



EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

The EWC Board of Trustees met at 4:00 pm in the Delores Kaufman Board Room in a work session. Members present were Bob Baumgartner, Judith Bartmann, Randy Adams, Tom John McCreery, John Patrick, Kurt Sittner and Mike Varney. (Jim Willox absent).

Work Session

Mr. Roger Humphrey presented a PowerPoint presentation on the EWC Day 1 and Day 10 Enrollment Summaries for Spring 2021. In addition, Mr. Humphrey also explained the WCCC Academic Year 2019-2020 Annual Enrollment report

The Board proceeded to dinner at 5:00 pm.

Open Meeting

During the Open Forum, Ms. Holly Lara, Director of Human Resources introduced Ms. Donna Charron, Interim Cosmetology Instructor.

ACTION: Trustee McCreery moved to approve the February agenda. Trustee Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Update

Dr. Travers informed the Board on all the community college in Wyoming, and the budget cuts they have endured. She also informed them about the new proposal aiming to modernize the Wyoming's higher education to help the state's economy. The WIN program, Wyoming Innovation Network", initiative involves collaboration between the UofW and the community colleges across the state.

ACTION: Trustee McCreery moved to approve the February 9, 2021, Consent Agenda, which included the minutes from the January 12, 2021, Board Meeting, the minutes from the January 26, 2021, Special Board Meeting, the resignation of Mr. Steve Sinks, CDL Program Coordinator, and the resignation of Ms. Kwenna Swanson, Nurse Instructor. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Travers stated that the CDL Program will still be a viable program, and EWC will be collaborating with LCCC and Northwest to fulfil the needs with sharing efforts.

ACTION: Trustee Adams moved to approve the February Financial Report. Trustee McCreery seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilkes reported that a second distribution of Cares money would be forthcoming. This money will be divided between student needs and institutional needs. This money must be expended by December 30, 2021.

ACTION: Trustee Patrick moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Jim Willox to the EWC Board of Trustees as the Converse County Advisory Member to a term ending December 1, 2021. Trustee Bartmann seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Information Items

Ms. Tami Afdahl updated the Board on College Relations. Tami stated that she and Keith Smith are working on marketing the EWC Alumni Spotlight and a Social media platform. Tami stated that two EWC Alumni, Ms. Amanda Deich and Mr. Colby Sturgeon were spotlighted recently. They are also starting a Faculty Strong campaign, in which Ms. Ellen Creagar was highlighted. The "Did you know" spotlight and the "Support the Solution" spotlight for marketing are raising awareness for EWC and community colleges. Tami and Mr. Zach Smith are working on creating virtual campus tours, in which Cares money can assist in this endeavor.

Ms. Holly Lara updated the Board on Human Resources. Holly informed the Board of the vacancies open in the college. She stated that the Vice President for Student Services position has been advertised in Higher Ed.com and there are two applicants right now.

Mr. John Hansen updated the Board on Institutional Development and the Foundation. John has been very busy giving tours of ATEC. John informed the Board about the nanotechnology biotechnology. He

stated that the financial investments are holding steady. The Art Committee received 238 photos from 24 photographers. The committee will be picking their top 7 photos by next week.

Margaret Farley updated the Board on the Douglas Campus. Glen currently has 7 students that have applied and their background checks are in progress.

Mr. Keith Jarvis updated the Board on the construction and major maintenance. Keith stated that the ATEC exhaust issues have been corrected. The monument sign is in place. The phase 2 campus access control and fire alarm projects are in progress.

Dr. Kate Steinbock submitted her Faculty Senate Update and Dr. Colleen Mitchell was present if anyone had any questions. Trustee Adams congratulated Kate for becoming one of the town's newest Council members.

Mr. John Hansen updated the Board on Staff Alliance. John stated that the alliance sent out a staff survey on the needs and successes of the college.

Mr. Roger Humphrey update the Board on Academic & Student Services. Roger stated that the Student Senate is active again and working on campus activities throughout the spring to enhance the student life on campus.

Trustee Topics

Trustee Patrick expressed a concern about two dumpsters that were in front of the North Campus sign on C Street and that they need to be relocated, as it looks bad. Trustee Sittner stated that he would work on getting them relocated.

Trustee McCreery informed the Board regarding the WACCT meetings. He is starting to make phone calls to legislators and felt they were very cooperative. He stated that Casper College was the only one that did not pass the Resolution; all community colleges are in support. Tom John stated that maybe we should give them issues we are facing through emails or phone calls.

Trustee McCreery moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Trustee Patrick seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Robert Baumgartner, Chair


Randy Adams, Secretary


Sally Watson, Executive Assistant