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## Board of Trustees Minutes, August 23, 2007

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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 23, 2007**

**Open Public Session ~ 2:00 p.m. (TAW 215 B&C)**  
**Executive Session ~ 12:30 p.m. (TAW 215 A)**

**MINUTES**

Trustees Present Via Conference Call:

Neil McReynolds  
Ines Zozaya-Geist

Trustees Present:

Paul Tanaka, Chair  
Jo Ann Kauffman, Vice Chair  
Gordon Budke  
Kris Mikkelsen

**Call to Order, I.**

Chair Tanaka called the open session of the August 23, 2007 regular meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 2:20 p.m.

**Quorum, II.**

A quorum was present. Trustee Ortega was unable to attend the Open meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

**Executive Session, III.**

Executive Session was held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 and/or 42.30.140. No action was taken during the executive session.

**Reports, IV.**

Chair Tanaka welcomed all to the meeting.

**University President's Report, IV.A.**

President Arévalo began his report by stating he is pleased to introduce Dr. Lynn Briggs, new Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Letters, and Dr. Gary Pratt, new Chief Information Officer. President Arévalo highlighted the governor's trade mission to Mexico wherein he had the opportunity to meet with a number of universities in Mexico. While there, he signed an agreement with the autonomous university of Guadalajara for faculty and student exchanges and hopefully engagement in some research activities as well. President Arévalo had the pleasure of meeting the Commissioner of Education of the State of Jalisco, the sister state to Washington State. They are interested in EWU helping them to educate their public school teachers, especially in the area of teaching English more effectively.

The other benefit of this mission was the opportunity to meet with members of the delegation from this area who traveled to Mexico. As a result of this trip, Eastern has begun conversations with at least three Washington State businesses regarding student internships and other beneficial collaborative projects. The businesses are Pearson Materials Packaging in Airway Heights, Schweitzer Labs in Pullman, and The Apple Commission in Wenatchee.

Dr. Arévalo announced that Eastern was recently notified that the HEC Board awarded five awards to faculty here at Eastern to support research Eastern faculty are doing in the departments of Mathematics, Education, Developmental Psychology, Dental Hygiene, and Physical Therapy. President Arévalo closed his report with an important milestone for Eastern. EWU is hosting an Edward S. Musky fellow for the first time. She is from Armenia and is working on her MBA in the College of Business. This very prestigious scholarship is supported by the U.S. Department of State and Dr. Arévalo is happy they are recognizing Eastern by allocating one of their fellows here.

## **Reports, IV.**

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

#### Statewide Education Initiatives, IV.B.5.

Trustee McReynolds reported that Eastern did well among institutions in the state in terms of high demand enrollment funds. The institutions are now being asked to describe how they will use the funds and to submit their accountability plans at the end of September.

### **Presidents' Reports, IV.C.**

No oral reports were given. Please refer to the written reports included in the board materials.

## **Action Items, V.**

### **Consent Action Items, V.A.**

#### Minutes of the May 11 Regular Board of Trustees' Meeting, V.A.1.

Chair Tanaka announced there is a correction to the May 11, 2007 Board of Trustees minutes. Under the heading of Committee of the Whole, second paragraph, the last two sentences are being combined and corrected to read: Funding was also received for Eastern's portion of the RIDE program, Disability Support Services, classified staff salary increases as specified in their contract, and funding was provided to implement an average salary increase of 3.2% in FY2008 and 2% in FY2009 for administrative exempt staff and faculty.

***Motion 08-01-07:** Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board approve the amended minutes of the May 11, 2007 meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.*

*Seconded by Trustee Kauffman*

*Motion carried.*

### **Discussion Action Items, V.B.**

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ASEWU Constitution Revisions, V.B.1.

Trustee Zozaya-Geist explained that the Student Affairs Committee of the Board has reviewed the proposed revisions, shown on pages eight and nine of the ASEWU Constitution, and the Committee recommends approval of the revisions by the full Board.

***Motion 08-02-07:** Motion by Trustee Zozaya-Geist that the Board approve the ASEWU Constitution Revisions as presented at the meeting and in the board materials.  
Seconded by Trustee Budke.  
Motion carried.*

Board of Trustees 2008 Meeting Schedule, V.B.2.

***Motion 08-03-07:** Motion by Trustee Mikkelsen that the Board approve the Board of Trustees 2008 Meeting Schedule.  
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.  
Motion carried.*

**Personnel Actions, VI.**

***Motion 08-04-07:** Motion by Trustee Budke that the Board approve the personnel actions.  
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.  
Motion carried.*

**Adjournment, VII.**

Chair Tanaka adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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Paul Tanaka, Chair

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Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary