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MINUTES

Board Members Present

Mrs. Jean L. Beschel, Chair
Mr. Alfred L. Brisbois, Vice Chair
Mr. John V. Geraghty, Jr.
Mr. Joe W. Jackson
Mr. James L. Kirschbaum
Dr. Julian J. Torres, Jr.

Staff Present

Dr. Annie Cole, Dean of Students
Ms. Elizabeth R. DeRuyter, Director, News Bureau and Communication Services
Mr. Kenneth R. Dolan, Executive Assistant to the President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Dr. Marshall E. Drummond, President
Dr. Elson S. Floyd, Vice President for Administration
Dr. Robert J. Gariepy, Dean, University Honors
Dr. Gregory W. Hawkins, Dean, College of Fine Arts
Dr. James I. Hoffman, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Mr. Steven J. Hopf, President, Local 931
Mrs. Jane A. Johnson, Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Theron James Lochner, Director, Auxiliary Financial Services
Ms. Maureen McGuire, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Allen C. Meadors, Dean, College of Health, Social and Public Services
Dr. Karen L. Michaelson, Associate Vice Provost for Grants and Research Development
Ms. Leslie L. Mowatt, Secretary, Office of the President
Mrs. Gayle M. Ogden, Associate Vice President for Human Resources/Affirmative Action Officer
Mrs. Stefanie E. Pettit, News Bureau and Communication Services
Mrs. V. Louise Saylor, Dean of Libraries
Mrs. Sara A. Sexton-Johnson, Assistant Director, Spokane Center
Mr. William J. Shaw, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael Stewart, Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting
Ms. Leslie K. Younger, Media Lab Coordinator, Spokane Center

Faculty Present

Dr. Barbara Miller, President, Faculty Organization
Mr. Marvin E. Smith, II, Chair, Radio-Television Department

Students Present

Ms. Kelsey Whitehead, Council Position #1, ASEWU

Call to Order and Quorum, I. and II. - Mr. Brisbois

Chair Brisbois called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present.
Reports, III.

Trustee Reports, III.A.

Mr. Brisbois presented a gift to Mrs. Beschel, on behalf of the board and university community, in appreciation for her service as board chair over the past year.

Mr. Brisbois reported on Board committee reappointments. Mrs. Beschel will remain the board member on the Higher Education Coordinating Board Minority Participation and Cultural Diversity Sub-committee and the Campus Master Plan Committee. Mr. Jackson has agreed to be the board representative on the Medals and Awards Committee. Mr. Ormsby will continue to serve on the Foundation Executive Board.

Mrs. Beschel reported on the activities of the HEC Board Minority Participation and Cultural Diversity Sub-committee. She recently met with three heads of Eastern's Minority Programs to determine what activities are being, or need to be, addressed.

The College of Health, Social and Public Services sponsored a luncheon with Norm Rice, Mayor of Seattle, as the guest speaker. The luncheon was well attended and a great success.

Trustee Reports, Spokane Joint Center for Higher Education Report, III.A.1. - Mr. Ormsby

In Mr. Ormsby’s absence, Dr. Drummond reported on the Joint Center for Higher Education activities.

Construction activities are underway on the SIRTI site. On Monday, October 19, a cornerstone dedication will take place at 10:00 a.m., with Speaker Foley and Governor Gardner attending. A reception will follow at the Riverpoint offices. Dr. Drummond invited everyone to attend.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board will recommended to OFM that construction of Phase I at Riverpoint be included in the capital budget for the next biennium.

Presidents' Reports, III.B.

Faculty Organization, III.B.1. - Dr. Miller

Dr. Miller reported that the wheels of faculty government are starting to turn, with the Senate and Rules Committee both meeting. The Senate recently heard a report on the faculty salary plan, which is being implemented. The Senate also approved American Sign Language as the equivalent of a foreign language requirement in terms of a B.A. degree.

The Senate will have reports on the campus master plan and the budget outlook in the weeks to come. The faculty leadership will also be participating in an all-day workshop on liberal arts reform and the university planning process on October 21.

Associated Students, III.B.2. - Mr. Pendleton

Representing Mr. Pendleton was Ms. Kelsey Whitehead, AS Council Member. Ms. Whitehead reported that the Council members have chosen their areas of specialization and are now beginning to work in those areas.

Last week was Homecoming for Eastern, with many activities including a win in football over Montana State University. This weekend will mark Eastern's first Dad's Weekend, with activities
such as a talent show, comedy night and a golf tournament. Hopefully, Dad's Weekend will be a success and become a tradition at Eastern. Next week is also Alcohol Awareness Week on campus.

Mrs. Beschel noted that Ms. Whitehead was the first runner-up in the homecoming pageant.

**University, III.B.3. - Dr. Drummond**

Dr. Drummond reported that Eastern has learned that it will receive a $9.2 million grant to provide comprehensive health, social and child development services to low income families in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties. This is the biggest single federal grant ever received at Eastern and one of the largest ever awarded to an educational institution in the region. Dr. Drummond stated that this a very exciting grant, allowing Eastern to participate in the Schools 200 Movement, which is basically getting children ready for school.

Fall quarter enrollment figures at Eastern are virtually the same as fall quarter a year ago (8,363 compared with 8,349 in 1991). Although applications were up more than 10 percent, admissions were held equal to last year's numbers because of the enrollment caps.

Dr. Drummond recently participated in the First Conference of North American University Presidents at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, October 7 - 9. The participants in the conference included ten presidents each from the United States, Canada and Mexico and various government officials. The conference, sponsored by the Institute of International Education, was organized to increase understanding of higher education priorities among higher education institutions in the three countries and to map out new strategies for cooperation.

Dr. Drummond stated that he looked forward to seeing the dads at the Dad's Weekend football game on Saturday and participating in the golf tournament on Sunday.

Eastern welcomes two exchange faculty members to campus this fall; Evgeny Larchenkov, who comes from the Russian city of Moscow, and whose areas of expertise include geology, evolution and petroleum potential of sedimentary basins and Junkyu Kwak, a professor of education at Dongguk University in Seoul, Korea. Dr. Kwak, who has proficient English skills, will be teaching classes.

Eastern was recognized by the Greater Spokane Alliance for Youth Family First Program as being one of three employers in the area that best embrace the concepts of the Family First Program. Dr. Drummond gave special recognition to Mr. Steve Hopf, President of Local 931, and Dr. Elson Floyd, Executive Vice President, for organizing and helping move the project forward. Part of the Family First Program at Eastern will include a Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20. Dr. Drummond invited everyone to attend.

Eastern’s Women in Leadership Forum will present Phyllis Campbell, President of the Seattle-King County Area Bank of the U.S. Bank of Washington, at 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 30. She will speak on “Women in the Board Room: Responsibilities, Liabilities, Possibilities.”

Dr. Drummond congratulated Mrs. Beschel and Professor Jennifer Stucker who have been selected as the recipients of the annual Leadership Award by the YWCA.

Eagle Athletics are doing well with Eastern's football team at a 4-1 overall record and enjoying an undefeated record in the Conference this year. This Saturday's game against Idaho promises to be extra exciting. This is the first time in approximately 50 years that Idaho has been in Cheney. An additional 1,500 seats have been added to accommodate the crowds. In Volleyball, the Lady
Eagles are 5-11 overall and 1-4 in the Big Sky Conference as they head into this weekend's contests here in Cheney. Eastern has an impressive new golf team, with a victorious men's squad after the Grizzly Invitational.

Dr. Drummond reported that a public hearing was held October 13 by Mr. Walt Rulffes, Superintendent of the Cheney School District, regarding joint athletic facilities for Eastern, the Cheney School District and the City of Cheney. The result of much planning is a two phase project, which will not utilize state resources other than those already approved through the planning process for the track upgrade. The City of Cheney will pay for the lighting and the School District will pay a substantial share of the initial and ongoing costs. Several more hearings will take place on campus, including the Senate.

Dr. Drummond reported that Dr. Gregory W. Hawkins, Dean of the College of Fine Arts, has been named Higher Education Art Educator of the Year for 1992-93 by the Washington Art Education Association. Dr. Donna El-Din, Distinguished Professor of Physical Therapy, has been appointed chair of the Ethics Committee of the Washington State Physical Therapy Association. Dr. Allen C. Meadors, Dean of the College of Health, Social and Public Services, has been appointed to the Membership Committee of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). He is also serving as 1992 Combined Fund Drive chair for Spokane County. Dr. Maria Hernandez-Peck, Associate Professor of Social Work, was reappointed this spring by the governor to the Board of Nursing Home Administrators. Also, she has been elected to serve on the Spokane County Community Mental Health Board.

**Action Items, IV.**

Minutes of the September 18, 1992 Board of Trustees' Meeting, IV.A.* - Mrs. Beschel

Motion #10-01-92: "I move that the minutes of the September 18, 1992 Board of Trustees' Meeting be approved."

Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Mr. Kirschbaum; approved unanimously.

Master Resolution - Housing and Dining System Revenue Bonds, IV.B. - Dr. Floyd

The next two items relate to the financing, through the issuance of bonds, for the proposed new housing facility the board approved at the last meeting. The housing facility, designed primarily for single parents, is for 75 units, 50 two-bedroom and 25 three-bedroom apartments. Included in the development is a child care facility. The other component of the project is for the renovation of Morrison Hall and Telecommunications for the housing system.

Dr. Floyd stated that the administration is asking the Board of Trustees to adopt and approve the Master Resolution that authorizes special fund revenue bonds of the Housing and Dining System to be issued in series to finance and refinance facilities of the System; create and establish a lien upon Net Revenues of the System for the payment of the bonds; and make covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing.

The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the Master Resolution on October 9.

Motion #10-02-92: "I move that the board adopt and approve the Master Resolution #10-02-92 to a) authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the Housing and Dining System to finance certain capital improvements and to refund and refinance certain outstanding debt; b) create and establish a lien upon net revenues of the Housing and Dining System for payment of such bonds; and c) make covenants and agreements in connection with the authorizing of the bonds." (See attachment #1.)
Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Dr. Torres; approved unanimously.

**Series Resolution - 1992 Housing and Dining System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, IV.C. - Dr. Floyd**

The administration is requesting that the board adopt and approve the Series Resolution that authorizes the sale and issuance of the University's Housing and Dining System Revenue and Refunding Bonds in the maximum principal amount of $8 million for the purpose of financing additions and improvements to its Housing and Dining System and refunding certain outstanding Housing and Dining System Revenue Bonds; fix the date, forms, terms, maturities for such series; and authorize the execution of a Purchase Contract for the Bonds.

The Finance Committee also reviewed and approved the Series Resolution at its meeting on October 9.

Mr. Kirschbaum asked who the underwriter was and how they were selected. Mr. Bill Shaw, Chief Financial Officer, stated that the university submitted a Request for Proposals for underwriting services. Six proposals were received and evaluated. The selected underwriter is Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation.

Motion #10-03-92: "I move that the board adopt and approve the Series Resolution #10-03-92 to a) authorize the issuance of the University's Housing and Dining System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 1992 for the purpose of financing additions and improvements to its Housing and Dining System and refunding certain outstanding Housing and Dining System Revenue Bonds; b) fix the date, forms, terms and maturities for the Series 1992 Bonds; and c) authorize the execution of a Purchase Contract for the Bonds." (See attachment #1.)

Motion by Mrs. Beschel; second by Mr. Geraghty; approve unanimously.

Dr. Drummond thanked Dr. Floyd, Mr. Shaw and all the individuals involved for getting this process underway.

**Information Items, V.**

**Communication Disorders Application Fee, V.A. - Dr. Hoffman**

The Department of Communication Disorders has requested the implementation of a $25 application fee beginning Winter Quarter of 1993. Because of the stringent application requirements, the fee will be charged for both undergraduate and graduate students and will be used to provide supplemental funding for part-time and secretarial help in the department. The Board of Trustees had delegated to the administration the authority to set special fees, in so far as they conform with HEC Board guidelines.

Dr. Hoffman stated that the fee will go into effect with the beginning of Winter Quarter, January 4, 1993. The fee will be part of the annual review of fees which is brought to the board during the late spring.

**Budget Update, V.B. - Dr. Drummond**

Dr. Drummond discussed the upcoming budget year and cautioned against discouragement. He stated that Eastern will not commit to new operating dollar projects; there is an administrative hiring freeze in place; and faculty recruitment for the 1993 season will continue. He stated that Eastern is well staffed and ready to handle whatever might come about with the new governor and legislature.
Liberal Arts Reform Update, V.C. - Dr. Hoffman

Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Marvin Smith updated the board on the Liberal Arts Reform. (See attachment #2.)

Old Business/New Business, VI.

No old or new business was indicated.

Executive Session, VII.

Chair Brisbois called an executive session from 10:33 a.m. to 10:59 a.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

Personnel Actions, VIII.*

Motion #10-04-92: "I move that the Board approve the personnel actions as presented."

Motion by Mr. Kirschbaum; second by Mr. Geraghty; approved unanimously.

Adjournment, IX.

Chair Brisbois adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.