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Eastern Washington University  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
April 3, 1998  
9:00 a.m.  
EWU Spokane Center  
Second Floor Mall

Minutes

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Trustee Lucy Isaki

Staff Present

Mr. Steve Aggers, EWU Basketball Coach  
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  
Officer Lorraine Hille, EWU Campus Safety  
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 Safety  
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  
Mr. Rick Thomas, Director of Development for the College of Letter, Arts and Social Sciences  
Mr. Terry Uppinghouse, Development Director of the College of Business and Public Administration  
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/Professor 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

Dr. Phil Grub, Member of the EWU Foundation Board  
Mr. Art Hill, Spouse of Lorraine Hill, EWU Police Officer  
Mr. Grayden Jones, The Spokesman-Review  
Mr. Richard Kunkel, Manager of KPBX  
Mr. Nathan Lafayette, Executive Director of Cheney Chamber of Commerce  
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.

Jean Beschel reported that the Presidential Search Advisory Committee met on April 2, 1998, and selected the following four candidates for a campus visit: Dr. Michael W. Easton, President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle, (formerly President of Western Montana College at Dillon, MT); Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents, (formerly Deputy Executive Director for Finance and Planning, Arizona Board of Regents and Adjunct Professor, Center for Educational Leadership, Arizona State University); Dr. Keith A. Pretty, Vice President for External Affairs and General Counsel, Western Michigan University for Legislative Affairs, Western Michigan University); and Dr. Lee Vickers, President of Francis Marion University, Florence, SC , (formerly President of Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, ID).

Campus visits will start Monday, April 6, and will continue through April 17. Each candidate, individually, will be on campus and in the Spokane area for about a day and a half. Schedules of the visits are subject to change and will be available through Angie at the President's Office.

Mrs. Beschel invited everyone to attend the open forums scheduled for April 6, 9, 13 and 16, at 1:15 to 2:30, at Kingston Hall, Room 334. She also encouraged everyone who meets with the candidates to give his/her impression by filling out and submitting a response form to the President's Office, or via email to the Board of Trustees' email address, BOT@ewu.edu. (Forms will be available at the open forums.)

Mr. Mays commended everyone involved in the search process for their efforts and dedicated work.

President's Reports, III.B.

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

Dr. Christensen stated that the faculty is cautiously optimistic about the on-going activities on campus; e.g., Presidential Search, and that faculty is heavily involved in Dr. Zimmerman's committees responding to the HEC Board. The faculty thanked Dr. Zimmerman for his leadership in this effort.

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

ASEWU President Lambert noted that Strider Denison, ASEWU President-Elect, was in the audience and is becoming familiar with the responsibilities of ASEWU president. This early involvement will help facilitate a smooth transition when he will enter office as ASEWU President this summer.

The AS Council is currently updating the existing university by-laws pertaining to student government to bring them in compliance with the Washington State Code.

The students rallied at the Pence Union Building to protest hate propaganda on Wednesday, April 1. The event was well attended and supported by the administration, faculty and students.

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

Acting President Zimmerman highlighted on and off campus activities.

More than 100 students from the Inland Northwest area high schools will participate in a leadership training session at Eastern on April 4. They will receive experimental training in leadership, including workshops in team building, communication skills and leadership/character development. This is part of Eastern's leadership Initiative. US Representative George Nethercutt will be on campus April 16 to discuss leadership opportunities in the public sector.

Founder's Day this year will be held on Wednesday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m., in Showalter Hall Auditorium. Jay Rea, EWU Librarian and University Archivist, will be guest speaking on "Points on a Compass: Where We Have Been, Where We Might Go," examining Eastern's past and looking toward the future.

The eighth annual EWU World Party will gather on April 18, from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m., in the University Pavilion.

Commencement will be celebrated on June 13 with three ceremonies, each involving all formalities and traditions of Commencement. Colleges of Science, Mathematics & Technology and Business and Public Administration will be held at 9:00 a.m.; College of Education and Human Development will be held at 12:00 p.m., and the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Commission on Colleges will visit campus on April 22-24, to conduct its on-site visit for a ten-year evaluation of the institution in compliance with the accreditation procedures of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

The Governor has signed SB 6727 which is a bill dealing with funding for distinguished professorships and graduate fellowships. This will provide a regular, annual sum of money for higher education institutions to match locally generated funds for professorships and fellowships. Eastern anticipates being one of the first institutions to receive funding.

The EWU Alumni Association will celebrate its 9th Annual Leadership Awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 p.m., in the Pence Union Building, Second Floor Lounge.

Dr. Zimmerman invited Deans of the Colleges of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Business and Public Administration, to introduce their newly appointed Development Directors who will assist with fund-raising.

Dr. John Schleede introduced Mr. Rick Thomas who was involved in the past seven years in development at Washington State University; including serving as assistant director of development for WSU-West and as athletic fund raiser for western Washington.

Dr. Yarwood presented Mr. Terry Uppinghouse, a 1984 EWU graduate who has worked in development in Spokane County of 17 years, most recently with Big Brothers and Sisters.

Acting President Zimmerman invited Ron Sperber to introduce and recognize Police Officer Lorraine Hill for outstanding services. Officer Hill received a plaque from the Washington Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administration (AWCLEA) for outstanding services in dealing with computer crimes and child pornography.

This past week the EWU Press received yet another award when its recently published book of poetry, "Spells for Not Dying Again," by Diana O'Herir, won first place in the prestigious Bay Area Book Reviewers Association Awards competition held in San Francisco.

Eastern has been selected as one of the recipients of the Governor's 1998 Commuter Smart Awards for our Commute Trip Reduction Program. This award celebrates exceptional work sites that have met their Single Occupancy Vehicle or Vehicle Miles Traveled goals, and have reduced their drive-alone rates. Spokane County nominated our work site as an outstanding employer. Nadine Hopp, Curt Huff and Niel Zimmerman have been invited to attend a Governor's Luncheon on April 30th in Olympia.

The Business College offers a program called SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise). Last Monday Eli Slaughter and 12 students went to Seattle to participate in a regional competition. At the competition there were 12 teams and they were judged by recruiters, human resources managers, and executives from about 30 companies in the Northwest. Eastern's SIFE team won the Rookie of the Year Award and was one of four teams to qualify for the international tournament in Kansas City on May 10-13. With the victory they received \$1,500 in cash as a prize and national recognition for Eastern. The national event will have over 100 employers from companies like Walmart, AT&T, Radio Shack, Dupont, Sherwin Williams and many other large companies who have donated money to this program in order to sit on the board. Our SIFE teams participation at the international tournament will bring a lot of good publicity to Eastern and its business programs as well as provide career opportunities for our students.

#### Action Items, IV.

#### Minutes of the February 27, 1998 Board of Trustees Meetings, IV.A. - Mr. Kirschbaum

*Motion #04-01-98: "I move that the minutes of the February 27, February 11, 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 #03-98, IV.B. - Mr. Kirschbaum

Mr. Kirschbaum presented the following resolution to Mr. Steve Aggers, Men's Basketball Coach at Eastern Washington, in recognition of being named Big Sky Conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year in a vote of the league's coaches.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION #03-98  
*In Support of EWU's Basketball Coach Steve Aggers  
April 3, 1998***

*WHEREAS, Steve Aggers directed the Eagles to a 16-11 record overall and 10-6 conference mark in his third season as Eastern's head coach.*

*WHEREAS, both records were the best in school history since the 1989-90 season.*

*WHEREAS, picked to finished eighth in 1997-98 by the media and conference head coaches, the Eagles made their first Big Sky Conference Tournament appearance since 1990.*

*WHEREAS, four Eastern players were honored as All-Big Sky Conference selections. Leading scorer and rebounder Karim Scott was selected to the first team, along with Big Sky Conference assists leader Deon Williams. Selected as honorable mention selections were Shannon Taylor and Michael Lewis. Scott was twice selected as Big Sky Conference Player of the Week, and Taylor earned the honor once.*

*WHEREAS, one of the highlights of the season was defeating Washington State of the Pacific 10 Conference 83-82 in overtime on December 22. It was Eastern's first-ever victory over a Pacific 8 or Pacific 10 Conference opponent since the inception of the conference in 1968, and was the school's first win over Washington State since December 1, 1952.*

*WHEREAS, Eastern had wins against teams from seven different conferences, including the Pacific 10 Conference, Western Athletic Conference, Big West Conference, Ivy League and Southland Conference.*

*NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees hereby wishes to recognize EWU Basketball Coach Steve Aggers for being named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in 1997-98.*

*signed by James L. Kirschbaum  
Chair, Board of Trustees*

Chair Kirschbaum called for a motion.

*Motion #04-02-98: "So moved."*

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

### **Information Items, V.**

#### **Report on HECB Board Response Plan, V.A. - Dr. Zimmerman**

Dr. Zimmerman provided details of the HEC Board Response Plan and the process involved. A copy of the plan and a memo, inviting members of the University to participate in the process, were included in the Board Book. The plan proposes two working groups; one group of six and one of seven members, to work concurrently on the issues of models of the University and on what should the University look like in the future on the program and location question. These groups have been organized and have met for the first time during final's week and again last week with a third group to talk about the process and the substance that needs to come out of this process.

The third group, called input panel, will provide ideas and broader input to the process for people who can not be part of the smaller groups to serve as reference and reality check. This group includes members of the local community.

Acting President Zimmerman proposed that the Board of Trustees be involved in the process and suggested a special Board meeting primarily devoted to a workshop session talking about the issues, the perimeter, the direction and the process early in May. Following the special Board meeting in June, the three working groups will take the information to the campus community for discussion and flush out the issues over the summer, working towards more concrete operational plans. In August, a special Board meeting would be held to review and adopt the recommendations of these groups. A formal draft document is due to the HEC Board on September 1.

Given the short time frame, the groups will have to move rather quickly.

Mr. Kirschbaum inquired about how this process will phase with the HEC Board study. Dr. Zimmerman replied that the first phase of the HEC Board study is due in July, with completion in the fall, and consists of two studies: 1) on the economic development issues in Spokane; and 2) on the higher education needs in Spokane. This is complicated by the time frame and the character of the studies. Dr. Zimmerman believed that the information of the studies presented in July will be skeletal. The administration will have to do its best to anticipate and incorporate what will be presented to us by the HEC Board.

NASC Team Visit and Report, V.B. - Dr. Zimmerman

Dr. Zimmerman informed the Board of the details of the upcoming Accreditation Team's visit, April 22-24. A copy of the Self-Study has been distributed to each team member for the peer review. We can expect that individual offices be contacted and asked to provide additional information to the team. Dr. Zimmerman encouraged cooperation.

Members of the Board were invited to meet with the Accreditation Team on the second day of their visit.

A copy of the Self-Study report has been distributed to each Board member with the agenda.

Mr. Kirschbaum invited Dr. Zimmerman to give a brief update on the NCAA Self Study. The preliminary report on the findings and evaluations of the four categories: "Governance and Rules Compliance," Academic Integrity," "Fiscal Integrity," and Commitment to Equity" by the subcommittees is expected to be completed by May for distribution to on and off campus constituencies for their review and comments. The interim status is satisfactory. However, the administration will need to address issues of updating policies and compliance with equity standards.

A campus visit is anticipated for this coming fall.

Dean's Report: College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, V.C. - Dr. Yarwood

Dr. Yarwood reported on activities in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences during the past quarter in the departments of History and Music, Asia University America Program, Eastern Horizons and the School Psychology Program.

Report on the Center for Technology, Education and Community, V.D. - Dr. Michaelson

Dr. Karen Michaelson, Director of the Center for Technology, Education and Community (CTEC), gave an overview of the history and projects of the Center. Last year, CTEC brought in about three million dollars in grants and contracts. The staff consists of fifteen employees, both management and support staff, in the Spokane Office located in the Paulsen Building and students who are located both, in the field and in the Paulsen Building, as well as field staff attached to field offices in Colville and Newport.

CTEC's mission is "to take academic knowledge and apply it to real world situations for the benefit of the community serviced by Eastern Washington University and for the enhancement of the broader human condition."

The work of the Center focuses on a few areas of the broad spectrum, all of which are sublinked to technology. For example, the largest grant, the Comprehensive Child Development Program (CCDP) Grant, in which the Center serves 170 low income families with children ages birth to six in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreill Counties. This project was part of a national research study to show support services can improve child development so that children are school-ready and so that parents can better themselves personally and by achieving economic self sufficiency. The study was conducted in an area over 6,000 square miles with the assistance of lab top computers to see what impact technology can have. Dr. Michaelson is in the process of publishing the results of this study.



This CCDP Grant will end in September. Last week, as a result of that effort, the Center was awarded an Early Head Start Grant for just over \$1.3 million dollars a year which will pick up some of the activities.

Another large area of activities is TINCAN, The Inland Northwest Community Access Network. The initial funding came from the Department of Commerce to establish a public access to computer network. It is now funded by mini grants as well as donations from the community.

CTEC is based on the following four operating principles: diversifying, linkage, scaffolding and performance.

Materials on the Center were included with the agenda under separate cover.

#### Recruitment Update, V.E. - Dr. Levin-Stankevich

Ms. Michelle Whittingham, Associate Director in the Office of Admissions, reported on behalf of Dr. Levin-Stankevich who was attending a Student Affairs meeting in Seattle.

Ms. Whittingham gave an update on the application status as of April 1998 compared to the same time last year. Freshmen applications for this year compared to last year were up by 27 percent. The overall trend has been upward. Recruitment activities are supported by a variety of programs, e.g., Guarantee Postcard, Spring Prelude to Success, On-campus Programs, financial aid, housing incentives, Phonathon.

#### Old Business/New Business, VI.

No new or old business.

#### Executive Session, VII.

Mr. Kirschbaum called an executive session from 10:15 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. for the purpose authorized in RCW. 42.30.110.

#### Personnel Actions, VIII.

Mr. Kirschbaum requested motion for approval of the personnel actions, including the addendum, presented at Executive Session.

*Motion #04-03-98: "I move that the personnel actions, including the addendum, be approved as presented."*

*Motion by Trustee Mays; second by Trustee Budke; approved unanimously. Motion carried.*

#### Adjournment, IX.

Mr. Kirschbaum adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

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James L. Kirschbaum  
Chair

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Kenneth R. Dolan  
Secretary