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**EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 24, 2003**

**Academic Affairs Committee at 7:30 a.m. (PUB 261)
Committee of the Whole at 8:00 a.m. (PUB 205/206)
Executive Session at 12:00 p.m. (PUB 261)
Open Public Meeting at 1:00 p.m. (PUB 263-5-7)**

MINUTES

Trustees Present

Mr. Gordon Budke, Vice Chair
Mr. Neil McReynolds, Chair
Dr. Mark Mays
Ms. Kris Mikkelsen
Ms. Bertha Ortega
Mr. Kennet Phillipson
Mr. Paul Tanaka
Ms. Ines Zozaya-Geist

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II.

Chair McReynolds called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Executive Session, III.

Chair McReynolds announced that the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.2110, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential litigation, and to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment and to review the performance of a public employee. He noted that no final action would be taken during the executive session, and anticipated it to last 60 minutes, with the Board reconvening in open session at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Reconvene

Chair McReynolds reconvened the open meeting at 1:25 p.m. He commented on the excellent budget workshop presented by President Jordan, Vice President Voves and her staff at the Committee of the Whole this morning.

Reports, IV.

University President's Report, IV.A.

- President Jordan provided winter quarter 10th day enrollment information, which shows comparable student totals to winter quarter last year. Total state-support headcount is up by 178 students to 8793, and total state-support freshmen headcount is comparable at 1460. Total FTE's are up from last winter to 8,620. Graduate enrollment is comparable to last winter at 894 students. Self-support headcount is up by 117 students to 401. Our credit

hour/headcount comparison shows that on average students are enrolled in 14.17 credits, which is similar to winter 2002.

- This spring, Eastern's graduating class will be honored in two separate ceremonies on June 14. The ceremony honoring those receiving baccalaureate degrees will take place at 9:30 a.m. at Woodward Field. Students earning their master's degrees will be honored that afternoon at a ceremony beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Pavilion. The traditional barbecue will take place between the two ceremonies, in the central mall.

The ASEWU will be selecting two "Faculty of the Year"—one for undergraduate instruction and one for graduate instruction. The Graduate Faculty of the Year will serve as the Commencement speaker at the afternoon graduate commencement ceremony. The EWU Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Frances B. Houston winners will be recognized at the morning undergraduate ceremony.

- On Thursday, January 23, Dr. Jordan presented his paper, "Vouchers in Public Higher Education: A Bad Idea Whose Time Has Come", to the Senate Higher Education Committee. This two hour presentation promotes their thinking about the long-term funding of higher education and what that means for the state of Washington. It also helps position our institution as one thinking outside the box--people feel good about what's happening at EWU. While in Olympia he also met with seven area legislators
- Dr. Jordan reminded the Board that EWU will appear in the February 2003 issue of the *Washington CEO* magazine. The article will focus on the impact of Eastern and its programs in Washington and on the economic development and quality of life in our state.
- Dr. Jordan also reminded the Board about the second Presidential Speaker, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, who will give a free public address about American foreign policy and how it is perceived around the world next Wednesday at the Pavilion.
- President Jordan encouraged all trustees to attend the AGB's National Conference on Trusteeship, which will be held in Seattle April 5-8. Please let Connie Gross know your plans prior to February 28. The AGB is willing to do a special program the last afternoon just for the Washington State trustees, but need to know the amount of interest and what topics we might like to discuss. Please let him know if you are interested in attending such a program.
- The Commission on Colleges and Universities has accepted the report submitted by Eastern regarding progress made on the previously-approved substantive change to offer the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degree completion program at Shoreline Community College in Seattle, and at Pierce College in Tacoma. A fifth-year interim evaluation report and site visit is scheduled for spring 2003.
- Dean Dee Martin introduced Dr. Robert Schwartz, Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, noting that since he came in September we have become very involved in

the community and surrounding area. Dr. Schwartz said getting more and more faculty involved is critical.

- Dr. Jordan noted that Bill Gray formally announced his resignation as Campus Executive Officer and Dean of WSU Spokane. As of February 1, 2003, Rom Markin, retired Business dean from WSU, will serve as interim Dean for WSU-Spokane. WSU is going to present an executive summary of their branch campus self-studies to their regents this month, proposing an 18 month period of assessment of the branches. We hope to receive a copy for input. Interim Provost Levin-Stankevich called Provost Bates at WSU to express our continuing interest in the nature of the position. We would like to see the job split into two positions: Campus Dean and Facilities Operator for 2 universities, and would like to have representation on the search committee. Provost Bates indicated openness to this suggestion.
- Charles Dotson, adjunct faculty in Urban and Regional Planning, has been named Director of Cheney's Pathways to Progress. Among his other duties he will oversee the EWU students whose coursework involves Pathways participation.
- President Jordan reported with sadness the untimely passing of Assistant Professor of Mathematics Todd Johnson, who recently died from an apparent massive heart attack. Dr Johnson came to Eastern in the fall of 1999 and taught mathematics education courses, chaired the Mathematics Education Committee, was working on a curriculum grant from the Teaching and Learning Center and represented the Mathematics Department on the Faculty Senate. Our condolences go out to his wife Sandy and to his friends and colleagues in the Mathematics Department and across campus. Dr. Jordan noted that this is the second death within one year for the Mathematics Department.

Trustees' Reports, IV.B.

Academic Affairs Committee, IV.B.1.

Dr. Mays stated the full committee has not met since last month, however the Early Head Start Program advisory committee met this morning to review their budget. The advisory committee recommend endorsement of the budget.

Motion 01-01-03: *"I move that the Board of Trustees approve the Early Head Start Program budget for the coming year, and the proposal submission to the federal government for next year's grant.*

Motion by Trustee Mays; seconded by Trustee Zozaya-Geist. The motion carried.

Student Affairs Committee, IV.B.2.

Trustee Zozaya-Geist reported that the committee has not met since last month.

Business and Finance Committee, IV.B.3.

Trustee Mikkelsen said there had been no meeting to report on, but thanked everyone involved in this morning's presentation. The workshop was excellent and gave her a good understanding of the strategic issues associated with the budget. She hopes that we continue to see those types of discussions.

Advancement Committee, IV.B.4.

Trustee Budke noted that this committee has not met since November, but plans to meet on February 20 prior to the Board's joint meeting with the Community Colleges of Spokane.

Executive Committee, IV.B.5.

Chair McReynolds noted this committee held their first conference call to discuss today's agenda. He also noted that both he and Dr. Mays represent Eastern on a working group of the joint governing boards. They haven't met recently, but will meet on February 26 to develop some strategies for the late winter/early spring legislative session. They are also working on longer-term strategies for support to higher education.

Presidents' Reports, IV.C.

Faculty Organization, IV.C.1.

Dr. Barbara Alvin reported the vote on the contract language for modes and class size ranges was passed by the faculty. The Faculty Senate also approved the draft procedures for faculty review boards—to provide assistance to faculty who receive negative reviews for their appointments. President Jordan presented his Vision 2010, and the Rules committee discussed setting up further discussions for input. The Senate continues to talk about block scheduling, but Dr. Alvin is hoping that there will be a Senate recommendation on it at the next Senate meeting. Dr Mays expressed the Board's desire to move this issue forward as quickly as possible, and thanked Dr. Alvin for her assistance in this.

Classified Staff Union, IV.C.2.

Mr. Rod Nicholls said Ted Otto and Ernie Gilmour, of the UFE, gave a \$2,000 check to Local 931's scholarship fund. The Local is grateful for this donation, and Mr. Nicholls noted this was evidence of the Eastern community working together.

Associated Students, IV.C.3.

Mr. Brandon Schinzel reported the Associated Students are working on getting speakers for their leadership conference, which will focus on leadership, diversity and career planning. He noted that elections are coming up (February 13 and 20), and that there are currently two council positions open.

For an update on the legislative session, he introduced Armando Munguia. Mr. Munguia said he is disappointed that Eastern's student presence is not very strong, so he has taken on the task of developing a better plan in conjunction with the incumbent of the council position. He will testify Monday on some senate bills. SB5158, which would broaden the definition for state residents, is especially important for migrant students and will provide an opportunity for their higher education. He will also talk on Monday about the Hispanic endowment. He thanked George Durrie for all his

help. Mr. Munguia is putting together a student packet to showcase the culture of Eastern students and our successes. It will include student testimony on our capital proposals—their benefit to students, courses and enrollment. He stated that students are the resources we are depending on for the future, and Eastern is producing a good product for the state. He will speak to the AS Council today about the different ways to fund higher education, e.g. a state income tax or a sin tax (gambling). He hopes to create a strong partnership with the administration, and will keep the students and trustees informed of his activities in Olympia.

Mr. Schinzel then described a new diversity project “Writing on the Wall”, whereby a 10’ x 30’ wall of cinder blocks displaying negative words will be built on campus (March 13). Ropes will be attached to pull down the wall, and pieces can be taken as souvenirs. The students plan to make this a diversity week. He announced that the Council meetings are on Fridays at 3:30 this quarter. Will begin videotaping them for replay in the dorms.

Special Reports, IV.D.

Strategic Planning Update, IV.D.1.

Dr. Dale Lindekugel reported that the Strategic Planning Task Force is entering a phase where they’re beginning presentations of what’s been done in response to the input they’ve gathered. He and Jeff Stafford, along with President Jordan, are meeting with each trustee to give them an opportunity for input. They will then revise their documents, meet individually with the deans, and then begin presentations with the various campus constituencies. Eventually they will hold open campus forums, and then will revise what they have, fill in the pieces, and then pull it all together for presentation and final approval at the end of spring quarter.

Diversity Initiative Update, IV.D.2.

Trustee Zozaya-Geist reported there is much going on across campus. The campus climate assessment is underway--next week 16 focus groups will be formed, 14 potential participants have been identified (240 total), and 2 facilitators (community members) have been selected. Students, faculty, community, and alumni are included. She thanked everyone who has been working on this initiative.

Resource Allocation Task Force Update, IV.D.3.

Ms. Mary Voves reported that this week’s meeting had to be cancelled. The task force is still developing the procedural side of the model, and she is still receiving feedback from the task force members.

Enrollment Management Task Force Update, IV.D.4.

Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich said this task force has been meeting in caucus modes regarding the proposed block scheduling model, and some counterproposals have been suggested. The task force will meet again next week. Dr. Jordan asked Dr. Alvin if she has any sense of whether the Senate thinks that they or the faculty at large should vote on this. Dr. Alvin said she believes people will press for the Senate to give a recommendation on which body should vote. Some people think it should be a Senate vote, and there is a lot of misconception beyond the Senate. She said the Executive Committee is encouraging a Senate vote, in which case a simple majority would make the decision. Trustee Budke noted that he is eager and impatient to get on with a vote. Provost Levin-

Stankevich said the issues often get clouded in debate—everyone needs to remember that we’re trying to address student scheduling problems, space utilization, and the fact that there is a group of faculty who prefer block scheduling. Even if the proposed schedule is not approved by the Senate or full faculty, the administration still has to address these problems.

Action Items, V

Consent Action Items, V.A.

Minutes of the December 6, 2002 Board of Trustees’ Meeting, V.A.1.

Motion 01-02-03: “*I move that the minutes of the December 6, 2002 Board of Trustees meeting be amended to include the fact that block scheduling was discussed at the Academic Affairs committee meeting, and that timeliness in resolving this issue is of great interest to the Board.*”

Motion by Trustee Mays; seconded by Trustee Mikkelsen. The motion carried.

Discussion Action Items, V.B.

Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Instructional Modes and Administration), V.B.1.

Provost Levin-Stankevich introduced Neville Hosking and Ted Otto. This task force was co-chaired by Dr. Hosking and Jeff Corkill, who worked hard on this. President Jordan pointed out that the contractual language has been approved by the UFE membership as well as the full faculty. It is being brought forward for approval by BOT, having come through Academic Affairs. A correction to the copy published in the agenda was distributed—completing one sentence. Dr. Jordan thanked everyone involved for their hard work on his project of shared interests. The process was slow, but resulted in good information.

Motion 01-03-03: “*I move that the Board of Trustees adopt the Instructional Modes and Administration amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.*”

Motion by Trustee Budke; seconded by Trustee Phillipson. The motion carried.

Old Business/New Business, VI.

President Jordan mentioned that the Presidents have been asked to bring an item to their governing boards to get their position regarding whether or not they are prepared to support any tax increases in the budget in order to enhance funding for higher education, e.g. a possible increased sales tax. Does our Board want to take a position or leave it up to the legislators? Trustee Budke said he is in support of looking at any proposals that would improve the funding for higher education, and suggested the Board could possibly hold a special meeting to examine any such proposals. Chair McReynolds agreed that it would be premature to make a statement at this time. The Board should also consider whether they wish to endorse the Gardner/Evans proposal. We will put any of these proposals on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Personnel Actions, VII.

***Motion 01-04-03:** “I move that the Board of Trustees approve the personnel actions as presented in the agenda book.”*

Motion by Trustee Mays; seconded by Ortega. The motion carried.

Adjournment, VIII.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Neil L. McReynolds
Chair of the Board

Stephen M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board