

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
February 28, 2017
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

Work Session Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming Board of Trustees met in a work session on February 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were John Patrick, Kriss Hovis, Angie Chavez, George Nash, Marilyn Fisher (via telephone), and Mike Varney.

The work session was held to interview candidates interested in completing the trustee term for sub-district 2 recently vacated by Lowell Kautz.

Board President Patrick opened the work session and thanked the trustee candidates for their willingness to serve. The candidates being interviewed were Mr. Jim Britt, Mr. Robert Baumgartner, and Mr. Jeff Jones.

ACTION: Following the interviews of the trustee candidates, Mr. Nash moved and Mr. Varney seconded to adjourn to executive session to consider the selection of a new trustee. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened at 4:55 p.m. and selected Mr. Robert Baumgartner to serve as the trustee representing sub-district 2.

At 5:00 p.m., the work session closed and the Board proceeded to dinner.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 28, 2017 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were John Patrick, Kriss Hovis, Angie Chavez, George Nash, Marilyn Fisher (via telephone), Jim Willox (via telephone) and Mike Varney.

Trustee Patrick called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and introduced Mr. Baumgartner.

Tom Andersen, EWC athletic director introduced Bryant McCarty, EWC's athletic trainer who is sponsored by Banner Health. In addition, Coach Neal Sherbeyn and the men's basketball team were introduced.

Mr. Meyer introduced new library technician Jessica Anders.

The Outcomes Assessment Report was presented by John Cline, outcomes assessment coordinator.

ACTION: The agenda was considered by the Board. Mrs. Chavez moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Varney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Patterson shared the following in his president's update:

- C. J. Box will be the EWC Commencement speaker.
- One faculty member affected by the reduction in force is returning to EWC in a new faculty position.
- EWC's new barbering program was approved by the Academic Affairs Council and will be approved by the Commission in April.
- The Wyoming Community College Commission approved increasing tuition by \$5 per credit hour for in-state students. This increases the per credit hour amount from \$89 to \$94 per credit hour. The Commission also approved the removal of the tuition credit hour cap beginning Fall 2018.
- Received notification from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) the EWC Douglas nursing program is being granted candidacy status.
- Noted Cristi Semmler was featured in the *Inside NAVC* magazine.
- Noted Jennifer Minks and Kaitlyn Steben have been granted tenure.
- In his legislative update, Dr. Patterson noted the campus carry bill failed, EWC received authorization for constructing the ATEC building at the higher funding amount, and the budget

bill split the difference on the cut to community colleges which amounts to approximately \$12,000 for EWC.

- Goshen Community Theatre is presenting *The Philadelphia Story*.

ACTION: The consent agenda was considered for approval. Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Nash seconded to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting and executive sessions, the January 27, 2017 special meeting and special executive sessions, February 6, 2017 special meeting and special executive session, the selection of Goshen County Construction for the Fine Arts Lobby Renovation in the amount of \$403,835, and the selection of Converse County Bank for the EWC Douglas Operations and Maintenance account. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Vice President Laher presented the financial report. A motion was made by Mrs. Chavez to approve the financial report, as presented. Mr. Nash seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Updates were provided by Human Resources, Institutional Development, Staff Alliance, Student Services, Academic Services, College Relations, and Faculty Senate. An update of construction projects was also presented.

The Day One On-Campus Enrollment Report was presented to the Board. The report indicated Spring 2017 Day One headcount remained the same as Spring 2016. Full-Time enrollment increased by 11 students (3.0%), and Part-Time enrollment decreased by 11 students (-6.0%). The Day One Full Time Equivalency (FTE) indicated an overall increase of 3.1% FTE compared to Spring 2016.

In addition, the Spring 2017 Day Ten On-Campus Enrollment report indicated headcount increased by 4 (0.7%). Full-Time enrollment increased by 11 students (3.0%), and Part-Time enrollment decreased by 7 students (-3.7%) for a total headcount increase of 0.7% compared to Spring 2016. The Ten Day Full Time Equivalency (FTE) indicated an overall increase of 4.2% FTE compared to Spring 2016.

Dr. Patterson reported on newly created Administrative Rule 2.0.9 Converse County Advisory Committee and Administrative Rule 2.0.10. He noted the new rules were created to formalize Committees currently operating, outlines committee membership, and the purpose of the committees.

Under Trustee Topics Board President Patrick presented Angie Chavez with a plaque honoring her service as Board President last year. In addition, Trustee Patrick shared information he received at the WACCT conference.

ACTION: Trustee Patrick indicated with his work as Board President he wished to resign his position as the trustee representative to WACCT. In addition, he stated he had visited with Trustee Fisher about her willingness to serve. Mr. Varney moved to accept Mr. Patrick's resignation from WACCT and appoint Marilyn Fisher as the second trustee representative to WACCT; second by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Varney reported on the WACCT weekly legislative updates.

At 7:25 p.m., the Board recessed for 10 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m. at which time David Evans performed the swearing in of Robert Baumgartner.

ACTION: At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Nash seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Holly L. Branham

John B. Patrick, President

Angie Chavez, Secretary