

Board of Trustees’ Regular Meeting

Thursday - Friday, November 16-17, 2017

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Trustees Present

Uriel Iñiguez
Leah Nemeth
James Murphy
Vicki Wilson
Robert Whaley
Michael Finley

Thursday, November 16

Work Session

1. The Board discussed how to align the Board of Trustees’ Goals with the EWU Strategic Plan. The Board discussed various ways Board members could assist in achieving the University’s goals. The Board wishes to continue this discussion at its next Work Session.
2. Student Trustee Leah Nemeth presented a Student Spotlight highlighting her outreach efforts to share information about the Board of Trustees and the Student Trustee position.
3. University District Update. Director of Government Relations David Buri shared the current state of higher education funding as it pertains to the capital budget in Washington State. Vice President for Business and Finance Mary Voves gave a presentation on EWU’s possible partnership with Avista and the proposed renovation of an area directly south of Spokane’s University District. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Scott Gordon provided an update on the academic goals of the proposed project.
4. Capital Campaign Update. The Board of Trustees and Foundation Board had a joint meeting to learn about the current status of fundraising. President Cullinan explained the need for everyone to be engaged in fundraising. Vice President for Advancement Angela Jones shared the current status of the Foundation’s fundraising efforts and endowments. Peter Smits of Phoenix Philanthropy provided an outline of how to start a capital fundraising campaign for the University.

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Friday, November 17

Call to Order

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

Quorum

A quorum was present. Trustee Manning was absent.

Board Committee of the Whole

Foundation update. Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of EWU Foundation Angela Jones was joined by Foundation Board Chair Mike Ekins. Chair Ekins indicated the Foundation's Executive Committee has added two new members, Curt Griffin and Stu Steiner. It was also noted that the 2017 Advancement Report is now available.

Legislative & Budget updates. Director of Government Relations David Buri and Vice President for Business and Finance Mary Voves provided an update on budget and legislative affairs and the impacts on campus staff and projects.

Strategic Planning Update. Provost Scott Gordon and President Mary Cullinan presented an update on the Strategic Plan. Feedback is currently being accepted on the draft strategic planning goals and principles.

Annual Security Report. Vice President for Business and Finance Mary Voves was accompanied by Chief Tim Walters and Lieutenant Jay Day who presented the Annual Security Report.

Enrollment – Hispanic Serving Institution. Vice President for Student Affairs Stacy Foster and Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Shari Clarke gave a presentation on the progress of EWU gaining designation as an emerging Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI).

College Spotlight – College of Business & Public Administration. The Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, Dr. Ahmad Tootoonchi, shared highlights of accomplishments from the College's faculty and staff for this school quarter.

Policies. Labor Relations Manager Joe Fuxa and Assistant Attorney General Annika Scharosch presented revisions to the following policies, which are posted on the policy website, open for comment:

- *WAC 172-122-200*: Notice of Trespass
- *EWU Policy 101-02*: University Governance
- *EWU Policy 401-03*: Background Checks
- *EWU 901-01*: Ethical Standards
- *EWU 901-02*: Appropriate Use of University Resources

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Executive Session

Chair Iñiguez announced the Board would convene in executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)(f) and (i): to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase; to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee; and to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, litigation, or potential. 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 grievances 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 1:05 p.m.

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Chair Iñiguez called the regular meeting of the Eastern Washington Board of Trustees to order at 1:05 pm. Trustee Murphy noted that executive session lasted approximately 90 minutes, and no action was taken by the Board during the executive session.

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Reports

University President's Report

President Mary Cullinan's report included acknowledgment of two recent graduates of the College of Business and Public Administration: Thomas Leake and Victoria Simboli.

President Cullinan announced that the university's new strategic plan will launch in early 2018.

President Cullinan shared her efforts on strengthening EWU's presence in communities around the state through travel and meetings with alumni and community leaders in the Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, and Yakima. She also shared her efforts in raising EWU's visibility through written editorials and articles in newspapers and journals.

Dr. Cullinan announced her support of EWU signing the TheDream.US agreement which provides scholarship support for DACA students.

Board Reports/Acknowledgements

Chair Iñiguez recognized the outstanding efforts on the reorganization of Academic Advising and thanked the advising staff that were present: Mark Baldwin, Heather Page, and Roy Caligan.

Chair Iñiguez also recognized the women's soccer team. Bill Chaves, Director of Athletics, acknowledged his coaches for their work and Assistant Coach Webber introduced the soccer team seniors and thanked the Board and Bill Chaves for the recognition.

Organization President's Reports

Faculty Organization

President Esteban Rodriguez-Marek reported that the first revision to the general education system is on schedule. Students already need to take fewer credits to fulfill their graduation requirements as compared to last year.

Associated Students

President Gaige Bausch recognized representatives and cabinet members for their efforts in achieving their individual position goals. This included Ben Rowe for his efforts in unifying student voices across Washington; Kyle Carroll for his diversity and inclusion collaborations; Kennedy Bailey for her lead in Giving Joy Day projects; and Zach Bowman for a successful homecoming week.

Classified Staff Union

Member Kathleen Warren and Vice President Jerry Page shared accomplishments of classified staff including the award of two scholarships to students whose parents work on campus. Ms. Warren also recognized two police officers who responded to an incident that ultimately saved a life.

United Faculty of Eastern

President Michael Conlin reported on the MOU that was passed to increase the minimum per credit compensation and to replace the current merit system with time in service.

Public School Employees of Washington

A written report was submitted.

Public Comment. No one had any public comments.

Consent Action Items

Trustee Iñiguez indicated the EWU Mission Statement, which was included in the Discussion Action Items, would be discussed at the February 2018 Board meeting.

Motion 11-01-17: *Trustee Finley moved to approve the consent action items that included:*

- *EWU Policy 201-02: Preservation of Records for Litigation*
- *EWU Policy 401-06: Protected Health Information*
- *Board of Trustees' meeting minutes from the September 21-22, 2017*
- *Board of Trustees' 2018 Proposed Meeting Schedule*

Seconded by Trustee Murphy.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Chair Iñiguez adjourned the September 17, 2017 EWU Board of Trustees' meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Uriel Iñiguez, Chair
EWU Board of Trustees

Mary Cullinan, Secretary
EWU Board of Trustees