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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

**Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Telephonic Meeting
June 15, 2017**

Approved July 21, 2017

11:00 AM-12:44 PM

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

Linda Schactler took roll to confirm that a quorum of the Board was present.

Board Members Present via phone:

Keith Thompson, Chair
Ron Erickson, Vice Chair
Erin Black
Dan Dixon
Glenn Johnson
Joseph Knight
Robert Nellams

Absent:

Chris Liu

Staff Members Present in Barge Hall, Room 412:

James Gaudino, President
Linda Schactler, Chief of Staff, Secretary to the Board
Joel Klucking, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs, Treasurer to the Board
Kim Dawson, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees
Joseph Han, Vice President for Operations
Sharon O'Hare, Vice President for Enrollment Management

Other Staff Members Participating via phone:

Paul, Ballard, Dean, College of Education & Professional Studies
Andrew McIrvine, Director of Flight Operations/Department of Aviation
Alan Smith, Assistant Attorney General

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Information – Budget Impasse – Possible Government Shutdown

Vice President Klucking reported that if the state budget is not resolved by July 1, many state agencies will not have money to pay employees and will lay-off employees. Currently, all of the state universities are planning to

use local funds temporarily to cover payroll and operations, if needed, after July 1. Last week, the state budget office sent a memo to labor unions representing employees at state agencies explaining the possibility of layoffs.

With the board's assent, we will send out a memo that tells CWU employees that we will avoid layoffs as long as possible. The varied sources of our budget will enable us to continue to employ people, although not indefinitely, beyond July 1, even if the state legislature has not yet approved a new budget. We will carefully monitor the state budget situation and do our best to keep employees informed, and to ensure CWU continues to provide the very best educational experience for students.

Action – Purchase Planes for Aviation Program

Throughout the history of the aviation program, CWU has relied upon a contractor to provide flight training required by the degree program. CWU proposes to end the use of a contractor, and to acquire airplanes, equipment and personnel in order to enhance the quality and reliability of flight training.

IASCO Flight Training (IFT) currently provides flight training services under a contract that extends through August 2019. IFT contacted CWU in late May to schedule a personal visit to campus by Luke Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of IFT. On June 7, 2017, Luke Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of IASCO Flight Training (IFT), met with CWU leadership and announced the company's intent to withdraw from its contractual relationship with the University in spring of 2018, allowing students now in the program to complete the phase of flight training for which they are currently enrolled.

After a lengthy discussion, the board recommended the following motion:

Motion 17-27: Mr. Erickson moved that the Board of Trustees of Central Washington University endorses continuation of the university's aviation degree programs and development of the university's own flight training programs, subject to approval of a detailed project plan to be submitted to the board no later than June 23, 2017, and authorizes the administration in the meantime to proceed with such arrangements as may be necessary to ensure uninterrupted flight training for its aviation students, which was seconded by Ms. Black.

Linda Schactler conducted roll call on the proposed motion. Motion approved.

Next Meeting

Chair Thompson announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be a telephonic meeting some time the last week of June. The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.



Linda Schactler, Secretary to the
Board of Trustees
Central Washington University



Keith Thompson, Chair
Board of Trustees
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