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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting

Friday
March 22, 2013

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Mark Mays, Vice Chair
Jo Ann Kauffman
Jim Murphy
Joshua Neil
Bertha Ortega
Robert Whaley (via teleconference)
Vicki Wilson

Call to Order, I.

Chair Paul Tanaka called the March 22, 2013, meeting at Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 12:14 p.m.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present. All trustees were in attendance.

Executive Session, III.

Chair Tanaka announced the Board will convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the following purposes: 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 1:28 p.m.

Reconvene Open Board of Trustees Meeting

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the March 22, 2013, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:38 p.m. He noted that no final actions were taken during the executive session.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

President Arévalo reported on his trip to Washington D.C. and other activities he attended (see full written report). He commented on the trip to Cuba led by Professor Joseph Lenti and their plans to return there in 2014. He reported on his involvement with the Spokane STEM Network, the MLI Initiative, and his recent appointment to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP). Dr. Arévalo opted to use the remainder of his reporting time to show a video regarding the upcoming robotics competition that will be held on campus April 3-6. The Regional FIRST Robotics Competition will involve 42 teams of high school students working to design, build and program customized robots. A large audience is expected for EWU's second year of hosting this exciting event. This event was highlighted given the community engagement and visibility for EWU.

Trustees' Reports, IV. B.

Trustee Whaley reported on his Early Head Start Board involvement.

Academic Affairs: Trustee Mays brought attention to booklets provided to trustees that expand on the range of activities happening in academic affairs. He mentioned the transformational Student Success and Retention Committee and values the work being done by the Committee. He touched on various areas, i.e., the president's equipment funds, our international focus via Dean Martine Duchatelet's trip to China to coordinate the business program, and Dr. Bonny Bazemore's archaeological dig in Cyprus.

Dr. Mays appreciates what the university is doing as far as textbooks and e-book and library resources. He acknowledged the work of Librarian Nadean Meyer who won awards for teaching service, scholarship and creative works. She was also named as one of the Professor of the Year award winners. Additionally, Dr. Lopez, has been selected to fill the position of Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and will join us July 1. Dr. Mays expressed his thanks to Dr. Colin Ormsby for serving in the interim capacity.

Office of Information Technology: Trustee Vicki Wilson reported the entire university has successfully converted to Office 365. She brought attention to some of the up-to-date technology being installed in Patterson Hall that was toured earlier today. Eastern will host the Hispanic Educational Technology Services Executive Director on April 25. This is a Hispanic bilingual technology consortium focused on enhancing Hispanic student success.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action: Trustee Murphy reported on his meetings with Director Gayla Wright. She continues to work on training and affirmative action recruitment through her office. Excitement is also being generated around Diversity Week which will be held May 20-24. Further information will be going out to the campus within the next two weeks. He encouraged the EWU community to participate.

Legislative Affairs & Athletics: Trustee Ortega asked if Trustees Kauffman or Mays wanted to add to Mr. Buri's earlier report regarding their visit to Olympia for Trustees' Day. Trustee Kauffman thanked Trustee Mays for distributing a summary of the day's visit. Trustee Ortega reported on various athletic successes such as the Big Sky Freshmen of the Year award for men and women—this

was the first time ever that Eastern has received both awards in the same year. The Inland Northwest Writers and Broadcasters named Eastern Football its 2012 College Team of the Year. Football Coach Beau Baldwin Coach was also named Coach of the Year by them. Trustee Ortega also provided information about the annual Orland Killin Dinner, Dance, and Auction that takes place Saturday April 27.

Student Affairs: Trustee Kauffman reported that congress did take action to extend the continued resolution from the end of September through this fiscal year providing some relief for those funded programs that may have been impacted with regard to the five percent sequester. She mentioned concern of about \$15,000 from a real loss of federal work study program which translates to about five students. There is potential for additional cuts to the active duty military, National Guard, and reserves who receive tuition assistance for participating on campus.

Eastern enrollment continues to be up. For spring quarter we are running about one percent ahead of where we were a year ago for overall enrollment and about two percent ahead in the state support category. For the coming year, fall 2013 confirmed admissions are about the same as they were last year for freshman. Interestingly, we are running about 39 percent above last year for transfer students at the same time last year. Trustee Kauffman announced the retirement of Dr. Larry Briggs, who has provided enrollment data to the Board in the past. She thanked Dr. Briggs for his service to Eastern.

Trustee Kauffman further reported on the efforts of Student Affairs to create a positive environment for students on campus. She asked Trustee Joshua Neil to speak to the new residence hall. She also thanked Trustee Mays for providing a summary of Trustee Day in Olympia. Trustee Mays mentioned his appreciation for David Buri's efforts and for the credibility the president has built for Eastern in Olympia.

Trustee Joshua Neil passed around photos of the new residence hall, which is currently on schedule. Each week there are tours in the building to show students and community members the progress. In February Housing and Residential life put on Resident Appreciation Week, and Trustee Neil brought t-shirts for his fellow trustees. He further reported that at the end of each quarter the Residence Hall Association partners with STCU, Dining Services, and Eagle entertainment to put on the moonlight breakfast, a kick-off to finals week and a way for students to relax prior to finals. The number of students keeps increasing each quarter, and this past Sunday there were 729 students that attended.

Business & Finance: Chair Paul Tanaka reported that he and Trustee Ortega (Audit Committee members) met with the state auditors and the EWU management team to discuss the results of the 2011-2012 financial statements audit. The auditors believe the financial statements were presented fairly and complimented Business and Finance staff on the strong financial controls the university has in place. For the benefit of newer trustees, he commented on the longstanding strength of the financial side of the university. The budget process will continue to be the focus of the board and the university in the coming months. Mr. Tanaka shared successes from Dining Services and textbook rentals. The rental program has saved EWU students \$640,000 since the program started in 2010.

Organization President's Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

President Ligon provided his report during Committee of the Whole.

Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2.

WFSE President Kathleen Warren provided a written report (see attached) and further thanked President Arévalo for inviting classified staff members to a basketball game. The event provided the opportunity for members to spend time with the President and Mrs. Arévalo. Classified staff members participated in Lobby Day in Olympia on February 18. She further reported on the positive communication among management and the union. She thanked Chair Tanaka for meeting with the WFSE leadership team.

Associated Students, IV.C.3.

ASEWU President Becca Harrell reported on elections for spring quarter. This year's goal is to increase voter turnout by six percent. She reported the students continue to struggle regarding their stance on the tobacco free campus as well as an amnesty policy, as we have heard both yes and no. The legislative session is certainly on our minds, and the student liaison has been there during winter quarter advocating for students. On Lobby Day, ASEWU brought more than 50 students to Olympia. Students on the Riverpoint campus continue to feel a bit disconnected and that they are not provided the same number of activities as those on the Cheney campus. ASEWU continues to work on this issue. With regard to the PUB remodel, ASEWU council agreed before they move forward, they need to see what students are willing to pay for. Lastly, the ASEWU is working on filling the student board of trustee position, led by EWU student trustee, Josh Neil.

Public Comment, V.

None.

Action Items, VI.

Consent Action Items

Minutes of the January 25, 2013, Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, VI.A.1.

Motion 03-01-2013: Trustee Ortega moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.

Seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried

Adjournment, VII.

Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees' meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Board of Trustees

Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary