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Approved May 10, 2002

## **Board of Trustees Minutes**

**Special Telephonic Meeting**

**April 9, 2002**

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**Convened – 3:00 p.m.**

**Barge Hall 304**

### **Present**

Mrs. Gwen Chaplin, Chair

Mr. Jay Reich

Mr. Mike Sells, Vice Chair

Mr. Justin Silvers

Ms. Judy Yu

### **Absent**

Ms. Leslie Jones

Mr. Ken Martin

Ms. Nadine Romero

### **Others Present**

Dr. Jerilyn S. McIntyre, President

Ms. Judy B. Miller, Secretary to the Board

Mr. Robert Lowery, Media Relations Officer

Mr. Ken Wittenberg, *Observer staff*

### **Tuition Briefing**

Members of the board and Dr. McIntyre met telephonically to discuss tuition issues facing the trustees this spring.

Proposed internal allocations for 2002-03 were reviewed and scenarios for various tuition increases were considered.

Governing boards have authority granted by the legislature to increase tuition up to 14 percent for the 2002-03 academic year. Information on tuition and fees and living cost comparisons for Washington's four-year institutions was examined.

It is predicted that Central Washington University will have 7,870 students next year based on increased application activity and an average annual student count for 2001-02 of 7,673, up over 400 students from last year. In order to meet the instructional demands of 600 additional students while maintaining small class size and personal attention, Dr. McIntyre discussed the possibility of increasing tuition 14 percent for resident students while decreasing some student fees. Resulting tuition revenue will be used to decrease student fees and provide additional course sections. Nonresident undergraduate and all graduate students will be assessed a lesser increase. Tuition for these students presently exceeds instructional costs. The impact of increased enrollment on class size will be examined and reported to the board.

When the final legislative budget was approved by the governor, Central lost \$350,000 in one-time money for enrollment stabilization through a veto passed on an administrative misunderstanding. In the absence of this funding, increasing tuition to 14 percent may be necessary to help preserve the essence of CWU.

Information presented in the briefing will aid the board as it moves toward a tuition decision in June. Dr. McIntyre will speak with students about these issues over the next few weeks.

*No action was taken.*

### **Next Meeting**

The Board of Trustees will next meet Friday, May 10, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in Barge 412 on the Ellensburg campus of Central Washington University.

**Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**

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Judy B. Miller, Secretary to the  
Board of Trustees  
Central Washington University

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Gwen Chaplin, Chair  
Board of Trustees  
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