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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting

Friday
March 21, 2014

MINUTES

Trustees Present:
Paul Tanaka, Chair
Uriel Iñiguez
Jo Ann Kauffman
Michael O’Donnell
James Murphy
Robert Whaley
Vicki Wilson

Call to Order, I.
Chair Tanaka called the March 21, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees to order at 11:53 a.m.

Quorum, II.
A quorum was present. Mark Mays was absent.

Executive Session, III.
Chair Tanaka announced the Board will convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for the following purposes: to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation or potential litigation. Also, 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 review the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress, which is exempt pursuant to RCW 42.30.140. Executive session concluded at 1:25 p.m.

Reconvene Open Meeting
Chair Tanaka called the Regular Session of the March 21, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 p.m. He noted that item VI.B.1, Services and Activities Fee Guideline and Amendment was removed from the agenda.
Reports, IV.

University President’s Report, IV.A.
President Arévalo reported the university has been awarded a new five-year Northwest Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) grant from the Federal Highway Administration totaling $1,492,546 over the life of the grant. The NW TTAP will provide transportation training, technical assistance, and technology transfer related to infrastructure, safety, planning, tourism, and economic development to 44 federally recognized tribes in Idaho, western Montana, Oregon, and Washington. The program is directed by Dr. Dick Winchell, Professor of Urban Planning, and this is the third five-year NW TTAP grant that Dr. Winchell has helped secure. Dr. Arévalo also announced that last evening the West Plains Chamber of Commerce presented EWU with two new awards “Best of the West” for 2014: Community Relations and Innovative Practices (by the College of Science, Health & Engineering). He referred trustees to his written report for further details regarding his activities for this reporting period.

Organization President’s Reports, IV.B.

Faculty Organization, IV.B.1.
Faculty leadership did not attend the board meeting but provided a written report in advance.

Classified Staff Union, IV.B.2.
WFSE President Kathleen Warren welcomed our newest trustee, Uriel Iñiguez. She reported that classified staff members Craig Walker and Lance Walker will serve on the Spokane Labor Council, and Ms. Carlila Hughes has been appointed to the Presidential Advisory Search Committee. WFSE funded six police officers to attend a public safety conference. The organization continues to look for ways to be involved with the campus community: for the 26 Days of Kindness, they provided cocoa and cider on Valentine’s Day; they plan to serve hotdogs at an upcoming student event.

Associated Students, IV.B.3.
ASEWU President DJ Jigre thanked Mr. David Buri for his successes while in Olympia. He reported that students are very pleased to hear about the tuition freeze. Students’ effort to increase library hours is going well, and so are the plans for the PUB Remodel. Students will vote on this issue on May 6. On June 5, a new ASEWU president will replace Mr. Jigre. For further information on student activities, please see President Jigre’s written report to the Board.

Public Comment, V.

There was no public comment.

Action Items, VI.

Consent Action Items, VI.

Minutes of the January 24, 2014, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.1.
Minutes of the February 6, 2014, Special Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.2.
Minutes of the March 5, 2014, Special Board of Trustees Meeting, VI.A.3.

EWU 401-07, Workers’ Compensation and Return to Work, VI.A.4a.

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EWU 901-1, Ethical Standards, VI.A.4b.
EWU 901-03, Fraternization and Consensual Relationships, VI.A.4c.
EWU 901-05, Nepotism, VI.A.4d.

Motion 03-04-2014: Trustee Murphy moved that the entire consent agenda be approved.
Seconded by Trustee Kauffman.
Motion carried.

Adjournment, VII.
Chair Tanaka adjourned the EWU Board of Trustees meeting at 1:42 p.m.

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Paul Tanaka, Chair            Rodolfo Arévalo, Secretary
Board of Trustees