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EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
October 27, 2000—10:00 a.m.
Spokane Center
Second Floor Mall

MINUTES

Board Members Participating

Ms. Kelly Behne
Mrs. Jean L. Beschel
Mr. Gordon Budke
Dr. Mark Mays, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael C. Ormsby, Chair
Ms. Cynthia Shiota

Faculty Participating

Dr. Barbara Brock, Professor of PEHR
Dr. Alex Cameron, Dean of CBPA
Mr. George Durrie, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Linda Kieffer, Associate Professor of Computer Science

Staff Participating

Mr. Allen Barrom, Manager, Spokane Center
Ms. Carol Beaucage, HR Assistant/Research Analyst, Academic Personnel
Ms. Roxann Dempsey, Assistant to the Vice President for Business and Finance
Dr. Peter Dual, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Connie Gross, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Ms. Toni Habegger, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael Irish, Associate Vice President for Facilities
Mr. Khalil Islam, Assistant to the Dean of Students
Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, President
Dr. Patricia Kelley, Dean of Information Resources
Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Tom McGill, Chief of University Police
Ms. Dana Parker, Academic Personnel Officer
Ms. Judith Penrod Siminoe, Associate to the President
Ms. Stefanie Pettit, Public Information Officer
Ms. Lisa Poplowski, Assistant Director, Recruitment
Mr. Rick Romero, Associate Vice President for Business Services
Ms. Julie Thayer, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Lee Urbaniak, Computer Maintenance Technician
Ms. Mary Voves, Vice President for Business and Finance
Ms. Michelle Whittingham, Director of Admissions

Students Participating

Bree Holsing, President, ASEWU
Stacie Fuhriman, Eagle Ambassador
Camella Wahl, Eagle Ambassador
Kelly Eskesen, Eagle Ambassador
Matt Brown
Theodore Mai
Jason Estes

Others Participating

Mr. Robert Beschel, husband of Trustee Jean Beschel
Ms. Deborah Danner, Asst. Attorney General
Ms. Virginia deLeon, Spokesman-Review
Mr. Paul Schmidt, City of Cheney

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

At 10:10 a.m. Chair Ormsby called the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Washington University to order. A quorum was present. Chair Ormsby noted that Joe Jackson and Trustee McReynolds were unable to attend.

III. Reports

Trustees' Reports, III.A.

Chair Ormsby requested to move agenda item IV.A. to this portion of the agenda. He wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to acknowledge Jean Beschel and her contributions to the University, not just over this last year but also for the number of years that she has served on the Board of Trustees. He noted that Jean, in this community, has shown leadership and organizational skills on many committees and boards. He wanted to recognize her, while she is still attending the meetings, for her years of service. He then read a resolution of the Board of Trustees, which commended Mrs. Beschel for her integrity and outstanding service to Eastern Washington University since 1985, and particularly as chair for 1999-2000. She will continue to serve until the Governor appoints someone to her position on the Board.

Motion 10-1-00: "I move approval of the resolution for Jean L. Beschel."

Motion by Trustee Budke; second by Trustee Mays.

Trustee Budke commented that Jean typifies what is important about our community as far as committed people are concerned. She has been particularly committed to Eastern, through the good times as well as the tough times. She had staying power when the community and the university needed her most. He applauded Jean for her years of service and dedication. Trustee Shiota expressed her appreciation to Jean for making her feel informed and confident about making contributions to the board, as well as her friendship. Trustee Mays said it was wonderful to have a person with the perspective, history and knowledge, not to mention Jean's graciousness, to provide some kind of stability and direction as we worked through things. It has been remarkable how well Jean has done all that she has done, both for the university and the community. Today there is absolutely no one who deserves our congratulations more than Jean. Trustee Behne said Jean has been a great example for her and she has learned a lot from watching her as she functioned on the board. It has been really nice to have someone to model after.

Motion carried.

Chair Ormsby presented Mrs. Beschel with a framed copy of the resolution, and a framed plaque recognizing her fifteen years of service to Eastern Washington University. The Mission Statement of the Board of Trustees, which Jean participated in creating, appears on the plaque. President Jordan presented Mrs. Beschel with a drawing of the Board of Trustees, which had been presented to the Board by past ASEWU president Danny Caldwell. Chair Ormsby also recognized Jean's husband, Bob Beschel, who was in the audience.

Mrs. Beschel said the quality of the work she has seen at Eastern has just been thrilling. Everywhere she turns, from the classified staff to the administrative staff to the faculty and to the administration itself, and

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with the leadership of Steve Jordan and with Ruthie being throughout the entire community, this university has just progressed enormously. It is not just on the forefront of taking its place in a higher level of education and economic development and cultural development in this community, it is already progressing in that way. She is so proud to have been a part of this. It has been one of the most important things she has ever been associated with. And she thanked everyone very much.

Chair Ormsby also acknowledged that he has recently gained new appreciation for the fact that President Jordan has accomplished much in partnership with the board chairs. Not only has Mrs. Beschel done a good job, but also Chair Ormsby wanted to thank Gordon Budke for the work he did during the first year President Jordan was here. That partnership has done tremendous things for the university, and both Mr. Budke and Mrs. Beschel have made contributions a lot more significant in terms of their time commitment.

Trustee Budke reported on the Facilities Committee. Of particular interest was an update on the Cheney Hall Computer Science initiative, which is part of what this committee's focus will be throughout the balance of the year. They will be working with others on developing a strategic plan for the Cheney Hall project. They are also working focusing on enrollment management issues, particularly as it affects the facilities side. Mr. Budke attended the NASDAQ panel presentation in Spokane yesterday and said the whole day was great, with our President there in the forefront for the benefit of EWU and the community.

Trustee Mays reported on the Academic Affairs Committee meeting this morning. They discussed the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the FIPSE grant. This grant looks at new ways of developing instructional approaches. Out of 4000 applications, EWU was the number one choice for funding. The committee also discussed how to maintain and promote knowledge, progress, marketable skills, and how to do things. How does Eastern accomplish this without becoming a trade school? How do we blend these things and use our resources efficiently? The committee is discussing how to look at things in a business-like manner while maintaining academic integrity. What are the core building blocks of a major that need to be there? Practicum certificates can be offered whereby students can take 4 or 5 courses to learn certain domains of knowledge and skill—thus providing a credential that shows a student not only completed a major but has expertise in a specific area. Thirty such certificate programs have been proposed. Students can leave the university both knowledgeable and skilled. Eastern has become the vanguard throughout the nation in the development of behavioral sciences curriculum.

Chair Ormsby observed some of the benefits of intercollegiate athletics. With the University of Montana game there were a number of academic events such as the economic development symposium, and band and music presentations. At the Cal-State game their band performed and participated alongside our band. There are economic impacts for Spokane when fans from out-of-state attend. These are great opportunities to showcase not only the student athletes but also a number of other aspects of the university. We need to keep looking for those opportunities.

Chair Ormsby also pointed out some special invitations around December 1 Board meeting: There will be an all-campus Holiday Reception from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., and a “Board of Trustees Thank You” dinner with Steve and Ruthie from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Spokane followed by a choral concert.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization Report, III.B.1. N/A

Chair Ormsby noted that Dr. Repovich, President of the Faculty Organization was unable to attend the meeting because she was out of town, and Nick Jackson, Vice President could not attend because of teaching duties.

Associated Students' Report, III.B.2.—Ms. Bree Holsing

Ms. Holsing recognized Jared Rose, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Ruthie Jordan and Todd McCann for their work on the Governor's Cup. Other happenings include: Greek participation is up 15%, and she recognized the presidents of those organizations for their hard work. Student government goals include staffing the Superior Court, which hasn't been functional since 1993 but now has 16 applicants for the five judicial positions this year. Other initiatives include working on strengthening the Washington Student Lobby, including work on a tax-free textbook initiative, possibly placing a student on the HECB; and working on a book exchange utilizing a website called SkipClass.com, which allows students to put their books on line. Signs regarding this option are to go up on campus in the next weeks. Ms. Holsing then distributed books showing jobs and companies—3000 were donated. Two representatives, Christian Shook and Dan Clark, are working on the K-12 community outreach project, the first leg of which is happening on Halloween, when athletes trick-or-treat with youngsters. The ASEWU would like to see recognition of excellence and achievement for students who work hard. The first event will hopefully be on November 15. Trustee Mays congratulated her on her enthusiasm and work for the students of Eastern.

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

- President Jordan thanked Mrs. Beschel again for her service to the University, and her commitment to the University above and beyond her service. He mentioned her financial donations to the Presidential Speakers Series. Both President Jordan and Mrs. Beschel encouraged others to consider this kind of participation in the university.
- He then introduced Professor Barbara Brock, Professor of Recreation Management in the College of Education and Human Development. Her article discussing her research was published in the October 16, 2000 issue of TIME magazine. Dr. Jordan said this is a great example of what can be done with a mini-grant. Professor Brock leaves tomorrow for the Monday *Today* show. In explaining the study and her reason for exploring this topic, Ms. Brock noted she has worked or taught in the field for 20 years and understands that 98% of the nation's population watches television during 40% of their leisure time. This made her curious about that 2% that doesn't watch—who are they and what do they do instead of watching television? She hoped to find 20 families in the country to participate in her research, but had over 500 responses to her advertisement for sample participants, and had a 72.7% return rate on the 22-page questionnaires she sent out. She said it was fascinating to work with such an enthusiastic group of people. Her results showed that these people were not religious, anti-establishment or biased against programming sort of people one might expect. Instead, these were people who found a way to find more time to do something else in their lives they greatly enjoy, as do their children. The point of the study is to get the word out that there is a viable alternative to watching too much television.
- President Jordan, in light of recent events at EWU and across the United States, offered the following statement.

“In fall 2000 Eastern has nearly 1000 more enrolled students under age 21 than in 1997. This age group constitutes a full one-third of our student population, whereas it was 24% of our population in 1997. The social and behavioral consequences of this fact cannot be underestimated.

Police records indicate a steady increase in alcohol-related contacts with students over this time period with a considerable increase in fall, 2000. Specifically, the number of University Policy contacts with students for alcohol violations for the fall quarter already equal the number of similar contacts for all of the 1999-2000 academic year.

“These contacts result in either a warning to students or the issuance of a citation. Already, 73 warnings have been issued this year, the same as the total for 1999-2000. Generally, the majority of such warnings occur in the fall quarter and decrease in the winter and spring quarters.

“To date, 8 arrests for alcohol-related violations have occurred on campus, compared to 15 for all of 1999-2000. Of concern to us is also the number of instances of alcohol over-consumption resulting in

the need for medical treatment. For this fall, 11 incidents have already been reported, compared to 7 for 1999-2000.

“Increased alcohol consumption has also been reflected in areas often resulting from intoxication. Vandalism instances have increased, and litter, often left by students consuming beer illegally outside of buildings, has also been more apparent around the residence halls.

“We are also concerned with alcohol-related behaviors surrounding the campus, and particularly in fraternity houses that have recognition agreements with the university. Although these generally fall under the jurisdiction of the Cheney Police Department, violations of our alcohol policy on fraternity premises also fall under our on-campus disciplinary process.

“Recognizing the changed demographics of our campus, we have been working on many fronts to reduce alcohol abuse and the risks associated with it. These efforts include education, interventions with students on initial contacts over alcohol, and sanctions for violations. We have sent staff for training in the most effective intervention techniques, and we are mandating serious educational programming for even first offenders on alcohol policies. We have made alcohol abuse awareness a significant focus of our freshman orientation programming, and continuing programming is held regularly in the residence halls and for fraternity and sorority members.

“To make sure that we effectively address alcohol consumption on campus by underage students, we have begun to seek a partnership with parents of our students. A change in the Federal Education Rights to Privacy Act in 1998 gave universities the right to notify the parents of dependent students under 21 years of age who violate laws or campus regulations related to drug and alcohol use.

“In adopting our current University Alcohol Policy after extensive public comment and discussion involving students, we included parental notification as a possible consequence of violating alcohol policy. Prior to this fall, we notified parents in all cases of drug violations and in cases of alcohol violations that resulted in the need for medical attention.

“I want to make it clear that we do not and will not treat underage drinking lightly. We will not allow violators to subject their roommates and fellow students to the consequences of alcohol abuse.

“We are fully aware of the close links between alcohol use and sexual assault and violence. Although we have not yet had a reported instance of sexual assault on campus this year (there was one reported off campus in Cheney), we simply will not tolerate sexual aggression and we must do everything we can to reduce one of the primary contributing factors to sexual aggression, which is alcohol.

“To this end:

“We have been automatically notifying parents where allowed by law in all cases of illegal substances, threats to health and safety, and alcohol use leading to medical attention. Beginning this fall, we are also notifying parents of students’ alcohol-related violations of local, state and federal law, including MIP, DUI, furnishing alcohol to a minor, etc.

“Effective immediately, we will apply strict sanctions for alcohol-related violations of the Student Conduct Code and the University Alcohol Policy.

“Finally, I have charged my staff to develop the processes to implement parental notification universally for all alcohol-related violations by dependent students under the age of 21 at the earliest possible date.”

- President Jordan reported that the Council of Presidents has continued its work around a set of tuition principles so that we can go collectively forward to the Legislature. He distributed a handout for further discussion later in the meeting so that our input can go back to the Council of Presidents. He said these tuition principles are similar to those we discussed as a group last year, and which this Board endorsed. It notes the need for continuing direct general fund appropriations, and states our opposition to a high tuition model. The position discourages the legislature from using general fund appropriations to offset tuition, but also proposes flexibility in the utilization of tuition. Clearly the two factors we are looking at are the predictability of tuition for students and their families, and flexibility for the institution in the management of their resources.
- Another initiative of the COP is their work around a proposal that is called the college awareness project. It includes a significant pipeline initiative to reach down into schools, all the way down

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through elementary schools, to affect in a positive way participation of minorities in our institutions in Washington at the four-year sector. It includes a request of \$4 million per year for the pipeline component, and each year of the biennium, and then includes and a component for each university. Eastern has a request totaling \$848,562, which addresses two pieces. The first is campus climate, where we will employ three strategies to establish a campus climate that values diversity and supports the success of all community members. It would establish and fund a Presidential Commission on Diversity to continually assess the campus climate. It would then fund an analyst in Institutional Resources to establish baseline data and support continuous assessment of the campus climate. Third, the plan supports designing and implementing learning and development plans for the key constituents of the campus community, including faculty, staff, students and the surrounding community members that will include training, speakers, celebrative functions, and social and educational functions.

The second piece is related to academic support programs. This project will employ two strategies to strengthen academic support programs that assist under-served students in achieving their academic career goals. First, building upon Eastern's nationally recognized Chicano Education mentoring program, we propose to expand our efforts through a comparable program in our African American Education and American Indian Studies programs, and to expand on the Chicano Education program. Secondly, we would establish a center for campus diversity to serve as a campus resource for training and professional development, as well as a coordinating center for gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual preference and spiritual and ethical orientation. We are very excited as a group of presidents to be moving this proposal forward with the unanimous support of all six presidents.

- President Jordan also mentioned the attendance of Al Berkely from NASDAQ at yesterday's panel presentation, and the participation of all the universities around meeting the high tech needs of Eastern Washington. He distributed copies of the article from today's *Spokesman-Review*, noting that it is indicative of the larger effort working with the other presidents and meeting with legislators to talk about the importance of high technology to this area, and the contribution Eastern Washington University could potentially make if we were permitted to offer doctoral programs in selected areas. President Jordan is very encouraged by the conversations that he has had with the other five presidents, and very hopeful that we will be able to come to an agreement around this concept that will allow Eastern to begin moving forward on selected doctoral programs. He is also encouraged in our discussions with the staff of the Office of Financial Management that we will be successful in moving forward our Cheney Hall project on a timeline that will allow us to have the concepts imbedded in the new school of computing sciences engineering technologies and physics that the faculty have proposed embedded within this new facility. He believes we are making great progress on our university's initiatives to be supportive of the economic development on the east side of the state and at the same time acknowledging that it will also benefit the west side of the state as well. He looks forward to the opportunity to discuss this further at a later date.
- President Jordan mentioned the decision yesterday of the Washington State Supreme Court striking down I-695. While that, in and of itself, does not give any more money to the budget, it begins to establish a series of policy discussions and has embedded within it a series of implications for other expenditure matters, including the long-term viability of Initiative 601. While we don't have any definitive answers, it is clearly a very important public policy decision that has been rendered by the Supreme Court. We also know that there are a number of initiatives that are on the ballot, two of which if adopted will take about \$800 million right out of the middle of the budget. That will have significant consequences for all of higher education as well as other state agencies.
- President Jordan expressed his appreciation of Governor Locke for coming to Eastern to recognize and award Promise Scholarship certificates to our students.
- He also thanked everyone involved in Homecoming this past week. It was a great event, and a good move to have it staged on the Mall and make it about the university.

- He also expressed his appreciation to his teammates in the bed race, who finally made it possible for EWU to win first place in the corporate division.
- Eastern will host the Associated Press Western Election center this year. This is a first for both Eastern and the AP. With this close election, the eyes of the nation will be moving west as the polls close in the east. AP employees will be stationed in each county, who will phone in results to the AP center in the PUB at EWU. We have built classes such as journalism and communications around this event.
- We have just completed the last of the goodwill tours at Wenatchee. We continue to believe that they are the right thing to do. Meeting with legislators has been very helpful, as have been the media contacts. The chance to meet with our alumni is very important as well. We will assess these tours for any future changes.
- We met with legislators on the west side of the state last week. Those conversations have been very constructive, and there is tremendous support for what Eastern is doing.
- Peter Campbell, eastern alumnus and former director of our Native American Studies passed away last weekend. Our sympathies go to Peter's family.

Trustee Mays thanked President Jordan for his report, and noted his appreciation for the clarity of message regarding alcohol consumption and misuse on campus. He gave his personal support for the President taking this very clear and directive role in managing this issue, and hoped the message is not missed by the college and student community. Trustee Beschel seconded this comment, noting that a college education has many factors to it, and this is one very important lifetime factor of education—every bit as important as anything academic. President Jordan replied that our intent is not to say that we have a “no alcohol” policy, but we clearly are saying alcohol has to be used responsibly, within expected community standards and within the limits of the law.

Chair Ormsby added an item of new business regarding any comments about the tuition principles distributed by President Jordan during his report.

Special Reports, III.C.

Admissions Sneak Preview, III.C.1.—Ms. Michelle Whittingham, Director of Admissions, and the Eagle Ambassadors

Both Chair Ormsby and Vice President Levin-Stankevich emphasized that the key to Eastern's enrollment success is the employees, students and faculty who have participated in our implementation of enrollment and admission strategies. Vice President Levin-Stankevich introduced Michelle Whittingham, Director of Admissions, noting that we have the best program in the state. Ms. Whittingham said she would be sharing what her office does out in the public, noting that we truly are leading the admissions, recruitment and outreach process not only in the state, but in the region as well as some national. She thanked everyone, including the Board and President Jordan, for their support.

She then demonstrated the CD-ROM presentation and introduced the three CS students who put together the presentation, Matt Brown, Theodore Mai and Jason Estes, as well as their professor Dr. Linda Kieffer. Trustee Beschel was impressed with the attractiveness, clarity and ease of use of this work, and congratulated all who were involved. Ms. Whittingham said 5000 CDs were made, at a cost of \$8,000 for the CDs and packaging. Going outside for the programming work alone would have cost \$30,000-\$35,000. Trustee Budke commented that we're meeting the expectations of the audience. Ms. Whittingham replied that we're actually exceeding what the students, parents and counselors are looking for. She thanked the students and Dr. Kieffer for all of their hard work, and mentioned staff members Lance Walker and Grant Ramsay also helped. She emphasized that teamwork produces a much better product than individual work.

Ms. Whittingham noted a calendar which was originally a vision of EdFund, Eastern's loan guarantor, to be handed out to high school and community college counselors. Ed Fund covered the cost for producing 5,000 of these calendars, which were designed by staff member Eric Galey. The calendar contains an information page and web site addresses, and many different tools that the counselors are looking for.

Ms. Whittingham then introduced three of the thirty-five Eagle Ambassadors: Kelly Eskesen, Camella Wahl, and Stacie Fuhrman. The Ambassadors explained that they serve as volunteers for the Office of Admissions and do everything from conducting campus tours, helping with overnight visits, information nights, to ushering on campus, and at athletic events. They described "Sneak Previews", events where from one to three ambassadors go to area functions with slide presentations regarding student life activities, then they answer questions from students and parents and interact with students individually after the presentation. All three young ladies said it is fun being an ambassador because you get to meet students, and interact with faculty and staff. Trustee Budke thanked them for their time commitment, noting that they have to volunteer at least 15 hours per quarter. Trustee Beschel commented that the organization is priceless to Eastern, and noted that volunteers on campus will probably be volunteers in the community in the future.

Ms. Whittingham recognized Lisa Poplowski, the advisor for the ambassador program, who is doing a tremendous job. She also gave credit to Stacy Warren, Associate Professor of Geography, for her help with the geographical demographics used in targeting the recruitment and outreach efforts.

Chair Ormsby asked Ms. Whittingham to please pass on to her colleagues in the admissions area the Board's thanks and appreciation for the tremendous work that has been done over the past few years to turn around our enrollment.

IV. Action Items

Action Item IV.B.: Minutes of the September 15, 2000 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Motion 10-2-00: *"I move that the minutes of the September 15, 2000 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as submitted."*

Motion by Trustee Beschel; second by Trustee Shiota.

Trustee Beschel said they were excellent minutes and a wonderful listing of what is going on, and recommended that everyone read them. President Jordan noted that as a result of that meeting and its budget presentation the administration was able to make changes and sharpen our focus. Our presentation was very well received by the members of the HECB and he thanked the Board for their comments.

Motion carried.

Action Item IV.C.: Minutes of the September 22, 2000 Board of Trustees' Meeting

Motion 10-3-00: *"I move that the minutes of the September 22, 2000 meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved as submitted."*

Motion by Trustee Budke; seconded by Trustee Beschel. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.D.: 2001 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

It was noted that Trustees Budke and McReynolds may not be able to attend the February 23, 2001 meeting, so Chair Ormsby suggested moving that meeting to March 2, 2001.

Motion 10-4-00: *“I move that the 2001 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule be approved as changed.”*

Motion by Trustee Shiota; seconded by Trustee Budke. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.E.: University Treasurer Resolution

Chair Ormsby explained that the resolution had been changed from that published in the agenda to specify that either Mary Voves or Toni Habegger can sign as University Treasurer

Motion 10-5-00: *“I move that the university treasurer resolution be accepted as presented.”*

Motion by Trustee Budke; seconded by Trustee Beschel. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.F.: Acceptance of Completion of Contract No. AE-95-06G, Roof Replacement '96 – Rebid

Trustee Budke noted that the completion of these three contracts were discussed at the Facilities Committee this morning. They have been completed within budget.

Motion 10-6-00: *“The Facilities Committee recommends acceptance of the completion of Contract No. AE-95-06G, Roof Replacement '96--Rebid.”*

Motion by the Facilities Committee. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.G.: Acceptance of Completion of Contract No. AE-98-06G, Roof Replacement '98

Motion 10-7-00: *“The Facilities Committee recommends acceptance of the completion of Contract No. AE-98-06G, Roof Replacement '98.”*

Motion by the Facilities Committee. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.H.: Acceptance of Completion of Contract No. AE-97-06G, Woodward Field Toilet Facilities

Motion 10-8-00: *“The Facilities Committee recommends acceptance of the completion of Contract No. AE-97-06G, Woodward Field Toilet Facilities.”*

Motion by the Facilities Committee. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.I.: Public Works Contract Award, Project No. AE-99-18, Pearce and Dressler Halls Fire Alarm System

Motion 10-9-00: *“The Facilities Committee recommends awarding this contract to Colvico Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$645,843.”*

Motion by the Facilities Committee. Motion carried.

Action Item IV.J.: Public Works Contract Award, Project No. AE-98-02, Elevators Repair and Upgrades, Phase II—Rebid

Motion 10-10-00: *“The Facilities Committee recommends awarding this contract to Schindler Elevator in the amount of \$366,014 for elevator repairs and upgrades.”*

Motion by the Facilities Committee. Motion carried.

V. Old Business/New Business

Discussion of the Tuition Principles Draft handed out earlier in the meeting. President Jordan said this is the consensus position at this time. Most of the elements are the same as a year ago, with the exception of the statutory concept which includes a maximum cap and an annual cap. All institutions unanimously share in supporting tuition flexibility. Ms. Holsing said Eastern’s WSL has modified their original position in order to be more in alignment with the administration, but they do want to help students at other institutions. President Jordan commented that they have to look at the capacity of the students to pay—if they don’t pay higher tuition, the state has to fund them more from the general fund, which would reduce the amount Eastern would receive. Chair Ormsby said we know that the average and median income level for students at Eastern is the lowest in the state, so we try to maintain the lowest tuition in order to serve those students. He feels it is important that we can set our tuition to best serve our students. The best compromise across the state would be to agree to set a cap so that other institutions can’t set theirs too high. If their students can’t afford the tuition they can attend a different school. Trustee Mays said this policy does provide some predictability in a different way. Trustee Shiota said she was interested in learning how the WSL came to their position on this issue, and Trustee Budke said the more understanding we each have of the others’ view, especially the view of the students surrounding this item, the better we can discuss this issue. Chair Ormsby asked Ms. Holsing to perhaps give the student perspective at the December 1 meeting as part of her report, and maybe bring the student lobbyist. He also encouraged students to provide their comments to Dr. Jordan.

VI. Executive Session may be held for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110.

At 12:20 p.m. Chair Ormsby announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session for purposes authorized in RCW 42.30.110(1), to consider the selection of a site for the acquisition of real estate, to review the performance of a public employee, and to discuss with legal counsel, who represents the agency, issues relating to litigation and potential litigation. The executive session was estimated to last approximately 60 minutes, until 1:20 p.m., when the Board would reconvene to take action on personnel matters.

Reconvene

At 1:40 p.m. Chair Ormsby reconvened the Board of Trustees into open session.

VII. Personnel Actions

Motion 10-11-00: *The personnel actions were approved as presented.*

Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

At 1:45 p.m. Chair Ormsby adjourned the meeting.

Michael C. Ormsby
Chair of the Board

Stephen M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board