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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting**

**Friday
November 16, 2012**

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Mark Mays, Vice Chair
Jo Ann Kaufman
Joshua Neil
Jim Murphy
Vicki Wilson
Robert Whaley

Call to Order, I.

Chair Paul Tanaka called the November 16, 2012, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 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. Executive session concluded at 2:45 p.m.

Reconvene Open Board of Trustees Meeting

Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the November 16, 2012, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 2:51 p.m. He noted that no final actions were taken during the executive session. He further explained that there would be a shift in the agenda and that we would start with the public comment and follow with the OIT eLearning Presentation that was not heard in Committee of the Whole.

Public Comment, V.

Requests were received from two individuals. Public comment was presented by Mr. Travis Wilson who was speaking on behalf of his friend, another EWU student, Christina Foster. Mr. Wilson explained her hardships. Chair Tanaka explained the Board does not handle these types of decisions, and the student was advised to meet with Stacey Morgan Foster, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Next, the OIT eLearning activities presentation deferred from the morning Committee of the Whole meeting was presented. Dr. Gary Pratt provided information on what OIT has done over the past year to build the infrastructure of the University. The focus was on eLearning activities, but also included additional technology innovations. Trustees were provided with the 2011-2012 Office of Information Technology Annual Report and an overview of eLearning services provided during the 2011-2012 academic year. Additionally, Dr. Rex Fuller introduced Ben Meredith, Executive Director of the Virtual College, and Mollie Ayers, Director of Community Engagement.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

President Arévalo reported that much of his focus since the last board meeting has been on creating greater visibility for the institution. As a panelist, he attended a regional conference for the National Association of Educational Opportunity Programs (NAEOP) to advocate for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and to discuss legislative issues relating to Hispanic students in the educational system in the state of Washington. He also attended the National Council for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) conference where the national education agenda was discussed. In addition, he participates on a committee that develops and mentors leaders who aspire to be university presidents. President Arévalo mentioned other activities such as the Civics Conference on the Cheney Campus, where he introduced the keynote speaker, State Supreme Court Justice Debra Stephens. The purpose of this conference was to increase civic engagement within the community. Dr. Arevalo also reported that he has accepted the position of Treasurer to Visit Spokane, in addition to his current role as board member.

Dr. Arévalo also reported on his trip to Brazil. He was asked to be part of a study group to see how institutions of higher education (who are part of AASCU) can begin to develop partnerships with universities in Brazil's largest state, Pernambuco. It is the fastest growing state and has educational resources for study abroad activities. Brazil is very interested in increasing English literacy within their country. They also have a high interest in the STEM fields, something we do well here at EWU. There were a number of natural connections with the 12 institutions visited on the brief tour.

President Arévalo was also pleased to report that EWU has been selected to host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in 2015. He thanked Dr. Fuller's team for their accomplishment. See Dr. Arévalo's full written report provided to the Board.

Trustees' Reports, IV.B.

Chair Tanaka thanked Past Chair Bertha Ortega for her two years' service as Chair of the Board and acknowledged her hard work alongside the president. Trustee Ortega acknowledged President Arévalo and EWU administrators, thanking them also for their many contributions.

Liaison Reports

Advancement: Trustee Whaley reported that he had met with Vice President Westfall about the Gateway Project. It is the main focus of Advancement.

Athletics: Trustee Ortega reported on the academic progress rate for 2011-2012 and football successes, as we are currently ranked number five. She further thanked Athletic Director Bill Chaves for his great leadership and hard work.

Academic Affairs: Trustee Mays reported on his work with the Medals and Awards Committee and acknowledged the thoughtful process of the committee. He was impressed with the caliber of those recommended for the awards. Dr. Mays requested we discuss academic and student success in greater detail at a future board meeting, and mentioned having discussed with Provost Fuller a format for addressing this.

Diversity: Trustee Murphy reported on his meeting with Director Gayla Wright. He acknowledged her enthusiasm for diversity on the campus and looks forward to working with her on future issues.

Student Affairs: Trustee Kauffman reported on her work with Vice President Morgan Foster and noted record enrollment and improved retention. They continue to hone in on ways to improve student success.

Student Trustee Joshua Neil reported on the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (PAUCRH) conference he attended. He spoke about what inspires us and how to better inspire others.

Organization President's Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

Vice President Julia Smith reported on the Senate's approval of the hybrid Student Success and Retention Committee, and the beginning of a review and revision of the Faculty Organization's Constitution and Bylaws and working to improve efficiencies for the university academic policy process. See President Ligon's full written report provided to the Board.

Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2.

President Kathleen Warren announced that she is the newly-elected Local 931 president as of last night—previously she held the position of executive vice president. She looks forward to continuing her partnership with the Board. She thanked her predecessors and those she's worked with over the past few years. Craig Walker will serve as the executive vice president. Executive board members include Eric Rux, Matt Brown, and Larry Matthias.

Associated Students, IV.C.3.

Standing President Becca Harrell reported that she was present because ASEWU is following the succession plan that is written in their constitution and bylaws due to the elected president currently being unable to fulfill his duties. ASEWU has been busy with their many goals for the academic year, with an emphasis on registering students to vote. An historical 671 students were registered. Last week ASEWU Court held an event, "Democracy Day." She further reported on the ASEWU goals of communication and exposure, facilities, students, the Riverpoint Campus, and Student Representation. See Ms. Harrell's full written report provided to the Board.

Action Items, VI.

Consent Action Items, VI.A.

Minutes of the September 28, 2012, Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, VI.A.1.

EWU Policy 401-03, Background Checks, VI.A.2a

EWU Policy 404-02, Classified Transfer, VI.A.2b

UGS 840-080-020 (REPEALER), Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students, VI.A.2c

UGS 840-200-010 (REPEALER), Residence Hall Activity Fee, VI.A.2d

UGS 200-040-040 (REPEALER), AIDS, VI.A.2e

***Motion 11-01-2012:** Trustee Murphy moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.*

Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.

Motion carried.

***Motion 11-02-12:** Trustee Whaley moved for approval to authorize a payment to Dr. Arévalo's deferred compensation account of the amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) that would have accrued if the deposit into the deferred compensation plan had occurred at the time of the Board's action in June of this year.*

Seconded by Trustee Mays.

Student Trustee Neil abstained from this action.

Motion carried.

Summation: Trustee Wrap-up Discussion, VI

Chair Tanaka offered trustee comment or discussion items.

Adjournment, VII.

Chair Tanaka adjourned meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Paul Tanaka, Chair
Board of Trustees

Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary