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Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Thursday & Friday
May 19 - 20, 2016

MINUTES

Trustees Present

Michael Finley
Mariana Garcia
Uriel Iñiguez
Jay Manning
James Murphy
Paul Tanaka
Vicki Wilson

Thursday, May 19

Work Session

Budget Primer. Vice President for Business and Finance, Ms. Mary Voves, provided the Board with an overview of the processes and components of the university's operating budget and capital budgeting process.

Athletics Task Force. Chief Financial Officer Toni Habegger and Assistant Professor of Economics Kelly Cullen shared findings of the Athletics Task Force. The task force determined that the long term fiscal sustainability and growth of the athletics program will rely heavily on additional revenue generation as opposed to significant cost containment.

Board Bylaws. The Board is in the process of developing bylaws slated for approval at the July 29, 2016, board meeting.

Board Retreat. The Board discussed topics for their upcoming retreat in July.

Friday, May 20

Call to Order

Trustee Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Quorum

All trustees attended the meeting except for Trustee Whaley. A quorum was present.

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Affirmative Action Plan. Director Gayla Thomas provided a presentation that included an overview of the plan and compliance requirements.

FY2017 Operating and Capital Budgets. Vice President Mary Voves provided an in-depth presentation of the budget set for approval at the June 24, 2016, board meeting. The operating budget was for \$280,143,741, and the capital budget was for \$86,260,000.

Bond Resolution for Financing of PUB Renovation. Cynthia Weed, bond counsel, shared information about the resolution amending and restating master resolution 2006-01. It authorizes special fund revenue bonds of the university to be issued in series to finance and refinance student activity facilities, creating and establishing a lien upon services and activities fee revenues of the payments of such bonds, making covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing.

College Spotlight. Dean Vickie Shields shared information on all the programs in the College of Social Sciences and expounded upon the self-support programs that are in Bellevue, online, and Lower Columbia College. Program Director Jamie Chaffin shared about the Ed.S. School Psychology Respecialization Program. Kelly Horowitz, a 2015 program graduate, also attended the meeting and testified to the value of the program. Director Kim Fordham informed the Board of the history and mission of the Idaho Child Welfare Research and Training Center (ICWRTC), which serves foster families in Washington and Idaho. **Young Professionals Network (YPN).** Alumni Director Lisa Poplawski shared a presentation about YPN, which was established in 2012 as an opportunity to fulfill a need for engaging young alumni in conversations pertinent to their career growth.

Accreditation Update. Interim Provost Mary Ann Keogh Hoss noted that work was being done on assessment as part of accreditation, with a report due in September 15.

Policies. Ms. Laurie Connelly provided an overview of proposed changes to the following policies: copyright infringement, suspended operations, campus safety, security, & crime, and ethical standards policies.

Multicultural Center. ASEWU President Kyle Dodson shared plans for an enhanced student Multicultural Center (MCC) as part of the PUB remodel. President Dodson spoke of the focus groups held to gather student feedback. The MCC space has been revised to nearly double the original amount of allocated space. Dr. Amy Johnson reported that diversity consultants are being hired to engage students in discussion and design.

Executive Session

Chair Murphy announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), and (i): to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential; and the Board will plan or adopt the 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 will

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review the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress, which is exempt pursuant to RCS 42.30.140. Executive session concluded at 12:55 p.m.

Reconvene

Chair Murphy called the regular meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 1 p.m. Trustee Murphy noted that executive session lasted approximately 90 minutes, and no action was taken by the Board during the executive session.

Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Reports

Board Acknowledgements

Chair Jim Murphy thanked senior student athletes Hayley Hodgins and Venky Jois (unable to attend the meeting) from the men's and women's basketball teams. Both players were all-time leading scorers and will graduate in June, becoming EWU alumni. Trustee Murphy also acknowledged the 2016 Creative Works and Research Symposium coordination administrative group and the symposium committee members. Also acknowledged were those who assisted with planning the SMART poster session.

University President

Among many other updates, President Cullinan provided a report on EWU's success at Bloomsday and the participation of 24 students at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research. Chair Murphy thanked student Trustee Mariana Garcia for her year of service.

Public Comment

Chair Murphy offered the opportunity for public comments since a number of students were present. Students from the student Multicultural Coalition (MCC) attended to advocate for a fully functional and staffed multicultural center located in the Pence Union Building.

Organization

President Decker updated on Critical Foundations and First Year Experience, and he looks forward to its passage on May 23 or June 6. He reported on the Uncommon Read, Assessment Committee, Faculty Commons, and the Contemporary Issues in Feminist Research lecture series (celebrating its 30th year).

Associated Students

President Dodson reported on changed bylaws and the spring concert series. Katie Sweeney shared findings on a smoke-free campus survey completed by students. Students recommend that the EWU campus be tobacco and smoke free. Ms. Sweeney asked how they could move forward the proposal. Chair Murphy suggested drafting a policy and mentioned the importance of gaining broader support from more than the students.

Classified Staff Union

Dawn Hawes reported for President Craig Walker. She mentioned the classified staff negotiation team and the management team were set to begin contract negotiations on June 6.

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Public School Employees of Washington (PSE)

Lisa Olson announced her presidency ends June 30, and the newly elected chapter president will be Tracy Durbin. President Olson shared challenges with the advising initiative. She expressed her hope that the implementation of the plan would be completed in a thoughtful, professional, respectful manner and in a way that fosters trust and support.

Public Comment

Karen Wichman and Kathleen Warren spoke of past campus efforts in the support of the EWU Community Food Drive and presented the board with materials and options for supporting the food drive.

Action Items

***Motion 05-01-16:** Trustee Manning moved for approval of the February 26, 2016, Board of Trustees' meeting minutes.*

*Seconded by Michael Finley.
Motion carried.*

***Motion 05-02-16:** Trustee Wilson moved to approve the following policies as presented on the agenda: 401-09, Teleworking; 603-09, Hoverboards; 104-02, EWU Women's Commission; 403-02, Shared Leave.*

*Seconded by Trustee Garcia.
Motion carried.*

***Tenure and Promotion:** Board Chair Jim Murphy called for a vote, and all trustees present approved the tenure with promotion to associate professor per the provided attachment.*

Approved

***Motion 05-03-16:** Trustee Tanaka moved for approval for Robert Wright to receive the Harold and Verna Kleiner Scholarship.*

*Seconded by Vicki Wilson.
Motion carried.*

Discussion Action Items

Bond Resolution for Financing of PUB Renovation: *Trustee Tanaka moved for approval of two bond resolutions as presented: 2016-02 and 2016-03.*

*Seconded by Vicki Wilson.
Motion carried*

Resolution Thanking Legislators: *Board Chair Jim Murphy read the attached resolution recognizing the efforts of the 2015-17 Washington State Legislature. All trustees present approved the resolution as presented.*

Approved

Adjournment

Chair Murphy adjourned the May 20, 2016, EWU Board of Trustees' meeting at 2:58 p.m.

James M. Murphy, Chair
EWU Board of Trustees

Mary Cullinan, Secretary
EWU Board of Trustees