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## Board of Trustees Minutes, May 17, 2012

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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting  
May 17, 2012**

**MINUTES**

Trustees Present:

Bertha Ortega, Chair  
Jo Ann Kauffman  
Mark Mays  
Kris Mikkelsen  
Patrick Spanner  
Paul Tanaka  
Robert Whaley  
Ines Zozaya-Geist

**Call to Order, I.**

Chair Ortega called the May 17, 2012, regular meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:55 a.m. She announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the following purpose: to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement of actions, litigation or potential.

She further announced that executive session would last approximately 75 minutes, that no final action would be taken during the executive session, and that at the conclusion of the executive session the Board would reconvene into open session at approximately 1:40 p.m.

**Quorum, II.**

A quorum was present. All trustees were in attendance.

**Executive Session, III.**

Chair Ortega stated that executive session was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 as previously scheduled. She stated that executive session ended at 1:35 p.m. and that no action was taken during executive session. She called the open session of the May 17, 2012 regular meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:40 p.m.

**Reports, IV.**

University President's Report, IV.A

President Arévalo reported on the Strategic Plan April kick off meeting. Dr. Arévalo reported on the new boards in which he has become involved, including the National Hispanic Science Network. He attended a signing agreement with Trustee Tanaka relating to the Washington Child Welfare Alliance. Dr. Grant Smith was introduced to report on the EWU Red Team winning the Bloomsday Corporate Cup for the 16<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The event provides an opportunity for inclusiveness and involvement in the community. Mr. Dave Millet, a fairly new member to the EWU Red team, was the third place point earner. The team just returned from Spokane for an award ceremony there. The

team presented t-shirts to Chair Bertha Ortega, and she gladly accepted it and noted the shirt would be worn with great pride.

## **Trustees' Reports, IV.B.**

### Board Chair Report, IV.B.1.

Chair Ortega met in Seattle on Tuesday with other trustees and retirees from Boeing and Microsoft. They expected to hear some solutions for problems in higher education, but the theme that emerged was whether students are graduating with the knowledge they paid for. They did not hear any concrete solutions. She also attended a presentation on campus.

### Academic Affairs, IV. B.2.

Chair Mays reported the committee learned of the hiring of a new dean of business, and he then thanked the interim dean. They also heard a presentation about academic professional leave, and heard an overview and highlight of the Honors' Program visit to China. On another note, he would like the university to look into a way of measuring the knowledge being gained by our students—preferably via a report at our June meeting.

### Student Affairs, IV.B.3.

Chair Kauffman reported the committee heard the results of a recent student veterans' survey, which gives a snapshot of our EWU veteran population, as well as programs at other universities. The committee also heard updates from the Vice President Stacey Foster, residential life (housing retention is higher than normal or expected, and a new construction update), athletics (excellent report on student athletes; spring quarter GPA of 3.2) and enrollment (breaking records with spring enrollment and fall applications), as well as a couple of action items which will be coming up later on the agenda: the services and activities fee FY12 disbursement and the student tech fee FY12 disbursement. They heard presentations from the diversity programs: American Indian Studies, Africana Education Program and Chicano Education Program Services, Co-curricular Activities, and Retention and Recruitment, giving their perspectives on needs and challenges.

### Advancement, IV.B.4.

Chair Kris Mikkelsen reported they heard a presentation from David Buri regarding the activity in Olympia this year—no cuts to higher education this year. There is more awareness in the legislature and state in general regarding the cost of the huge cuts that have already been taken. Dr. Arévalo deserves credit and a big thank you for his work in this area. The committee also had a conversation regarding the Gateway project, which is in the early stages of conversation. Fundraising is going well so far this year.

### Business and Finance, IV.B.5.

Chair Paul Tanaka said they heard a presentation on the campus sustainability plan. The supplemental budget was discussed—there will be no additional cuts for the biennium. There was a brief discussion about budgets, and we are planning for the next biennium. We had a first view of

some potential projects on both the operations and capital sides. Two policies were approved, which are coming forward to the full board. The committee started to really look at the 10-year capital plan. The Board wants to continue to be involved and look carefully at how that plan is developed.

Chair Ortega noted that the earlier-mentioned Gateway project is very exciting and wants to make sure the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board are able to work closely on the principles and plans and how that vision actually becomes reality. We will continue to have dialogue on that project. It is in the discussion stage and nothing final has been determined yet.

#### Student Trustee, IV.B.6.

Mr. Patrick Spanner said he enjoyed the Benefactor's Dinner last night and appreciates the major financial supporters. He is looking forward to graduation and moving on to his next phase in life. He congratulated the current council for a job well done this year and congratulated the new council for their upcoming work and wished them good luck.

#### **Organization President's Reports, IV.C**

##### Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

In addition to his written report, Dr. William Loendorf reported that Sam Ligon will be taking over when his term ends at graduation. He also noted that the committee on student success and retention has picked up speed and has done some good things. Trustee Spanner noted Dr. Loendorf is retiring this year, and thanked him for his years of service to the university and its students. Chair Ortega also thanked him and congratulated him on his retirement.

##### Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2.

Kathleen Warren attended on Quincy Burns' behalf, and reported the Local Collective Bargaining Team has started meeting in preparation for the up and coming contract negotiations for the CBA 2013-2015. Negotiation meetings should start taking place sometime next month. She thanked Dr. Arévalo on behalf of the classified staff for his hard work in Olympia this year, and also thanked the trustees for their service. She noted there are four classified staff on the President's Food Drive Team.

##### Associated Students, IV.

President Ocaña reported on student government success, and he introduced newly elected student body president Kaleb Hoffer. Kaleb announced new student officers:

- Rebecca Harrell, Executive Vice President
- Markus Hammond, Finance Vice President
- Kylie Chapman, Council Position #1, Academic Affairs
- Whitney Welch, Council Position #2, Athletic Affairs and University Advancement
- Caleb Morgan, Council Position #3, Diversity Outreach
- Ahmed Abdirizak, Council Position #4, Graduate Affairs
- Shelby Pelon, Council Position #5, Legislative Affairs

- Rachel Wilder, Council Position #6, Student Activities
- Aly Morgan, Council Position #7, Student Health and Safety
- Justin Filla, Council Position #8, Student Services
- James Reisenauer, Council Position #9, Technology Advancement

Mr. Ocaña introduced Kristin Milton, the ASEWU director of elections. With her hard work and dedication, she accomplished an ASEWU general election student turnout of 14.328 percent (the total number of students who voted in the election was 1,440). She helped to bring the election together with students, and faculty and staff participation. Josh Ashcraft was supportive in assisting students to vote in residence halls. Mr. Ocaña hopes the new leadership team will work alongside the administration. He also introduced his current team and thanked them. He asked for an applause for them and their push for success. Bus passes were obtained for summer. He asked the new students leaders to work with the administration, and he asked the administration to mentor the students. He thanked everyone, and stated that it has been an honor to serve. Trustee Spanner thanked President Ocaña for his work and many contributions.

### **Action Items, V.**

Consent Action Items, V.A.

Minutes of the March 23, 2012, Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.1

EWU 403-03, Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), V.A.2

EWU 409-01, EWU Retirement Systems, V.A.3

***Motion 05-01-2012:** Trustee Kauffman moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.  
Seconded by Trustee Tanaka.  
Motion carried.*

Discussion Action Items, V.B.

Service & Activities Fees, FY12 Disbursement, V.B.1.

***Motion 05-02-12:** Trustee Tanaka moved Board approval of the proposed three percent increase in the general Services and Activities fee distributions as presented.  
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.  
Motion carried.*

Technology Fee, FY12 Disbursement, V.B.2.

***Motion 05-03-2012:** Trustee Tanaka moved that the Board approve the student technology fee distribution of next year's allocation as presented, with the exception of the \$33,000 for the kiosks.  
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.  
Motion carried.*

**Adjournment, VI.**

Chair Ortega adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

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Bertha Ortega, Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary