

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
February 9, 2016
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 9, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Angie Chavez, John Patrick, Lowell Kautz, Mike Varney, George Nash, and Julie Kilty. Marilyn Fisher participated by telephone.

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Board President Chavez.

The Men's Rodeo Team and Coach Clark were introduced.

Michele Ogburn, Student Senate sponsor introduced the Civitas Award recipients. Student winners were Harrison Hallmark, Jamie Hicks, Dustin Gatski, and James Sturgeon. Faculty/Staff winners were Kyle Rice, Patsy Velazquez, Holly Lara, and Chuck Kenyon. Group winners were the Skills USA Club, the Livestock Show/Judging Team, the Adult Ed staff, the Physical Plant staff and the Grounds Crew.

Student Senate President Kyle Sabourin presented the Student Senate update.

Dr. David Banville's Political Science 1050 Class attended the meeting and were introduced to the Board.

ACTION: The Board was requested to approve the agenda. Mr. Varney moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Ms. Kilty seconded. The motion was passed with Mr. Kautz opposing.

In addition to his written update, Dr. Patterson informed the Trustees he spoke at the Phi Theta Kappa induction, will be the graduation speaker at the Law Enforcement Academy, the legislature is in session, and he will be taking his turn covering the legislature the third week of February. Dr. Patterson informed the Board of several bills to be watching for throughout the session. House Bill 80 relates to community college funding model recalibration. Senate File 25 relates to raising the Hathaway scholarship amount. HB 86 would repeal the gun free zone act and would allow conceal carry at meetings of the legislature, other public meetings, but does not include schools and colleges. Dr. Patterson also noted the high school Science Fair will be held at EWC on Thursday and Friday.

ACTION: The consent agenda was considered by the Trustees. Ms. Kilty moved and Mr. Kautz seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the January 12, 2016 meeting and executive session, the minutes from the February 2, 2016 special meeting and executive session, the resignation of Tim Anderson, the State of Wyoming Surplus Property Resolution, and the renewal of the Eastern Wyoming BOCES Fiscal Agency Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The Board considered the renewal of the Valley City State University Articulation Agreement. Mr. Kautz expressed concern with the articulation agreement requiring EWC students to purchase their books from the EWC bookstore for courses with VCSU. Mr. Patrick proposed the agreement be approved with the understanding the reference to the purchase of books be removed. Mr. Patrick moved to approve the Valley City State University Articulation Agreement, as amended. Second by Mr. Varney. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Laher presented the financial report followed by the projects update by Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Varney moved and Ms. Kilty seconded the motion to approve the financial report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Laher informed the Board a request for proposals for a Campus ID Card Systems to replace the current Blackboard system was issued with five card vendors responding. The Campus ID Card Systems Review/Evaluation Committee recommended Multicard Campus ID Systems package in the amount of \$60,174, with an annual maintenance cost of \$11,596. Mr. Laher explained the funding for the purchase will be through special lease financing through Wyrulec. The Board had approved seeking lease financing at their April 14, 2015 board meeting. Discussion ensued regarding upgrading the current system and the total lease package beyond the cost of the card system. Ms. Kilty moved to approve the Multicard Campus ID Systems package; second by Ms. Fisher. Motion failed with Kilty and Fisher in favor, and Nash, Varney, Kautz, Patrick opposed.

ACTION: The Trustees were requested to consider a recommendation from the EWC Foundation to defer the construction of the Ag facility until 2017. Mr. Laher noted the Foundation is over halfway to raising the needed funds for the project and will allow the College to assess and develop strategic planning as it relates to Ag programming. Mr. Patrick moved that the Board delay action on ATEC construction, and to the extent possible stop expenditures, until 2017 at the earliest with the understanding that we conduct our actions in concert with the Foundation. Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates were provided by Institutional Development, the Staff Alliance, Student Services, Academic Services, and the Faculty Senate.

Dr. Landa presented the Day One and Day Ten Enrollment Reports for both the Torrington and Douglas campuses. She noted enrollment is down fifteen percent. However, there was an increase of nine students from Day One to Day Ten.

Outcomes Assessment Coordinator John Cline was on hand to present the Outcomes Assessment Report.

The Trustees were reminded of the WACCT Leadership Awards and Legislative Reception on February 18, 2016 and were informed the groundbreaking for the Career and Technical Education Center will be held on March 17th.

A discussion was held regarding a joint retreat with the EWC Foundation and the Trustees. Two dates were proposed; April 14 & 15 or April 28 & 29. Also discussed was whether to hold the retreat in Casper at Casper College or at a local venue. It was the consensus of the Board to find a local venue for the April 28 & 29 date.

ACTION: At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Patrick moved and Mr. Nash seconded the motion to adjourn to executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:10 p.m. the executive session was closed. There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Angie Chavez, President

Marilyn Fisher, Secretary