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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

September 11, 2009

**Regular Open Meeting ~ 1:45 p.m. (TAW 215 B&C)
Executive Session ~ 1:00 p.m. (TAW 215 A)**

MINUTES

Trustees Present:

Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair
Bertha Ortega, Vice Chair
Gordon Budke
Whitney Fix
Neil McReynolds
Kris Mikkelsen
Paul Tanaka

Call to Order, I.

Chair Kauffman called the September 11, 2009 meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:03 p.m.

Chair Kauffman announced that the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110 for the following purposes: (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; (i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential; and/or under RCW 42.30.140 to plan or adopt a 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 reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

She announced that executive session would last approximately forty-five minutes, that no final action would be taken during the executive session, and that at the conclusion of the executive session the Board would convene into open session.

Quorum, II.

A quorum was present; Trustee Zozaya-Geist was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Executive Session, III.

Chair Kauffman stated that executive session was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 and RCW 42.30.140 as previously scheduled. No action was taken during the executive session.

Reconvene

Chair Kauffman called the September 11, 2009 open session of the regular meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1:53 p.m.

She reminded all in attendance that a great tragedy occurred on this date eight years ago and she asked that everyone take a moment in memory of all those affected by the tragic events that took place.

Chair Kauffman introduced Ms. Whitney Fix, Eastern's new student trustee, and she congratulated her for being appointed to the Board by Governor Gregoire.

Public Hearing –

Proposed Repeal of WAC 172-190, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 **Proposed Adoption of WAC 172-191, Student Education Records**

Chair Kauffman announced that this public hearing is being held to consider testimony on the following proposal only: proposed repeal of existing WAC 172-190, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and proposed adoption of new WAC 172-191, Student Education Records. She announced that this hearing is being held on September 11, 2009 at the Tawanka Commons building, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA pursuant to the authority given under RCW 34.05, the Administrative Procedures Act. Those who would like to comment need to sign-in. She announced that the hearing is being recorded, and the recording will become part of the official rule-making file.

Laurie Connelly explained that the federal law controlling student records has several purposes and Eastern adopted the original WAC in 1974 after the law was passed. Ms. Connelly explained the federal law includes four student rights, which will stay intact with the proposed new WAC, 1) right to inspect and review education record, 2) right to seek amendment of education record if inaccurate, 3) right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information, and 4) right to be informed annually of their rights. The university receives the most requests regarding the right to consent to disclosure. In the new WAC, email addresses have been added as part of the directory information. We have updated the WAC so we are now in compliance with some of the changes that have been the result of 9/11 and violent incidences at other institutions. There will be no change in practice in terms of how student records are treated.

Public Comments

Chair Kauffman called for public comments regarding WAC 172-190 and WAC 172-191. No public comments were given.

Closure of Hearing

Having received no public comments, Chair Kauffman closed the public hearing.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

President Arévalo reported that during the summer months he participated in several planning retreats in addition to the EWU Board retreat in June. The EWU President's Cabinet spent time discussing the effects of downsizing the institution and strategized about creative ways to fulfill the teaching mission and student support mission of the university, while also addressing the Board's goals (identified at their retreat). This discussion will lead to development of defined strategic directions for Eastern's executive leadership to implement in order to obtain the Board's goals.

President Arévalo chaired the Council of President's retreat recently where the leaders of the four year institutions worked to develop direction and activities for the upcoming year as well as

discussed legislative topics that need to be addressed. COP will work more diligently with members of the

legislature in trying to design an agenda to achieve mutual support. He also participated in the Greater Spokane Incorporated planning meeting, where he encouraged the organization to support the educational initiatives that Eastern has set for itself.

Dr. Arévalo visited fifteen legislators in recent months, joined by trustees for many of these visits. They discussed support for higher education and also specifically for Eastern.

President Arévalo has met with several donors and hopes these visits will result in support for the EWU scholarship program.

Trustees' Reports, IV.B.

Board Chair Report, IV.B.1.

Chair Kauffman reported on the following topics:

- Following the Board's planning retreat in June, trustees have been working to refine goals for the academic year and the goals will be voted on at today's meeting.
- Chair Kauffman accompanied President Arévalo and board chairs and presidents from other state institutions to a meeting at which Governor Gregoire urged board members to help create additional support for higher education funding.
- Trustees and university guests enjoyed a wonderful time honoring Trustee Budke last evening for his long-time service to the university and his twelve years of service on the Board of Trustees. Trustee Mikkelsen's remark that for Mr. Budke there has been no assignment too small and no challenge too large, represents the breadth of his commitment. Chair Kauffman summarized the resolution acknowledging Mr. Budke's incredible dedication to EWU. She expressed that Trustee Budke leaving the Board will be a difficult transition and the board members will miss him very much. She wished Trustee Budke the best and thanked him for all he has done for the university.
- Trustee Budke expressed that it has been a wonderful experience to be involved with Eastern and he will miss everyone and miss being involved at the level he has been for twelve years.

Motion 09-01-09: Motion by Trustee Ortega that the Board approve EWU Board Resolution 2009-01 dedicated to Trustee Budke.

Seconded by Trustee McReynolds.

Motion carried.

Academic Affairs, IV.B.2.

Trustee Budke reported on the topics discussed at yesterday's meeting.

- Provost Mason reported on the progress academic affairs has made on their 2008-2009 goals, and he discussed the efforts being made to address Eastern's low ranking among the state's four year universities regarding student time to degree. An analysis of EWU's students is being developed in order to understand and determine how this situation can be improved upon.
- The committee discussed and recommends the repealing of EWU UGS 315-060-060, Chair's Compensation, because it is superseded by the current collective bargaining agreement.
- Dr. Fuller and Dr. Case reported on health information technology and the nursing consortium.
- Dr. Larry Cebula have an interesting presentation on the digital archives facility on Eastern's campus (the largest digital archives in the world).

Advancement Committee, IV.B.3.

Trustee McReynolds began by acknowledging Trustee Budke's contributions to the Advancement Committee as well as his dedication to advocating for Eastern and Eastern students.

- Comprehensive Campaign – the advisory group has been engaged in a series of three meetings for the purpose of gaining input, engaging volunteers, and finalizing campus priorities for fundraising. This process is going well.
- Board's goal of increasing awareness of Eastern - Eastern hosts and plays in a football game at Qwest Field in Seattle on October 31st. This is more than a football game, it is an opportunity to engage people, alumni and others, from across the state in an EWU activity. This is one of the benefits of athletics – to engage people in athletic events to raise awareness of and for the benefit of the entire university. Trustees discussed the idea of purchasing tickets to the game and inviting guests to attend.
- Government Relations – President Arévalo, David Buri, and trustees have been visiting with legislators to help them understand the significance of higher education for the state.
- System Re-design Task Force – the task force focuses on higher education delivery in the state. Provost Mason, along with other provosts, and Trustee McReynolds, along with other business leaders, are each members of two different sub-committees of this task force. The task force could have an impact on the 2010 legislative session and beyond.

Trustee Budke shared that the latest issue of Spokane-Coeur d' Alene Living magazine features an article about Jo Ann Kauffman and her daughter, a promising and upcoming jazz singer.

Business & Finance Committee, IV.B.4

Trustee Budke chaired the meeting and reported on the topics discussed.

- Several policies were discussed that are currently on the policy web site for public input and will possibly be on the agenda for action at the next Board of Trustees meeting.
- Vice President Voves discussed several new dashboard reports her department will be preparing for the Board in order to increase trustees' understanding of trends and the financial operations of the university tied together with graduation rates, student retention, etc.
- Update on budget reductions - this current biennium includes stimulus money that cannot be planned on for the next biennium.
- Patterson Hall – EWU is proposing to combine the originally planned two phase project into one phase, which would result in saving millions of dollars of tax payer funds.
- ADA compliance – Tomson Spink and Kevin Hills presented information about ADA compliance on campus and the progress the university is making toward increased accessibility.
- Information Technology consolidation – progress is being made.

Student Affairs Committee, IV.B.5.

Trustee Ortega reported on the following topics discussed:

- Three policies were discussed; FERPA, Student Education Records, and the President's Advisory Committee on Diversity. The committee recommends these policies for approval by the Board.
- Enrollment – Dr. Larry Briggs gave an excellent presentation, and informed the Board that enrollment looks very good at this point. Final statistics will be available after 10th day of classes.

- Eastern Advantage program – Dr. Arévalo shared that since this is such a successful program, it would be nice to provide these types of services to all Eastern students.
- Athletics – Pam Parks shared that EWU’s student athlete grade point average of 3.22 places them first among Big Sky Conference institutions for 2008-09. The university is waiting to hear from the NCAA regarding their ruling on the appeal that was filed for the football team sanctions.
- The Rockwood Clinic contract for student health services has been signed.
- Dr. Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted will be on sabbatical beginning in February.

Student Trustee, IV.B.6.

Trustee Fix reported that she is very excited to be on the Board. She has been introducing herself to people on campus and inviting them to let her know of any concerns or questions they might have. She expressed that she wants this to be a collaborative effort in order to help further the university’s goals.

Organization Presidents’ Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

Dr. Raphael Guillory reported that the theme of collaboration and cooperation will be continued for this academic year, in addition to helping dissuade the stress and anxiety resulting from consolidating and reducing the number of colleges. He and Dean Kelley are co-chairing the College Consolidation Task Force which is charged with recommending at least two proposals for reducing the number of academic colleges to four. If this reduces administrative costs, then from the faculty perspective it makes sense. Dr. Guillory shared that the Faculty Organization will focus on working collaboratively to ensure transparency in this entire process of shared governance and will focus on moving forward to fulfill the obligation to provide the highest quality education to EWU students no matter what the circumstances.

Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2.

Mr. Pendleton reported that local 931 held their annual picnic in August, which was a nice event. He had the opportunity to take part in the president’s cabinet retreat to develop goals for the university and he felt the two days went well and that good progress was made. An ADA parking area has been installed at the circle drive on the north end of Reece Court. Most of the work on this project was done in-house by classified staff. Mr. Pendleton expressed concern about projects that are being contracted out, and he encouraged Eastern to use its talented and capable employees for campus projects – which would save jobs and save money.

Chair Kauffman thanked Mr. Pendleton and Dr. Guillory, and she encouraged them to continue to share comments and concerns as the process continues.

Associated Students, IV.C.3.

Mr. Ryan Eucker reported that the associated student leadership team had a fantastic summer and prepared well for the rest of the group to arrive. They are finishing their week of training this week. The students are pleased about the new Pence Union Building enhancements that were done over the summer to improve the overall student space on the first floor, and they look forward to continuing discussions regarding additional improvement projects.

This year is a contract year regarding the S & A Fees, so discussions will take place regarding the percentage allocations for these funds.

One of the ASEWU goals for this year is to extend resources and opportunities to the EWU Riverpoint campus. An additional goal is to continue in the collaborative effort started last year with

the ASEWU affiliated programs in order to share resources and tools and to help create better opportunities and services for students.

Mr. Eucker introduced the officers and justices who were present at the meeting.

Action Items, V.

Consent Action Items, V.A.

Minutes of the May 15, 2009 Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.1.

Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Special Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.2.

Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.3.

***Motion 09-02-09:** Motion by Trustee Fix that the Board approve the consent action items including; minutes of the May 15, 2009 regular Board of Trustees meeting, minutes of the June 17, 2009 special Board meeting, and minutes of the June 25, 2009 regular Board meeting.*

Seconded by Trustee Budke.

Motion carried.

Discussion Action Items, V.B.

Board of Trustees Goals 2009-2010, V.B.1.

The Board's goals were developed at the Board of Trustees retreat in June and then were sent in draft form to the president's cabinet retreat in search of feedback regarding strategies and measurable outcomes for each of the six goals.

***Motion 09-03-09:** Motion by Trustee Ortega that the Board approve the Board of Trustees Goals 2009-2010.*

Seconded by Trustee Mikkelsen.

Motion carried.

Trustee Tanaka mentioned that since the goals cascade down to the president's goals and are the primary policy directives to the university, it is important to distribute the goals in as many ways as possible including posting them on the Board web page and sending them to the constituent organizations.

Chair Kauffman explained that the Board traditionally monitors the goals, and the strategies and outcome measures are important feedback to help ensure that the president and board members are in consensus about what the goals actually mean. Further evaluation of the progress will occur throughout the academic year and also at the annual Board retreat next year.

Board of Trustees Officer Elections, V.B.2.

Trustee Budke explained that during this time of transition for the university it is important to have continuity when possible. To this end, Chair Kauffman and Vice Chair Ortega have agreed to serve in their respective roles for another year.

Motion 09-04-09: Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board elect Jo Ann Kauffman as Chair of the Board and Bertha Ortega as Vice Chair of the Board through September 30, 2010 or until their successors are designated by the Board.

Seconded by Trustee Mikkelsen.

Motion carried.

Chair Kauffman shared that she is pleased to serve another year, as this has been a productive year in addition to being a difficult year.

Board of Trustees 2010 Meeting Dates, V.B.3.

Motion 09-05-09: Motion by Trustee Ortega that the Board approve the Meeting Dates for 2010, and then work further to decide the configuration of open meetings, work sessions, and the schedule of committee meetings.

Seconded by Trustee Fix.

Discussion occurred regarding the unique schedule of work sessions being proposed for next year. Concern was expressed that this schedule appears to show dates when the Board would not have regular open board meetings. President Arévalo reminded trustees that at their retreat they talked about wanting more work-session time to have in-depth discussions on topics such as Board goals.

Trustee Tanaka suggested the motion be amended to approve these dates as the dates the Board will meet, including a regular open board meeting each time, and then discuss later the configuration of work sessions and committee meetings.

Motion 09-06-09, to Amend Motion 09-05-09: Motion by Trustee Tanaka to amend Motion 09-05-09 to state that the Board approve the dates listed as the dates the Board will meet, including a regular open Board meeting each time, and then decide later the configuration of other related sessions.

Seconded by Trustee McReynolds.

Amendment carried.

Trustees voted to approve amended motion 06-05-09.

Motion carried.

Repeal WAC 172-190, Implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, V.B.4.

Laurie Connelly reported that the Board held a public hearing on this WAC and it has gone through the university policy process.

Motion 09-07-09: Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board Repeal WAC 172-190, Implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Seconded by Trustee Ortega.

Motion carried.

Trustee Budke announced that this policy and others have been heard by board members during several other board committee meetings. It is important for the audience to know that this is not the first time trustees have received information about these policies.

Adopt WAC 172-191, Student Education Records, V.B.5.

***Motion 09-08-09:** Motion by Trustee Fix that the Board Adopt WAC 172-191, Student Education Records.*

Seconded by Trustee Budke.

Motion carried.

EWU Policy 104-01, President's Advisory Committee on Diversity, V.B.6.

Laurie Connelly reported that this policy change was also heard in a board committee and has gone through the university policy process. The purpose of this policy update is to make a modification to allow the Affirmative Action Director to become a member of the committee and to slightly modify, as an update, the purpose of the committee.

***Motion 09-09-09:** Motion by Trustee Fix that the Board Approve EWU Policy 104-01, President's Advisory Committee on Diversity.*

Seconded by Trustee Tanaka.

Motion carried.

Repeal EWU University Governance System 315-060-060, Compensation of Chair, V.B.7.

Laurie Connelly explained that this is a provision that has been entirely superseded by the collective bargaining agreement with faculty. Trustee Budke explained that the Board's Academic Affairs Committee voted to recommend the repeal of this policy.

***Motion 09-10-09:** Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board Repeal EWU University Governance System 315-060-060, Compensation of Chair.*

Seconded by Trustee McReynolds.

Motion carried.

Adjournment, VII.

Chair Kauffman adjourned the September 11, 2009 regular Board meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Jo Ann Kauffman, Chair

Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary