

To: Faculty Senate
From: Malcolm P. Frisbie
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Re: Regent's Report

28 June 2007, Regular Quarterly Meeting

The Board of Regents met on 28 June 2007 for its regular quarterly meeting. In preparation for that meeting, Board committees met either earlier that day. Reports were received from several parties including the President, Chair of the Foundation, the Executive Director of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, and the Vice President for Financial Affairs. The President distributed to the University community on 29 June a summary of the Board meeting, which will not be repeated here. Several items may be of particular interest to the Faculty Senate, and those are noted below.

Informational items

- A report on the capital campaign. We are at about 75% of the goal (\$19 M toward the goal of \$25 M)
- Childcare: Bright Horizons is preparing a report on their study and recommendations concerning on-campus childcare. The Board heard preliminary comments about the forthcoming report. The report is expected to recommend that Eastern look at the feasibility of creating a full-service infant to pre-school care facility, with the ability to provide full- and part-time care, with back-up and school-age care available as space permits.
- Business Plan: Eastern is in the process of developing a business plan, called 20K2020, to help it reach its CPE-determined goal of an enrollment of 20,000 by 2020.
- New Science Building: Omni Architects presented an overview of the process used to program and design the new science building, and an up date on the progress to date of that project.

Action Items

- The Board passed the 2007-08 Operating Budget for the university. The budget guidelines had been passed in January.
- Academic Issues: The Board passed several academic program and policy items, including approval of program modifications (new options) in the BS and MS programs in Career and Technical Education and MS in Safety, Security and Emergency Management; of new programs in Coaching (minor), Fire and Emergency Services (certificate program), and Occupational Safety (certificate program); and of a late enrollment policy aimed at making clear enrollment deadlines and criteria for consideration of special cases and exemptions.
- The Board approved revisions to the "Rights and Responsibilities" section of the Student Handbook. These revisions update terms and procedures, and change the sanctions for some infractions. The revisions grew out of efforts of the Office of Judicial Affairs and the Judicial Sanctions Committee.
- The Board approved naming of the Physical/Defensive Tactics Facility in the Department of Criminal Justice in honor of L.J. Weber, a long-time instructor of physical fitness and defensive tactics.

All action items were unanimously approved.

13 August 2007, Special Board Meeting

The Board of regents met during a special session on 13 August 2007. Several orders of business were conducted.

- The Board re-elected its slate of current officers, with the exception of the Chair, whose term continues until January. Re-elected officers are: Cynthia Rogers, Vice-Chair; Gary Abney, secretary; Debbie Newsom, Treasurer; Virginia Underwood, Assistant Secretary. Hunter Bates continues as Chair.
- The Board accepted the resignation of Joanne Glasser, effective Sunday, 19 August 2007.

- The Board interviewed five candidates for Interim President.
- The Board unanimously approved appointment of Doug Whitlock as Interim President.
- The Board authorized Chair Bates to develop and issue a request for proposals for a search firm to direct a national search for President. The goal is to have the President in place no later than 1 July 2008.
- The Board requested that James Street assess the condition of Blanton House and report back at the September meeting with recommendations for renovations to be undertaken. Blanton House will not be occupied during 2007-08 academic year so that renovations may be completed.

27 August 2007

A Request for Proposal was issued by ECU seeking proposals for Executive Search Firm Consulting Services. Proposals are due by 28 September 2007. The Board plans to meet on 12 October to review proposals and conduct interviews with representatives from finalist firms. The University anticipates entering into a contract with one firm effective 26 October.

The Board will next meet on 8 September for a regular quarterly meeting.

Please feel free to contact me for further information about any of these items or to discuss topics of concern to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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