

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

ASEWU President Lambert expressed students' views on Senate Bill 6717, now Substitute Bill (SSB) 6655; announced the election of a new ASEWU President; introduced Strider Dennison as AS President-Elect; and gave a brief account of this year's Black Education Banquet.

Trustee Budke noted the recent article in The Spokesman-Review, featuring ASEWU President Lambert and commended him for his positive influence and engagement with fellow students. Chair Kirschbaum agreed with Trustee Budke's remarks.

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

Acting President Niel Zimmerman reported on the progress of on-going legislation, specifically the SSB6655; the February 21 Black Education Banquet; and this year's commencement which will include three separate ceremonies: College of Science, Mathematics and Technologies and College of Business and Public Administration at 9 a.m., College of Education and Human Development at 11:30 a.m. and College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences at 3 p.m.

Dr. Zimmerman congratulated the Commuter Trip Reduction Committee for having been selected for the All-Star Team Award in Spokane County for excellence in planning, publicizing and accomplishing major promotional campaigns in car-pooling, riding the bus and walking. He also commended Eastern's publication team for receiving a "Golden Award" from the District 8 Council of Advancement in support of education for the EWU Student Handbook.

Eastern received two grants: 1) for the Center of Technology, Education and Community received a grant of \$147,000 annually renewable from the Department of Social & Health Services to provide therapeutic services for children in daycare centers in Colville and Loon Lake; and 2) Social Work faculty, Drs. Davis and Henson, received a \$54,000 grant from K.C. Family Partners of Spokane for evaluation activities in a multi-site evaluation project.

Dr. Zimmerman reported on enrollment application figures for Fall 98 (freshmen applications are up 37%; transfer applications up 15% and acceptances are up 114%) and upcoming community and athletic events.

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

No special reports.

Action Items, IV.

Minutes of the January 23, 1998, February 11, 1998 and February 18, 1998, Board of Trustees Meeting, IV.A. - Mr. Kirschbaum

Motion #02-01-98: "I move that the minutes of the January 23, 1998, February 11, 1998, and February 18, 1998, Board of Trustees meetings be approved as distributed."

Motion by Trustee Beschel; second by Trustee Jackson; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Resolution #02-98, IV.B. - Ms. Cole

Ms. Cole, executive director of Human Rights, presented the following resolution for approval:

RESOLUTION #02-98
EWU's Commitment to Diversity
February 27, 1998

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University has recognized that increasing the diversity of our University is an important goal; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University has accepted the University's commitment to a curriculum that includes examination of diversity issues; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University believes that increased diversity of the administration, faculty, staff and students will add to the educational mission of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University recognizes the University's responsibility to provide education and employment opportunities in a globally shrinking world; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University reaffirms its commitment to the diversity efforts of the University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University charges its administration, faculty and staff to improve and maintain their programs, processes, policies and procedures to enhance the climate for diversity and increase the numbers of diverse persons at the University as students and employees.

Motion #02-02-98: "I move approval of Resolution #02-98 reaffirming EWU's commitment to diversity and charging the administration, faculty and staff to improve and maintain programs, processes, policies and procedures to enhance the climate for diversity and increase the numbers of diverse persons at the University as students and employees."

Motion by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Isaki; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

HEC Board Response Plan, IV.C. - Dr. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman presented EWU's HEC Board Response Plan as charged by the Board of Trustees at its special meeting, February 18, 1998. The proposal includes an executive summary, a recommended approach, models of the University working group rethinking the mission and operations plans, a tentative sequence of EWU actions, a Cheney/Spokane programming working group, relevant current deadlines for EWU as included in SB6717 and SSB6655 and in the EWU Board of Trustees plan and a HEC Board required analysis. A copy of the proposal is attached to the minutes.

The Board of Trustees discussed the concepts of the proposal in context with SSB6655 and the Governor's 2020 Commission. Chair Kirschbaum commended Dr. Zimmerman for an excellent plan, particularly in light of the short time frame and given complexity of the issues.

Motion #02-03-98: "I move approval of the HEC Board Response Plan as presented."

Motion by Trustee Budke; second by Trustee Jackson; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Mr. Ormsby noted that Dr. Zimmerman has the Board's authority to make changes to the proposal as necessary.

Mrs. Beschel requested amendment to the agenda under Old/New Business, Agenda Item VI.: Eastern's response to the legislation before the House. Chair Kirschbaum approved the request.

Information Items, V.

Update on NASC Accreditation, V.A. - Dr. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman reported that the NASC Accreditation is in its final stage. The report, to be delivered to the Accreditation team prior to their arrival on campus, is expected to go to print soon. An addendum will be added to the report, explaining the HEC Board Study and the changes in administrative positions.

The exhibits are being finalized and arrangements are underway for the on-campus visit of the Accreditation team during the latter part of April. Dr. Zimmerman asked Board members to be available for a luncheon meeting during the April 22-24 Accreditation team visit.

Update on NCAA Self -Study, V.B. - Dr. Zimmerman

Acting President Zimmerman updated the Board on the NCAA Self-Study currently underway. The Self-Study is being conducted by the NCAA Steering Committee, assisted by four subcommittees including "Governance and Rules Compliance," "Academic Integrity," "Fiscal Integrity" and "Commitment to Equity," and will ultimately result in a self-study document on EWU's athletics program. The Self Study aims at answering specific questions on the topics examined by the subcommittee and evaluates the findings based on the requirements and operating principles set by the NCAA. A preliminary report on the findings and evaluations is expected to be completed sometime in May to be sent out to on- and off-campus constituents for review and comments at that time. The final document and supporting information, to be completed by mid-June, will then be forwarded to the NCAA liaison.

The administration is expecting the on-campus evaluation team to be on campus in November of this year.

Chair Kirschbaum noted that he serves as the Board representative on the NCAA Steering Committee and on the Governance Subcommittee.

Discussion on EWU Board of Trustees' Participation in Meetings of State Boards, V.C.
- Mr. Kirschbaum

Mr. Kirschbaum recently attended a state governance boards all chairs' meeting, called by The Evergreen State College Board of Trustees' chair, Carol Vipperman, to examine the participation of state governance boards in on-going issues, such as the 2020 Commission. The purpose of the February 12 meeting was to discuss the development of a specific meeting to determine state boards involvement in and input to the Governor's 2020 Commission and the "role of the board." Carol Vipperman asked that the chairs explore two issues with their respective boards: 1) Does the Board of Trustees want to participate in this group? 2) What issues does the Board think are important? Two issues brought forward at the February 12 meeting were, the role of the Trustee and the education of the Trustee. Chair Kirschbaum invited the Board members to comment if the Board should participate and if, what kind of issues should be brought up.

The Board, in general, agreed to participate in the meetings of state boards. Issues which should be presented were as follows:

- Group should resolve concern about communication between the President and the Board
- Positioning higher education for the future
- Higher education funding

- Distance learning
- What is the states higher education enrollment policy?
- Where are we going with the attempts to meet demographic changes in the state and how does that fit with existing capacities?
- Ways in which state institutions can cooperate and collaborate
- Washington and its ties to the regions in terms of higher education

Chair Kirschbaum will forward the issues to Carol Vipperman, as requested, for consideration along with those of the other state institutions. The staff of Evergreen College will compile a list and circulate it to each member before presentation to the 2020 Commission.

Trustees Budke requested that Dr. John Schleede, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, give a brief update on two accreditations recently completed at the College of Business and Public Administration for undergraduate and Master programs in business administration and in urban and regional planning.

Trustee Ormsby commended the faculty of the College of Business and Public Administration for their dedication and excellence in teaching.

Dr. Edmund Yarwood, dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, noted that even though programs in his college do not undergo a formal accreditation process, six years ago, EWU's English Second Language (ESL) Program was reviewed and rated by the University Consortium for Intensive English Programs (UCIEP) and received high marks for the program's excellence and high standards.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

Eastern's Response to the Legislation before the House, VI. - Mrs. Beschel

Trustee Beschel asked to discuss Board members' views on Eastern's position on Substitute Senate Bill 6655, specifically the Sheahan Amendment. The discussion concluded that the members of the Board reaffirmed their positions as previously stated at the special meeting on February 18 which said, that the Board opposes the bill because it is premature, has financial impact and does not meet the needs of the students or the community.

Motion #02-04-98: "I move reaffirmation of the Board of Trustees' previous position as stated at the special meeting on February 18."

Motion by Trustee Beschel; second by Trustee Budke; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Trustee Isaki noted that the Board of Trustees and the administration needed to work with the people in Olympia to continue making Eastern's concerns known, telling what we are doing and staying on track and on message with the HEC Board and its members, the Governor, legislators and others. The message we want to give is that we are going to work and try to accomplish everything that has been asked of us. We are doing it for the well-being of this institution, our students and the community. This message needs to be repeated regularly.

Executive Session, VII.

Mr. Kirschbaum called an executive session from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

Personnel Actions, VIII.

Mr. Kirschbaum requested motion for approval of the personnel actions.

Motion #02-05-98: "I move that the personnel actions be approved as presented."


Motion by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Isaki; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Motion #02-06-98: "I move acceptance of Dr. Drummond's resignation as president of the University."

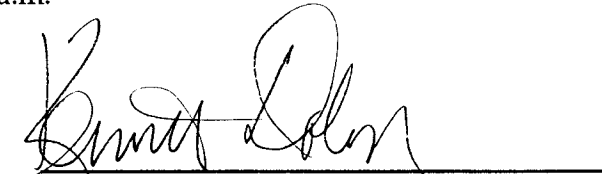
Motion by Trustee Ormsby; second by Trustee Isaki; approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Adjournment, IX.

Mr. Kirschbaum adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.



James L. Kirschbaum
Chair



Kenneth R. Dolan
Secretary