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Eastern Washington University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 28, 10:00 a.m.
Cheney Campus
Pence Union Building
Room 263-65

Board Members Participating

Mr. Gordon Budke
Ms. Melisa Dybbro
Mr. James Kirschbaum
Dr. Mark Mays
Mr. Michael Ormsby

Staff Participating

Mr. Scott Barnes, Athletic Director
Ms. Roxann Dempsey, Administrative Assistant, Business and Finance
Ms. Michelle Doutre, Program Coordinator, Grants and Research Development
Ms. Terri Flynn, Director of Alumni Relations
Ms. Ruth Galm, Director of Grants and Research Development
Ms. Connie Gross, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Ms. Toni Habegger, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Julie Hall, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Mr. Mike Irish, Associate Vice President for Facilities
Dr. Stephen Jordan, President
Ms. Tesha Kropidowski, Associate Director of Budget Services
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice President of Student Affairs
Mr. Larry McCulley, Budget Analyst II, Budget Services
Ms. Gayle Ogden, Director of Planned Giving
Ms. Judith Penrod Siminoe, Associate to the President
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Ms. Michaela Reitcheck, Director of Internal Audit
Ms. Jolynn Rogers, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Rick Romero, Associate Vice President, Business Services
Officer Fred Swan, Campus Police
Ms. Carol Terry, Director of Budget Services
Ms. Mary Voves, Vice President for Business and Finance
Ms. Lesli Younger, Computer Services Consultant II, Information Resources

Faculty Participating

Dr. Alex Cameron, Interim Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration
Dr. Ronald Dalla, Vice Provost and Dean for Graduate Studies and Institutional Research
Dr. Neville Hosking, Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development
Ms. Pat Kelley, Dean of Information Resources
Dr. Lynn Stephens, President of the Faculty Organization
Dr. Niel Zimmerman, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Students Participating

Mr. Danny Caldwell, President of the ASEWU
Mr. Garry Matlow, Intern, President's Office

Others Participating

Ms. Deborah Danner, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Terry Graham, Alumni Board
Mr. Dave Rey, Cheney Free Press
Ms. Amy Jo Sooy, Mayor of Cheney

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. —Mr. Ormsby

At 10:00 a.m. Vice Chair Ormsby called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University to order. A quorum was present at the meeting. It was noted that Chair Beschel was out of town, and Trustee Jackson was unable to attend because of weather and road conditions.

Reports, III.

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

Trustee Mays reported that the Academic Affairs committee met this morning. They discussed the dean's searches that are in progress, curricular review, and the forthcoming interim visit of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Last July's report from the Council on Colleges showed 6 items to be addressed. We are moving forward on those issues in preparation for the interim visit.

Trustee Budke reported from the Facilities committee. The Campus Master Plan Committee met with the consultants, and it was exciting to see all segments of the campus and community working cooperatively together. This morning the Facilities committee talked about the master plan, the next steps to be taken, the residence hall pre-design process, and the Senior Hall pre-design. Regarding the capital project status report, Trustee Budke noted that 3 projects which were funded this biennium will not be completed, but this is a much better rate of completion than in previous years. The process has begun on campus regarding input for capital requests for 2001-2003. The committee received a report from Rick Romero regarding fires in dormitories. The report covered areas such as alarm systems, sprinklers, fire drills, and training of residence advisors.

Vice Chair Ormsby reported from the Student Affairs committee, which will meet this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. At their last meeting they discussed remedial math course screening and the student learning task force. Updates were received from Brian Levin-Stankevich about concerns surrounding the use of Social Security numbers as student ID numbers; the imminent opening of the Children's center (which opened January 5); cultural diversity up to this point and in the future; and student health services issues.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization Report, III.B.1. —Dr. Stephens

Dr. Stephens reported that the Senate has had primarily philosophical discussions regarding the academic integrity policy, but they plan to bring forward a final policy at the February meeting. They are also conducting a review of the upper-division liberal arts/integrated studies, and should bring that report forward soon.

Associated Students' Report, III.B.2.—Mr. Caldwell

Mr. Caldwell reported that the ASEWU is in their election time. He feels there are a lot of strong candidates for the council positions. The millenium book idea is not going anywhere, but they are setting up a club to bring back the Kinikinik yearbook. They are still looking into the feasibility of a climbing wall, and finishing the PUB Multipurpose room and Mausoleum area (i.e. Rendezvous Room/pool hall).

President's Report, III.B.3.—Dr. Jordan

President Jordan announced that the Symphony performance in the Showalter Hall Auditorium last night was spectacular. It was a great event, the hall was filled, and he hopes to bring them back to Cheney again in the future.

Also last night the men's and ladies basketball teams had wins against Montana State. This places the men's team in first place in the Big Sky.

The Governor will soon announce the appointment of two new trustees to Eastern's Board: Cynthia Shiota, Director of the Seattle Aquarium; and Neil McReynolds, Vice President/External Affairs for Kaiser Group Health. President Jordan said we are very pleased to have individuals of such high caliber joining the Board of Trustees. This means that Trustee Jim Kirschbaum can now step down from his position on the board and devote more of his time and energy to the other EWU boards on which he continues to serve. We recognize him for the years of service that he has provided to the Board of Trustees and EWU. He will continue to serve Eastern as a member of the Foundation Board and of the Athletic Policy Board. President Jordan expressed his appreciation to Mr. Kirschbaum for his tenure on the Board of Trustees.

President Jordan then recognized Gayle Ogden for her various positions and duties at Eastern. She is now working 100 percent for the Foundation, as the Director of Planned Giving. She will play a key role in the planned \$30 million capital campaign that we hope to begin this fall. He presented Ms. Ogden with an Eastern paperweight as a small token of our appreciation for her efforts on behalf of students, faculty and staff at Eastern.

We have received positive coverage in Spokane's Journal of Business regarding our technology efforts. It highlights the university's objective of transforming Cheney Hall into a state-of-the-art technology center. Dr. Jordan and Vice President Voves met with representatives of the American Electronics Association in Olympia last week to discuss Cheney Hall, and they have taken to their executive committee a vote to support our capital request to the legislature. He feels this will be a tough sell, as we are in the middle of a biennium at a time when there's not much money. It is our hope that with strong support from all constituencies we may have the opportunity to create some exciting new experiences for our students in Cheney Hall.

Eastern's Winter quarter enrollment is the highest that it's been in 4 years. Our 7896 students is 467 more than we had last winter, and it keeps us on track with OFMs annual enrollment projections. The Governor has recommended the transfer of 196 additional FTE students from CWU to EWU. We have not suggested to the governor where support for new FTE should come from, but it is imperative that we receive support for our enrollment growth if we are to continue the process of growing.

Three provost candidates have been on campus the past two weeks. They are all excellent candidates who were interviewed by many. The Search committee will get feedback from everyone who participated and there will be a tough choice to make.

Mary Eisenhower-Atwater, granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, will be visiting campus next Wednesday. She will be the honored guest for the naming and dedication of the Eisenhower Center for Cultural Outreach. A small reception in her honor will be held at the University House.

President Jordan announced that thirty-one EWU student-athletes were selected to the Big Sky Conference All-Academic team for the 1999 fall sports season. This number includes 15 football players,

8 volleyball players, 4 soccer players, 3 women's cross-country runners, and 1 men's cross-country runner. They've set a great example for the rest of the athletes and all EWU students to follow.

President Jordan then showed a film clip that is currently running on KSPS. It is an interview that was done with Gary Livingston, Superintendent of Spokane School District #81 and President Jordan. The interview shows the interactions going on between EWU and the Spokane School District, and the exciting opportunities available for our college of education. President Jordan noted that Dr. Livingston joined a team from Eastern that recently went to Washington D.C. to a conference put on by the Secretary of Education around improving the quality of teaching in American schools. Neville Hosking, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, was also a member of that team, as were Terry Munther, Gary Livingston and Ray Soltero, Dean of the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology. Dean Hosking emphasized that partnerships are mutually beneficial in working in areas such as articulation policies and faculty teacher-in-residence initiatives.

Vice Chair Ormsby then changed the order of the agenda to propose approval of the minutes while the Board had a quorum. He needed to excuse himself at 11:00 a.m. in order to participate in a conference call.

Action Items, IV.

Action Item IV.A.: Minutes of the December 3, 1999 Board of Trustees' Meeting

Motion #1-1-00: "I move that the minutes of the December 3, 1999 Board of Trustees' meeting be approved as submitted."

Motion by Trustee Budke; second by Trustee Kirschbaum. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.B.: Minutes of the January 7, 2000 Special Board of Trustees' Meeting

Motion #1-2-00: "I move that the minutes of the January 7, 2000 Special Board of Trustees' Meeting be approved as submitted."

Motion by Trustee Kirschbaum; second by Trustee Budke. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Ormsby turned the meeting over to immediate past-chair Gordon Budke, and the meeting continued with the remaining reports.

Special Reports, III.C.

Annual Report – Office of Grant and Research Development, III.C.1. —Ruth Galm

Ms. Galm presented the annual report for FY 1998-99, the year ending June 30, 1999. She noted that it was a challenging year for her office, but the total value of grants and contracts received yielded about \$7.5 million. This was a slight decrease from last year, but last year was our strongest performance since 1992-93. She described the distribution of the awards throughout the university as follows.

The College of Science, Mathematics & Technology received 58% of the total funding (\$4.4 million), including \$500,000 to biology; a geological study of Cambrian trilobite faunas; and one of 15 GTE Focus Grants awarded nationally which allows us to provide summer research opportunities to high school students from the local area.

The College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences received \$1.8 million, of which \$1.3 million went to Archaeological and Historical Services for their cultural resources projects. The Center for Farm Health and Safety in the Sociology Department received a grant to develop a series of Spanish theatrical performances to educate Hispanic farm workers on farm health and safety issues, and the School of Social Work received funding from DHHS to provide training on kinship care practice to professionals and family members.

The College of Business and Public Administration received \$.5 million last year. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning received a \$200,000 grant to support the first year of technical assistance for a program in Tribal Transportation, and the Health Services Administration received a grant for \$100,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency involving wood smoke exposure in Spokane County.

The College of Education and Human Development received \$328,000. The Department of Applied Psychology received 2 grants from the HECB for a peer-assisted learning program (which is receiving national attention), and the Department of Education was funded for \$50,000 by the U.S. Agency for International Development to organize an international conference to disseminate the results of the agency's higher education linkages in Africa.

The Auxiliary areas also received some grants. The University police received \$2,000 to continue their community policing efforts; The Commute Trip Reduction Program received \$35,000 from the DOT to continue to provide incentives for us to commute to work and class; and Academic Affairs received nearly \$.5 million in the form of 2 grants to the academic support center. Our student services grant provides assistance to EWU's low-income, first-generation college students, and Ms. Galm noted that this is the 24th year that we have received this grant.

Alumni Five-Year Strategic Plan, III.C.2. —Terese Flynn, Director

Ms. Flynn compared the symphony experience of spirit to the spirit being felt in the Alumni Association, including the participation of students. The essence of collaboration epitomizes where the Foundation/Alumni wants to go. She introduced Ms. Terry Graham, Alumni board executive committee member and account manager at GTE Wireless, and Ms. Julie Hall, Assistant Director of Alumni.

Ms. Graham said this has been an exciting time to re-connect with our alums, grow it and become a larger, better alumni association. She spoke about the alumni's new mission statement, its goals, its decision to focus mainly on alumni, and the need for collaboration with alumni groups within the university. There are four strategic elements to our plan: 1) communication (e.g. new Perspective, new data base, better connections and electronic connections with alumni, a focus on graduate success, alumni involvement, activities, alumni services, and "give back to the university" program); 2) alumni events; 3) alumni services (give back to alums—credit card, insurance, long distance, ISP); 4) give back to the

university—talk to classes, host alumni receptions, booth at Fair, and scholarships. In summary, the plan focuses on the need to recreate and reinforce the bond between the university and its alumni.

Old Business/New Business, V.

Proposed Tuition Rates for FY 2000-2001, V.A.: —Mary Voves

Vice President Voves presented the proposed tuition rates for FY 2000-20001 to the Board as a first reading. She noted that last year the senate gave the Board of Trustees the authority to set tuition. In 1999-2000 the authority was limited to 4.6%, and for 2000-2001 it is limited to 3.6%. She said we approved a 3% increase last year, and we have a commitment to try to maintain reasonable tuition for our students. Eastern is considerably less expensive than the other institutions, and we are currently exceeding OFM's enrollment prediction. Based on our enrollment pattern, we're anticipating an increase of 300 students.

The Governor has recommended an increase to fund 196 FTE students, plus 25 special FTE for the Education Department. Four scenarios are outlined in the board packet and they are based on preliminary revenue numbers because we haven't figured out our enrollment mix and financial aid packages. The administration proposes a 3.6% increase for residents and 0% for non-residents. Ms. Voves noted that as we increase out-of-state tuition, the higher price has a very negative impact on our enrollment mix. We are targeting enrollment to grow by at least 300 students, which puts us over 8,000. We hope to continue to offer low tuition rates and high quality instructional value and student life. EWU will continue to be best value. Regarding the timeline for setting tuition, Ms. Voves said it is part of the approval of our operating budget. We will be approving tuition at the February 25 board meeting, and also coming forward with housing and dining fees. The April meeting will deal with the operating budget. Trustee Kirschbaum cautioned against trying to have the lowest housing and dining rates of Washington institutions—we need to have the funds available to provide quality housing and dining for servicing an increasing number of students.

Executive Session, VI.

At 11:30 a.m. Trustee Budke announced that the Board would adjourn for a Provost candidate interview and lunch, to be followed by an Executive Session held for the purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110 to discuss personnel issues and to obtain legal advice. Following the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees' meeting will resume to take action on the personnel items. The lunch and Executive Session was estimated to last three hours, until approximately 2:25 p.m.

Reconvene

At 3:09 p.m. the Board of Trustees reconvened into open session.

Personnel Actions, VII.

***Motion 1-3-00:** "I move approval of the personnel actions as presented."*

Motion by Trustee Mays; second by Trustee Kirschbaum. Motion carried.

Adjournment, VIII.

At 3:10 p.m. Vice Chair Ormsby adjourned the meeting.

Michael C. Ormsby
Vice Chair

Stephen M. Jordan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees