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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 23, 1999, 9:00 a.m.
Conference Call

Minutes

Board Members Participating

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

Staff Participating

Mr. Richard Clark, University Architect
Ms. Connie Gross, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, President
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice President for Student Affairs
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Ms. Judith Penrod Siminoe, Associate to the President
Ms. Mary Voves, Vice President for Business and Finance

Faculty Participating

Mr. George Durrie, Director of Governmental Relations

Students Participating

Mr. Danny J. Caldwell, President, ASEWU

Others Participating

Ms. Pat Thompson, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II.—Mr. Budke

At 9:05 Chairman Budke called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University to order via telephone conference call. A quorum was present at the meeting. Chair Budke was unable to attend the entire meeting, so he turned chairmanship of the meeting over to Vice Chair Beschel.

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

No trustee reports were made.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization Report, III.B.1.—Dr. Lindekugel

Dr. Lindekugel was not present at the meeting. No report at this time.

Associated Students Report, III.B.2.—Mr. Caldwell

In addition to the written report from Mr. Caldwell which was included with the agenda, Mr. Caldwell commented that work on the technology fee is moving forward. He recently met with the Student Technology Fee Committee regarding this issue, and they plan to meet again in the next two weeks. He should have more concrete plans for the Board soon.

President's Report, III.B.3.—Dr. Jordan

President Jordan reported that the Seahawks will be coming to campus soon. The annual barbecue will be held on Saturday, August 7. On Sunday the 8th there will be a scrimmage at Woodward Stadium at 1:30 p.m. along with the big event on the mall which includes a barbecue.

President Jordan and Trustee Budke met with Chris Peck, from the editorial board, on campus last week to discuss what direction the university will be going this next year. President Jordan felt it was a very constructive meeting. Mr. Peck took a campus tour along with prospective students where he could talk with the students and their parents. When people were asked why they were coming to Eastern, the responses were the same as what Dr. Jordan and Mr. Budke had told Mr. Peck in their earlier meeting. The best response was that Eastern is "the best kept secret in the state".

President Jordan and Trustee Budke attended the recent Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting. The master plan goals and objectives were discussed. One highlight issue is the potential, or lack of potential, that the use of electronic learning will lower cost. They also continued their focus on the issue of branch campuses at this meeting. The WSU Riverpoint mission statement was addressed, and President Jordan said Eastern took exception to the phrasing—that WSU Spokane was the nucleus of the Riverpoint educational community. He raised questions about WSU's request that they be given authority to set uniform tuition for all institutions on the Riverpoint campus. Dr. Jordan has since spoken with Bill Robinson and Father Spitzer regarding these issues, and they will meet next Tuesday to continue their discussion. Dr. Jordan said all the parties seem to agree that WSU can offer doctoral programs in Spokane, with approval on a case by case basis. He said these issues need to be decided on a cooperative basis, with a sharing of information.

President Jordan attended the meeting of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in Vail, Colorado this week. The focus of the meeting was on the president and the presidency. Dr. Jordan felt it was a very useful meeting and helpful for his professional development. He has a set of slides which he will distribute to the Board members.

On Monday the Vice Presidents and President Jordan will meet in an all-day retreat format to discuss the future vision for the institution over the next five years. They will talk about what needs to be accomplished in the immediate short term and over the next three-year period—determining tasks and responsibilities. This will begin the process of moving forward from an institution trying to regain its equilibrium to an institution that is planning for the future and growth as an academic institution.

Trustee Beschel noted that the Facilities Committee discussed the pre-design process for future dormitory space and are looking at the future growth of the university. They will also consider funding options. President Jordan noted that there is a need to hold a Board of Trustees retreat, possibly including the Foundation Board for part of the day to discuss capital campaign fundraising.

Trustee Budke reported that Jack Creighton and Bob Craves called a meeting of the Presidents of the Regents/Chairs of the Boards of the institutions of higher education this past Tuesday to talk about Recommendation 15 from the 2020 Commission. They identified some key people who might be involved in leading this project. He sees this as another step forward for the 2020 Commission recommendations.

Action Items, IV.

Action Item IV.A.: Minutes of the June 25, 1999 Board of Trustees' Meeting—Ms. Beschel

Motion #7-1-99: "I move that the minutes of the July 25, 1999 Board of Trustees' meeting be approved as submitted."

Motion by Trustee Jackson; second by Trustee Ormsby. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.B.: Contract Completion Acceptance for Contract No. AE-93-10H, Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade—Vice President Voves

Ms. Voves requested acceptance of the completion of this contract for the Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade in the amount of \$1,821,147.75, with permission to release retainage and close the contract.

Motion 7-2-99: *The Facilities Committee recommends that the Board accept the completion of Contract No. AE-93-10H, Rozell Chiller Plant Upgrade, in the amount of \$1,821,147.75, and release the retainage.*

Motion carried.

Action Item IV.C.: Contract Award for Project AE-95-03, Monroe Hall Renovation—Vice President Voves

Ms. Voves requested approval from the Board to award the contract to Kearsley Construction for \$6,598,500.00.

Motion 7-3-99: *The Facilities Committee recommends that the Board approve the awarding of Project AE-95-03, Monroe Hall Renovation, to Kearsley Construction for \$6,598,500, which includes the base bid and alternates 1,2 and 3.*

Motion carried.

Action Item IV.D.: Delegation of Authority for Contract Award for Project No. AE-97-05, Classroom Renewal Phase VI—Vice President Voves

Ms. Voves reported that there have been some questions raised regarding the apparent low bidder. She hopes to move forward with the project during August, so requested that the Board delegate authority to the Facilities Committee to award the contract once the issues are cleared up.

Trustee Mays noted that the Board wants to be fair with all contractors who bid, however it is quite important that we look at our administrative resources and take into account what is the best for Eastern.

Motion 7-4-99: *The Coordinating Committee recommends that the Board delegate authority to the Facilities Committee to award the contract for Project No. AE-97-05, subject to ratification by the Board.*

Motion carried.

Action Item IV.E.: Delegation of Authority for Contract Award for Project No. AE-97-13, Fire Suppression System Improvements '98—Vice President Voves

Ms. Voves reported that this project concerns an issue of bid timing. She would like to move ahead as soon as possible, however the opening and potential awarding of the bid will fall between Board meetings. Ms. Voves requests that the Board delegate authority to the Facilities Committee to award the bid subject to ratification by the Board. Mr. Caldwell asked for a brief synopsis of the project. Mr. Clark explained that it is the installation of fire detectors/alarms in the Robert Reid lab school and the R/TV building.

Motion 7-5-99: *The Coordinating Committee recommends that the Board delegate authority to the Facilities Committee to award the contract for Project No. AE-97-13, subject to ratification by the Board.*

Motion carried.

Information Items, V.

Information Item V.A.: Report of Public Works/Architectural & Engineering Contracts Awarded Under \$250,000 for the period January 1, 1999 through June 20, 1999—Vice President Voves

Ms. Voves presented a report which summarizes information on contracts awarded under \$250,000. This report is requested by the Board twice a year in order to keep the Board members apprised of what projects are being done on campus. None of the projects are unusual.

Executive Session, VII

At 9:40 a.m. Vice Chair Beschel announced that the Board would go into Executive Session for the purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 to discuss personnel issues. Following the executive session, the Board of Trustees' meeting will resume to take action on the personnel items.

Reconvene

At 10:10 the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session.

Personnel Actions, VIII.

Motion 7-6-99: *"I move that the Board approve the personnel actions, including the Addendum (copy attached to the official minutes), as recommended by the administration."*

Motion by Trustee Kirschbaum; seconded by Trustee Mays. Motion carried.

President Jordan asked the Board to consider, when scheduling next year's meetings, having a Board meeting in August rather than July. He feels it would be beneficial to have the meeting

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closer to the beginning of the academic year, and noted that the budget should be ready for Board approval at the June meeting. The Board members agreed to make this change for the year 2000.

Adjournment, IX.

At 10:15 a.m. Vice Chair Beschel adjourned the meeting.



Jean L. Beschel
Vice Chair



Stephen M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board of Trustees