

**Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
November 8, 2016
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom**

Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 8, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

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

The meeting was opened at 5:45 p.m. by Board President Kautz.

Mr. Meyer introduced Linda Day EWC's newly hired Families Becoming Independent Coordinator.

Kim Russell announced the Civitas recipients for the Student category: Hunter Hill, Eric Lovell, Jessica Rossi, and Tayler Hallums. Recipients for the Staff category were Jeremy Christensen, Georgia Younglove, Dean Gorsuch, and Amy Smith. The Group recipients were the Rodeo Team, the group of Marissa Meyer, Jen Minks, Brodi Cress, Ryan Reichery, Cameron Barthel, Chelsea Baars, Elias Chavez, William White, and Ellen Creager; the group of Kyle Leoffler, Taylor Johnson, Riley Chesnut, Jessica Rossi, and Bryce Funk; and Kyle Rice and Kim Russell.

Student Senate Secretary Chelsea Baars provided the Trustees with an update of senate activities.

The Women's Basketball Team and the Livestock Judging and Show teams were introduced to the Board of Trustees.

Aaron Bahmer provided the Board with a demonstration of the recently purchased lights for the Fine Arts Auditorium. The project was the result of a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, Goshen Community Theatre, and the EWC Foundation.

Julie Kilty was honored and presented with a plaque for her service as a member of the Board of Trustees and to Eastern Wyoming College.

ACTION: The agenda was considered by the Board. Mr. Varney moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Second by Mr. Nash; motion carried unanimously.

In his president's update, Dr. Patterson informed the Board Governor Mead toured the Douglas Campus on November 2, he invited the Trustees to the Veteran's Program on Friday, noted he attended the meetings in Laramie and participated in a productive meeting with Dr. Nichols and the community college presidents, sent the letter to the Foundation requesting fundraising assistance, and has attended some Student Senate meetings.

ACTION: The Board was requested to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Chavez moved and Mr. Nash seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the October 11, 2016 board meeting, ratified Amendment Two between DFS and EWC for the TANF FBI Program, and ratified the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eligible Training Provider Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Vice President Laher presented the financial report. Ms. Kilty moved to approve the financial report, as presented. Mr. Varney seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

ACTION: The Scholarship and Grants Budget for fiscal year 2018 was presented for consideration by the Board. Mr. Laher noted the EWC Scholarship Committee met several times and recommended approval of a budget package totaling \$1,657,415. He further noted the budget changes were minor and included \$3,000 in funds for dedicated art scholarships, updated the Wyoming Community College Endowment Challenge scholarships, and added the Richard M. Baker Scholarships. A motion was made by Ms. Kilty and seconded by Mrs. Chavez to approve the Scholarship and Grants Budget for FY-18, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates were provided by Staff Alliance, Student Services, Academic Services, Faculty Senate, College Relations, Human Resources, and Institutional Development as well as an update on the construction projects.

Dr. Patterson provided an overview of the recently revised Administrative Rules, which included 1.9.1 Annual Review of Strategic Plan, 3.2.2 Appointment and Advancement of Benefitted Employees, 3.8.4 Tuition Charges for Employees, and 3.15.1 Health/Wellness Leave.

Under Trustee Topics, Mr. Willox reported the Douglas Advisory Council met to discuss whether there was a need to change the name of the Douglas Campus. It was the feeling of the advisory council there was no need for a change to the name and leave as it is. In addition, a recommendation will be forthcoming defining what the advisory council will be as we move forward.

Mr. Patrick discussed the solar eclipse and wondered if the College is considering renting out dorm rooms. Dr. Patterson indicated EWC staff have met with the local group and are currently holding discussions on how EWC can help.

Trustee Chavez reported the WACCT Summit was very good.

ACTION: At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel; Chavez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m., the executive session was closed and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

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Lowell Kautz, President

Marilyn Fisher, Secretary