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Board of Trustees Minutes
Committee of the Whole
December 4, 2009

Approved Feb 5, 2010

Trustees Present
Mr. Dan Dixon
Mr. Sid Morrison, Chair
Ms. Patricia Notter
Ms. Kate Reardon
Ms. Annette Sandberg
Mr. Moses Squeochs
Mr. Keith Thompson, Vice Chair
Mr. Brent Weisel

Others Present
Dr. James L. Gaudino, President
Ms. Sherer Holter, Chief of Staff
Ms. Judy B. Miller, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Tracy Pellett, Associate Vice President for Undergraduate/Interdisciplinary Studies
Mr. Alan Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Elizabeth Street, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Charlotte Tullos, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Bill Vertrees, Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs

Reconvened at 9:17 a.m.

Academic Affairs – Kate Reardon, chair
The 2010 summer session budget proposal was discussed [Item 5]. Proposed fee increases are consistent with academic year tuition increases. Unlike the academic year, students pay by the credit. Enrollment is expected to increase, but the proposed budget is based on a flat enrollment model. Student financial aid and use of revenues by colleges and departments during the academic year were also reviewed.

Following a review of a proposed research conflict of interest policy, retired economics professor Dr. Richard Mack presented an overview of the process an academic task force is using to analyze majors and minors. The task force developed a model, gathered quantitative and qualitative data, and will organize program evaluations from the information gathered. All academic programs are reviewed every five years; this study is accelerated. Mr. Morrison complimented the group for a thoughtful, methodical process. A summary of the task force report will be distributed to the board.

Once every seven years, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education [NCATE] reviews our teacher education programs. Our last full review in 2007 produced two recommendations. Through a recent virtual review process, evaluators examined our submissions regarding the two unmet standards and have indicated that all standards have now been met. The next full review will occur in 2015.

The trustees also discussed Item 6, Academic Code Changes, which contains two recommendations—a membership adjustment to the Curriculum Committee and a proposal to grant emeritus status to retiring non-tenure-track
faculty, and Item 7, a proposal to approve a bachelor’s degree program in middle level mathematics and science teaching. Central would be the first institution in the state to offer the degree program.

**Business, Finance, and Audit – Keith Thompson, chair**
Trustees reviewed the current year’s operating budget spending detail [Item 9] and, following discussion, indicated that they would prefer to see an aggregate budget including both state and nonstate funds. The Hogue project [Item 11] and Aviation Building acceptance [Item 12] were reviewed. Consistent with the thirty-year Housing Master Plan, a proposal to continue with plans for a new residence hall was discussed [Item 13]. A more complete briefing on the bonding process for new residence hall construction will be presented to the board in March. New trustees will also receive a briefing on the Housing Master Plan.

**Resource Development – Patricia Notter, chair**
Ms. Notter reviewed Item 14, a summary of gifts to the CWU Foundation, and discussed the process for a future capital campaign. University Relations has requested a change of name for their division to University Advancement.

**Student Affairs – Annette Sandberg, chair**
Ms. Sandberg praised Dr. Tullos and her staff for their enrollment successes. John Swiney, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, reviewed freshmen and transfer admission increases for winter and spring 2010, student demographics, recruitment strategies, and remediation efforts. Jesse Nelson, chair of a retention task force, briefed the board on retention initiatives designed to support students through early intervention. Services and Activities Fees supplemental allocations [Item 17] were reviewed.

*Recessed at 11:15 a.m. for a tour of Wendell Hill Hall and lunch in Wendell Hill Hall Multipurpose Room, Building B, 1st Floor*