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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting**

**Friday
June 27, 2014**

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Jo Ann Kauffman
James Murphy
Michael O'Donnell
Robert Whaley
Vicki Wilson

Call to Order, I.

Chair Tanaka called the June 27, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:51 a.m.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present. Uriel Iñiguez was absent.

Executive Session, III.

Chair Tanaka announced the Board will convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)(i) for the following purposes: to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential litigation. Also, the Board will plan or adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or will review the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress, which is exempt pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. Executive session concluded at 1:35 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the June 27, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:40 p.m.

Reports, IV.

Chair Tanaka acknowledged our new president, Dr. Mary Cullinan, who will start on August 1, 2014.

University President's Report, IV.A.

President Arévalo commented on the significant event held on June 2, which was the official transfer of the Phase I building on the Riverpoint campus. Possession moved from Washington State University to Eastern Washington University. Dr. Arévalo hopes this transfer will improve our ability to grow some of the programs within the colleges of Business and Public Administration and Health Science and Public Health. He reported attending the HAAP conference in Yakima, which is a Hispanic academic achievement program that provides scholarship for students from that general area. The organization named a scholarship after Dr. Arévalo, and it will be awarded to students to attend universities across the state of Washington. Dr. Arévalo also attended, with four members of the board, the Bellevue commencement on June 19. EWU graduated 132 students this year. Programs in Bellevue continue to grow, and we hope to have about 700 students in Bellevue next year. Dr. Arévalo has attended significant meetings over the past month that have related to degree programs in the university. He was pleased to announce that the university is in receipt of the federal CAMP grant, which is approximately \$400,000 per year for the next five years and will serve approximately 45 students per year in the CAMP program. We had lost this federal funding about two years ago, and we are happy to report it has been reauthorized.

Chair Tanaka acknowledged Dr. Arévalo's service to the university and noted the board has authorized the Rodolfo and Nadine Arévalo student mall in their honor. The board felt this was a fitting way to acknowledge the many hours Dr. Arévalo and Nadine have spent working with students and going to their events over the last eight years. The board is also instituting a presidential portrait gallery which will be in the Showalter Rotunda. Trustee Kauffman thanked Dr. Arévalo for his leadership at the university and presented him with a gift. Trustees Whaley, Murphy, O'Donnell also made positive comments about Dr. Arévalo's tenure at the university. Chair Tanaka also acknowledged the service of Trustee Michael O'Donnell, whose service ends June 30, 2014.

Organization President's Comments, IV.B.

Faculty Organization, IV.B.1.

President Mindy Breen allowed Dr. Julia Smith, Tony Flinn, and Kevin Decker to speak on behalf of the faculty leadership. Dr. Smith reported that faculty are baffled by the board's decision behind hiring Dr. Cullinan and requested Chair Tanaka and any board members attend a fall senate meeting to explain their decision to faculty.

Chair Tanaka appreciated the invitation to attend a senate meeting in the fall and is happy to attend to discuss their decision. Chair Tanaka explained that faculty were heard, but the board chose another path. Chair Tanaka assured that the faculty voice was heard, and all comments were heard. Chair Tanaka encouraged the campus community to work with the new president noting it is a shared responsibility that contributes to the success of Eastern Washington University.

Classified Staff Union, IV.B.2.

Executive Vice President Craig Walker extended his organization's thanks to Dr. Arévalo regarding the budget. He also noted WFSE is currently in contract negotiations, and its members are looking forward to a real cost-of-living adjustment in the new contract. Mr. Walker is gathering a packet of data for the negotiating team and the board to review. Mr. Walker appreciates the support of the board and he looks forward to contract ratification.

Associated Students, IV.B.3.

President DJ Jigre reported the incoming student leadership team will start their new training on September 8. Mr. Jigre thanked Dr. Arévalo for his service. He welcomed Dr. Cullinan. He thanked Trustee Michael O'Donnell for his service.

Public Comment, V.

There was no public comment.

Action Items, VI.

Consent Action Items, VI.A.

Minutes of the May 15, 2014, Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.1a.

Minutes of the June 13, 2014, Special Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.1b.

EWU 403-01, Holidays, VI.A.2a.

EWU 601-02, Suspended Operations (Emergency Closure), VI.A.2b.

Motion 06-02-14: Trustee Murphy moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.

Motion carried.

Presidential Contract with Dr. Mary Cullinan

Motion 06-03-14: Trustee Murphy moved to approve the presidential contract with Dr. Mary Cullinan as president of Eastern Washington University.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Motion carried

Discussion Action Items, VI.B.

FY2015 Supplemental Operating and Capital Budgets, VI.B.1.

Motion 06-04-14: Trustee Whaley moved that the FY2015 supplemental operating and capital budgets be approved as presented which included a six percent reduction of resident undergraduate tuition and a revised expenditure level for FY2015.

Seconded by Trustee Murphy

Motion carried.

College of Health Science and Public Health to Semesters, VI.B.3.

Motion 06-05-14: Trustee Murphy moved for the College of Health Science and Public Health to a semester calendar with an expected start date of fall 2016.

Seconded by Trustee Wilson

Final Contract Acceptance – snyamncut, Contract number AE1226G

Motion 06-06-14: *Trustee Whaley moved for acceptance of the direct construction contract for snyamncut.*

Seconded by Trustee Kauffman

Contract with Dr. Arévalo for Transition Period

Motion 06-07-14: *Trustee Murphy moved for execution of the contract with Dr. Arévalo during the transition period, August 1 – December 31.*

Seconded by Trustee O'Donnell

Board of Trustees' Vice Chair Election

Motion 06-08-14: *Trustee Whaley moved to elect Jo Ann Kauffman as vice chair.*

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Motion carried

Adjournment, VII.

Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Board of Trustees

Mary Cullinan, Secretary