



EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

EWC Dolores Kaufman Board Room

Attendance

Present:

Members: Randy Adams, Bob Baumgartner, Jeffrey Hawes, Doug Mercer, Katherine Patrick, Kurt Sittner, Jackie VanMark, Rick Vonburg, and Jim Willox

1. Dr. Hawes called the work session to order

2. Approval of the Work Session Minutes

Recommendation: To approve the 12-10-24 Work Session Minutes.

Moved by: Rick Vonburg

Seconded by: Doug Mercer

Carried.

3. EWC / GoGoshen Trainings: Mr. Brian Young and Mr. Darryl Spitzer

Goshen County Business and Education Platform

Mr. Brian Young discussed the idea of creating a platform for business and education to promote community engagement and economic development in Goshen County. He proposed a series of 10 events covering various business topics, co-hosted by Eastern Wyoming College (EWC) and Go Goshen. The aim is to educate the community on business skills, foster new businesses, and help existing ones flourish. Brian also mentioned the potential for partnerships with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Goshen County Economic Development Corporation. He emphasized the importance of community engagement and the potential for subject matter experts to contribute to the program.

Mr. Spitzer confirmed that the series would be held every few weeks, with each topic covered in a single session. The team also discussed the possibility of exploring grants to fund the initiative.

4. Update on Federal Compliance with USDOE: Ms. Susan Kannenwischer - Ferrilli Consultant

Ms. Susan Kannenwischer, Ferrilli consultant discussed the process of preparing for HCM2 submissions and the need to improve the organization's process. Susan highlighted the importance of data flow and the need for perfect reporting to the government. She also discussed the challenges faced with the HCM2 process, including the need for a new system and the need to regain trust with the Federal Government. Susan also mentioned the creation of a handbook and checklist for the process.

5. Review of EWC Website for Federal Compliance with USDOE: Mr. John Hansen, Vice President for Student and Academic Services

Mr. John Hansen discussed the importance of Federal compliance and the need for transparency in student information. He also introduced a new software update, Lightcast, which provides information on degree programs, earning potential, and job opportunities.

6. Future Roadmap of IT: Mr. Auke Daane

Mr. Auke Daane stated the organization has improved its operations and become more efficient and proactive over time. Mr. Daane presented reports showing a decrease in incidents and an increase in predictability. Most user feedback is positive, but more feedback is desired to identify areas for improvement. Ongoing projects will be to enhance security, standardization, and compliance across various systems. Additionally, the organization is exploring opportunities to share its IT infrastructure and expertise with other entities, which could provide cost savings through economies of scale while improving overall IT maturity in the region. The board appears supportive of researching these potential partnerships further.

7. Work session was adjourned.

Robert L. Verdery

Jackie Van Mark, Chairman

Deputy Chairman

Sally Watson

Sally Watson, Executive Assistant

Randy Adams

Randy Adams, Secretary