

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
April 10, 2018
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

Work Session Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met for a work session on April 10, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Judith Bartmann, Robert Baumgartner, Marilyn Fisher, John Patrick, George Nash, Angie Chavez, and Mike Varney. Mr. Willox was the only member absent.

The work session was held to provide an update on new program degrees and certificates. The Board was provided with information concerning the pilot programs being proposed; Precision Agriculture AAS Degree, Precision Agriculture Certificate, and a Welding Specialist Certificate.

In addition, Erin Taylor, executive director of the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees was on hand to meet with the Board of Trustees. Ms. Taylor discussed WACCT issues and provided a recap of the legislative session.

Dr. Travers and Mr. Humphrey provided a presentation on the HLC conference.

The work session closed at 4:55 p.m. and the Board proceeded to dinner.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 10, 2018 at 5:45 p.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Judith Bartmann, Robert Baumgartner, Marilyn Fisher, John Patrick, George Nash, Angie Chavez, and Mike Varney. Mr. Willox was the only member absent.

A public hearing was held at 5:45 p.m. regarding the final reading of Board Policy 2.1 Division Chairpersons. The public hearing was closed with no comments received from the audience.

Jake Clark and members of the Rodeo Team were introduced to the Board of Trustees.

Student Senate Officer Jaxson Heyrend introduced the Civitas awards: Emily Zavorka, Student; Holly Branham, Staff; and the Group award went to the Library Staff. Mr. Heyrend also presented the Student Senate update.

EWC student Kodi Edwards provided a presentation on the ENDOW conference which she and Dr. Travers attended in Jackson. Ms. Edwards will be representing EWC at the ENDOW student conference this summer.

No comments were provided during the open forum.

ACTION: The Trustees were requested to approve the agenda with one addition; namely, the appointment of a communications instructor. Mr. Varney moved to approve the agenda with the addition; second by Dr. Bartmann. Motion carried unanimously.

In addition to her written update, Dr. Travers informed the Trustees Secretary of State Ed Buchanan will be the graduation speaker. Other events coming up include the Casino Night and Lancer Club banquet on April 25, the Ag banquet on April 18, Lancer Club fundraiser event on April 21, interviews for Vice President of Student Services on April 17, 20, and 24, men's basketball committee will meet to select candidates for Skype interviews, and the first Pinning Ceremony for our nursing program is April 28. In addition, the College has held discussions with Banner Health on a nursing program at the Torrington campus, and we are currently working on faculty schedules and overload.

ACTION: The Board was requested to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Nash moved to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the March 5, 2018 special

meeting and executive session and the minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting and executive session. Ms. Chavez seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

ACTION: Mr. Wilkes presented the financial report. Mr. Baumgartner moved and Mr. Nash seconded the motion to approve the financial report, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: The final reading of the revisions to Board Policy 2.1 Division Chairpersons was brought before the Board for approval. Following the discussion, it was determined at this time it would be better to follow a one dean model rather than a two dean. Mr. Baumgartner moved to approve on final reading the revisions to Board Policy 2.1 Division Chairpersons; second by Dr. Bartmann. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Humphrey proposed a new AAS degree in Precision Agriculture. The new program will provide students the skills required for entry-level employment in jobs in the service industry related to agricultural equipment sales and service, crop scouting, fertilizer and chemical application, variable rate irrigation, soils and remote sensing. This new AAS program will be implemented in the fall of 2018. Mr. Varney moved to approve the proposed Precision Agriculture Associate of Applied Science Degree, as presented. Mr. Nash seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

ACTION: Mr. Humphrey also requested Board approval of a Precision Agriculture Certificate to be implemented in the fall of 2018. Students completing this one-year certificate will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully incorporate precision agriculture into a business operation. Mr. Nash moved to approve the proposed Precision Agriculture Certificate program, as presented. Mr. Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: The Board was requested to approve a proposed Welding Specialist Certificate designed to provide additional specialized welding skills for students who have completed the first year welding certificate and want to apply welding skills to other areas such as art, business and education. This proposed certificate will also be implemented beginning fall 2018. Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Baumgartner seconded to approve the proposed Welding Specialist One Year Certificate program, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Meyer requested the Board approve hiring Dr. Brian J. (B. J.) Semler for the vacant communications instructor position. Dr. Bartmann moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Brian Semler to the position of communications instructor, as presented. Mr. Nash seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Updates were provided by Human Resources, College Relations, Douglas Campus, Institutional Development, Staff Alliance, Student Services, Academic Services and Faculty Senate as well as construction and major maintenance projects.

ACTION: At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Baumgartner seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:40 p.m., the regular meeting reconvened. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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John B. Patrick, President

Angie Chavez, Secretary