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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

**Thursday
May 16, 2013**

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Mark Mays, Vice Chair
Jo Ann Kauffman
Kris Mikkelsen
Joshua Neil
Bertha Ortega
Robert Whaley

Call to Order, I.

Chair Tanaka called the May 16, 2013, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:31 a.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)(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 1:25 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the May 16, 2013, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:33 p.m. He noted that no final actions were taken during the executive session.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

Dr. Arévalo reported on the success of the EWU Red team at Bloomsday. This is the seventeenth straight year EWU has been awarded the corporate cup. He introduced Dr. Grant Smith, the team's leader, who coordinated nine teams this year. Dr. Smith reported the scoring system was changed this year to try and tighten the competition, but EWU Red won nevertheless. Dr. Smith thanked Dr. Arévalo and the Board of sponsoring the inclusive community event. He presented President Arévalo with a t-shirt.

Dr. Arévalo referred trustees to the written report for an expanded summary of activities. He chose to further highlight his involvement with the AASCU Millennium Leadership Institute, his visit with the Vice Rector of the Universidad de Iberoamerica in San Jose, Costa Rica; Get Lit!, the Robotics competition, Student Affairs' sponsorship of Spring Family Weekend, and outreach efforts in the Yakima Valley. He also mentioned that the University received a Spark Award related to the development of the marketing design for the strategic plan.

Trustees' Reports, IV.B.

Trustee Tanaka reported that trustees had already shared information during the morning session of Committee of the Whole. He did mention that Trustee Murphy is a member of the committee who will make recommendations to the governor for appointment of a new student trustee.

Organization President's Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

President Ligon provided a full written report to the Board. He further emphasized faculty work on general education review and reform, first year experience, mentoring, advising, and faculty development. He is thankful that the faculty and administration are collaborating well and the University is moving forward. By the end of 2013, faculty will provide a statement regarding their philosophy of general education review. Mr. Ligon also introduced his successor, Julia Smith.

Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2

President Kathleen Warren had nothing to report.

Associated Students, IV.C.3.

President Harrell introduced her successor, DJ Jigre, and congratulated him on his election as president. He introduced cabinet members who were in attendance. Ms. Harrell provided a full written report to the board, but she also shared that ASEWU has the highest voter turnout in history, 35 percent of the student body voted! She also thanked her leadership team and looks forward to the transition of leadership to the new officers.

Public Comment, V.

Chair Tanaka stated three had signed up for comment: Kevin Decker, Robin McRae, and Margaret O'Connell. Dr. Robin McRae is Chair of the Department of Chemistry, Margaret O'Connell is Chair of the Biology Department, and Professor Kevin Decker serves as associate dean of the College of Arts, Letters, and Education. All were opposed to a conversion to semesters.

Action Items, VI

Consent Action Items, VI.

Minutes of the March 22, 2013, Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting , VI.A.1.

EWU Policy 502-02, ASEWU, VI.A.2a

EWU Policy 402-03, Accommodating Persons with Disabilities, VI.A.2b

Personnel Actions, Tenure and Promotions, VI.A.3.

***Motion 05-01-2013:** Trustee Whaley moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.*

Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

Motion carried.

Discussion Action Items, VI.B.

***Motion 05-02-13:** Trustee Murphy formally moved for approval of the 2014-2016 Board of Trustees meeting dates subject to certain changes if warranted.*

Seconded by Trustee Neil.

Motion carried.

***Motion 05-03-2013:** Trustee Whaley moved for approval of the budget principles as presented.*

Seconded by Trustee Murphy

Motion carried.

***Motion 05-04-2013:** Trustee Murphy moved to table the quarter to semester recommendation to the November, 2013, meeting and encouraged faculty, students, and the administration to report to the board suggestions for improving the quarter system and on preference of a quarter or semester system based on the positives of each. Trustee Whaley moved to amend the motion to request the formal reports be provided by the end of October.*

Seconded by Trustee Whaley

Motion carried.

Summation: Trustee Wrap-up Discussion, VI.

Adjournment, VII.

Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Board of Trustees

Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary