

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Diversity and Inclusion Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Swearing In of New Staff Regent**

Mayor Robert Blythe administered the Oath of Office to new Staff Regent Philip Gump at 12:10 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Juan Castro called the meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee to order at 12:11 P.M. Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Castro established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Juan Castro  
Laura Babbage  
Vasu Vasudevan  
Jason Marion  
Madison Lipscomb

**Committee Members Absent**

Nancy Collins

**Action Item**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- i. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Diversity and Inclusion Committee Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2019, meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Lipscomb. The motion passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Committee Chair Castro requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Marion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Vasudevan. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee was thereby adjourned at 12:16 P.M.

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Student Life and Athletics Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Vasu Vasudevan called the meeting of the Student Life and Athletics Committee to order at 12:17 p.m. in Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Vasudevan established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Vasu Vasudevan  
Laura Babbage  
Jason Marion  
Madison Lipscomb  
Lynn Taylor Tye

**Committee Members Absent**

Nancy Collins

**Information Items**

**A. Introduction of Vice President and Director of Athletics, Matt Roan**

Matt Roan gave a brief presentation regarding the present state and future outlook of EKU Athletics, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. Regents Babbage, Vasudevan, and Marion requested attendance metrics at athletic events. Chair Diaz requested quarterly updates from the Athletics department moving forward.

**Action Item**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- i. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Student Life and Athletics Committee Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019, meeting of the Student Life and Athletics Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**ii. Approval of the SGA Constitutional Amendment**

Regent Lipscomb shared an amendment expanding the number of Justices on Student Court from nine to fifteen. The amendment was proposed due to a large increase in student interest in serving on Student Court. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the SGA Constitutional Amendment. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. The motion passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Committee Chair Vasudevan requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Marion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting of the Student Life and Athletics Committee was thereby adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Audit and Compliance Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Alan Long called the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee to order at 12:42 p.m. in Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Long established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Alan Long  
Juan Castro  
Laura Babbage  
Jason Marion  
Lynn Taylor Tye

**Committee Members Absent**

Nancy Collins

**Action Item**

**A. Consent Agenda**

**i. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Audit and Compliance Committee Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

Hearing no objection, Committee Chair Long declared the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Finance and Administration Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Lynn Taylor Tye called the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee to order at 12:43 p.m. in Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Tye established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Lynn Taylor Tye  
Alan Long  
Vasu Vasudevan  
Juan Castro  
Janice Sword Way  
Philip Gump

**Committee Members Absent**

None

**Information Items**

**A. Financial Update**

Mr. Barry Poynter, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the financial update to the Board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

**B. Construction Update**

Mr. Brian Wilcox, Associate Vice President of Facilities Services and Capital Planning, presented a capital project update to the Board concerning the completion of the Powell Student Center and Student Recreation Center, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

### **C. Development Update**

Ms. Betina Gardner, Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement, gave a development update to the Board regarding progress in the Make No Little Plans campaign and alumni engagement, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Consent Agenda**

##### **i. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote.

##### **ii. Approval of Easement for Kit Carson Commons Project**

Ms. Dana Fohl updated the Board regarding the easement necessary for the previously Board-approved construction of low-income housing units and instructional space in the lower Perkins lot by Lancaster Avenue. A motion was made by Regent Way to approve the easement. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Committee Chair Tye requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Castro to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Vasudevan. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee was thereby adjourned at 1:32 p.m.



**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Organizational Performance, Enrollment Growth and Student Success Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Jason Marion called the meeting of the Organizational Performance, Enrollment Growth and Student Success Committee to order at 1:32 p.m. at Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Marion established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Jason Marion  
Lynn Taylor Tye  
Laura Babbage  
Madison Lipscomb  
Philip Gump

**Committee Members Absent**

Nancy Collins

**Information Items**

**A. Enrollment Summit Update**

Dr. Tanlee Wasson, Assistant Vice President of institutional Effectiveness and Research, presented an update on the Enrollment Summit, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

**Action Item**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- i. **Approval of the December 12, 2019 Organizational Performance, Enrollment Growth and Student Success Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Organizational Performance, Enrollment Growth & Student Success Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote.

**ii. Revision to Academic Policies**

Dr. Sherry Robinson presented two academic policy revisions to the Board: Policy 4.6.3, Determining Faculty Rank for Appointments, and Policy 4.7.8, Faculty Emeritus. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve both policies. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote.

**iii. Revision to Administrative Policies**

Haley Norberg presented the following policies for adoption by the Board: Policy 1.3.1, Animals on Campus, Policy 1.3.5, Website Accessibility, Policy 8.3.10, Campaigning Activity of Employees, Policy 9.1.1, Service, Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages, Policy 9.3.4, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Policy 9.4.2, Utility Cart Safety, and Policy 11.2.5, Social Media Communications. Policy 1.1.2, Authorization for Regulations, Policy 4.7.6, Political Activity of Faculty, and Policy 8.3.3, Political Activity of Staff were presented for repeal. Regent Gump made a motion to amend the title of Policy 1.3.5 to “Website and Other Technology Accessibility.” The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve all of Ms. Norberg’s recommendations and Regent Gump’s amendment. The motion was seconded by Regent Lipscomb. The motions passed by voice vote.

**iv. Revision to Model Laboratory School Policies**

Ms. Dana Fohl presented editorial revisions to the Model Laboratory School policies on behalf on John Williamson. Regent Babbage asked Regent Tye, who serves on the Model advisory council to report to the Board regarding the Model Laboratory School. A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the proposed changes to the Model Laboratory School Policies. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

Hearing no objection, Committee Chair Marion declared the meeting of the Organizational Performance, Enrollment Growth & Student Success Committee adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

**Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents  
Executive and Academic Affairs Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Lewis Diaz called the meeting of the Executive and Academic Affairs Committee to order at 2:23 p.m. in Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University. Committee Chair Diaz established a quorum was present.

**Committee Members Present**

Lewis Diaz  
Juan Castro  
Jason Marion  
Vasu Vasudevan  
Lynn Taylor Tye  
Alan Long

**Committee Members Absent**

None

**Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda**

**i. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Executive and Academic Affairs Committee Minutes**

A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Executive and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed by voice vote.

**ii. Personnel Actions**

President McFaddin references the Personnel Report provided to the Board and encouraged Board approval. A copy of this report is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote.

**iii. Approval of Nominees for Staff Emeritus**

Ms. Ashley Thacker gave a brief presentation of the nominees for Staff Emeritus. A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the Nominees. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed by voice vote.

iv. **Recommended Sabbatical Program Participants for 2020-2021**

Dr. Sherry Robinson presented the candidates for the 2020-2021 Sabbatical Program. A motion was made by Regent Marion to approve the Recommended Sabbatical Program Participants for 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote.

i. **Report from the Council on Academic Affairs**

Dr. Sherry Robinson requested approval of a fully-online Masters in Social Work program, and an Associate's of Science Degree in Nursing. A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve the Masters in Social Work. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. A motion was made by Regent Long to approve Associate's degree in Nursing. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve the Council on Academic Affairs report. The motion was seconded by Regent Marion. All motions passed by voice vote.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business and hearing no objection, Committee Chair Diaz declared the meeting of the Executive and Academic Affairs Committee adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

**Minutes of a Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Board of Regents**

**February 28, 2020**

**Room 219  
Powell Student Center  
Eastern Kentucky University**

**Call to Order**

A regular quarterly meeting of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents convened at 2:32 p.m. in Room 219, Powell Student Center, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky. Mr. Lewis Diaz, Chair of the Board, presided. The following members of the Board were present:

**Present**

Mr. Lewis Diaz  
Mr. Alan Long  
Mr. Juan Castro  
Ms. Laura Babbage  
Dr. Jason Marion  
Ms. Lynn Taylor Tye  
Mr. Vasu Vasudevan  
Ms. Janice Sword Way  
Ms. Madison Lipscomb  
Mr. Philip Gump  
Mr. Bryan Makinen, Corporate Secretary

**Absent**

Ms. Nancy Collins

**Others Present**

Dr. David McFaddin, Interim President  
Ms. Dana Fohl, University Counsel  
Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik, Interim Executive Vice President for Academics and Provost  
Dr. Gene Palka, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management  
Mr. Barry Poynter, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Mr. Robert Blythe, Mayor of Richmond, Kentucky  
Members of the faculty, staff and media

## **Election of Officers**

Regent Marion made a motion to name Bryan Makinen as Secretary of the Board, Barry Poynter as secretary of the Board, Alan Long as Vice Chair of the Board, and Lewis Diaz as Chair of the Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Vasudevan. The motion passed by voice vote.

## **Information Items**

Chair Diaz asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the passing of Shelia Pressley, the Dean of the College of Health Sciences.

### **A. Staff Reports**

#### **1. Mr. Ethan Witt, Legislative Update**

Mr. Ethan Witt, Director of Government & Community Relations, gave a legislative update to the Board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

#### **2. Dr. Tom Martin, Innovation Fund Presentations**

The Innovation Fund Committee reviewed seventeen application to the Board of Regent's Innovation fund. Of those seventeen, four finalists were introduced to the Board by Tom Martin. The four presentations are incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. Regent Babbage made a motion to grant all four proposals. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **B. Additional Reports to the Board**

#### **1. Dr. Marco Ciocca, Faculty Senate Chair**

Faculty Senate Chair Marco Ciocca delivered the following report:

[Faculty Senate Chair Ciocca submitted a written report to the Board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.]

Thank you, Chair Diaz. You have my report. Pretty short. Pretty boring, especially after what we just heard. I have the happy moment of following what they just presented. These are faculty members. These are my "peeps" if you will allow me that. So of course I feel proud. I feel not as smart as them. Anyway, you have my report. I am glad to see that at least one of my committees on the Senate is doing what it is supposed to do. We started this with the Chair last year, and I was able to make it continue. So we are doing good. If you have any questions for me, I will take them now.

#### **2. Ms. Ashley Thacker, Staff Council Vice Chair**

Ms. Ashley Thacker, Vice Chair of Staff Council, delivered the following report:

I am here on behalf of Caelin Scott, who is the Chair, but she is at home with a sweet new baby boy. So you have me today instead.

Our latest order of business has been Staff Regent elections. Before I elaborate even more though, Bryan [Makinen], thank you so much for being an amazing Staff Regent representative, just with charisma, with communication, everything, you are outstanding. And you were so inspiring that we had seven candidates for Staff Regent, even for the remainder of his term. So with that being said, obviously we know who won. Philip [Gump], welcome. You are so detailed oriented. You are going to serve staff very well.

So with that, I will leave off the programming. It will be in the report. But we are currently filling three vacant positions within Staff Council and looking at evaluating membership to see how we can retain members longer and changing membership structure. And that is all I have.

### **3. Ms. Madison Lipscomb, President, Student Government Association**

SGA President Ms. Madison Lipscomb delivered the following report:

Good afternoon! SGA has been very busy these last few months. First, I want to thank all of you who were able to attend our meeting to discuss the first phase of our IEID program, IEID being Initiative for Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity. And I want to emphasize the importance of that “Phase 1” phrase. As much of a show we can put on as having it all together and knowing exactly what to do. We are still students and while we have the ideas, we sometimes don’t know how to start the process. Our “Phase 1” was a chance to sit down with those we knew would point us in the right direction. It was not at all a final presentation nor is it the final plan. We wanted to bounce our ideas with much more experience than us. And I apologize if it seemed as though we were there presenting our final plan as that was not at all the case. With all of that being said, we just finished up our first annual Dr. Shelia Pressley Memorial Diversity Week. It was an amazing week full of hard but necessary conversations. We plan on taking what we learned this week and using it to ensure an inclusive and equitable SGA and campus. So per the request of Regent Marion, I will go ahead and read the legislation for you guys.

Whereas, Dr. Sheila Pressley has undoubtedly left an impact on Eastern Kentucky University’s Campus as the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, the first African-American to chair Eastern’s Faculty Senate, a member of Kentucky’s Demilitarization Citizens’ Advisory Commission, and a member of the Environmental Health Committee of the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Whereas, Dean Pressley was an inspiration to the students in her college, Eastern Kentucky University, and beyond. Dr. Pressley believed that Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion is not just about ensuring representative numbers. Dr. Pressly embodied the belief that equity can only be achieved through

positive changes in our behaviors, seeking to minimize the potential for negative impact in how we operate, through ensuring equality of opportunity and appropriately enabling representation.

Whereas, Dr. Pressley was kind-hearted, passionate, service-minded, student-centered, and an influential leader in the health sciences field; and, the University. Dean Pressley was among the first panelists, proponents, and advocates in the First Annual Inclusion Panel which inspired this year's Diversity Week.

Whereas, It is of the utmost respect and admiration to praise and celebrate the lasting impact of members of the Eastern community that have passed; be it, therefore,

Enacted, The Eastern Kentucky University Student Government Association would wish to annually honor the Diversity Week to the "Dr. Sheila Pressley Memorial Diversity Week".

Also, this is something that I was hoping to bring to the Board of Regents. If anyone has been to a Senate meeting, you have experienced this. Which is the aspect of knocking. Has anybody ever been to a Senate meeting and experienced knocking? That's right. So it is a sign of approval. I think sometimes in these meetings, everyone is so enclosed, everyone is so formal, that they don't want to express too much support for something. But something we do in Senate is if you are in support of something, we knock. So just saying, 'I hear you and I agree with you.' So if that's something that we could pick up in the Board of Regents, I think that would be really cool.

It is nearing the point where I will become irrelevant—a lame duck of sorts, as elections are right around the corner. Elections are an interesting time for SGA. No matter how hard we work, students just don't seem to notice just how much of an impact the SGA election has on them. Last election, we saw around a 3% voter turnout. This is honestly unacceptable. I know there are some faculty and staff in the room—please inform your students of the election. Tell them to educate themselves on the process and function of SGA or I would be more than happy to come and speak to your classes myself. Our candidate profiles will be posted on our website as well as important dates to know.

It is also nearing my favorite event of the year and my probably one and only legacy I will leave on SGA, the Airing of Grievances. I could stand up here and talk all day about the importance psychological safety in an educational environment, but I'd never shut up. Being able to sit face to face with administrators and talk about issues on campus means so much to students. We feel as though we are being heard. For any of you that were there last year, please let me know if you have any suggestions on how we can make this event even better. And lastly, hopefully at our next meeting I will be presenting the results of a Student Engagement and Campus Climate survey. Some of you may know I am a mini researcher in training with one completed paper and currently co-authoring another with hopes of publication. So again, faculty and staff—please be my branches out to students. Encourage them to take the survey as it will only benefit them. Thank you again



for being here today. If the Board of Regents, faculty, staff, other administrator needs anything from SGA, please feel free to reach out.

#### **4. Dr. David McFaddin, Interim President**

Interim President David McFaddin delivered the following report:

This is my first chance to address the ECU Board of Regents since I was appointed interim president on December 12 at the last Board meeting. I want to sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead my alma mater during this time. We have been able to hit the ground running, doing the work of the University to give our students the best education and college experience possible.

It has been a very busy first 45 days for me and the campus leadership. We must be diligent now because we have some challenges that need to be addressed. We also have important opportunities we must capitalize on. But most of you know my work ethic and know you have my commitment to work diligently to make ECU better today than it was yesterday.

Assessing where the University is and what steps we need to take to provide the best experience for our students has been invigorating and enlightening. My first set of priorities has been created by taking a critical look at all facets of the university. We have some challenges in enrollment that are absolutely critical to the success of ECU. As a regional university, we are not alone in facing enrollment challenges. But enrollment is the most critical component of ECU's success because the vast majority of our operating budget today comes from student tuition.

We have spent time with our state leaders in the last week, and it is very impactful to hear our Governor touting the fact ECU does exceptional work in serving our first generation students, highlighting some of our most outstanding programs and recognizing we are number one at putting graduates to work right here in Kentucky. It is also a welcome reprieve that his budget does not cut higher education further. This is the first time in 14 years that we find ourselves in this situation. But from our many meetings with state leaders, it is obvious our great Commonwealth continues to have far more needs that it has resources to support those worthwhile and needed programs. While there are many who want to invest, it does not appear as though there is more money for higher education funding right now. We were able to have productive dialog about the performance funding model and continue to ring the alarm bells about the imminent threat of the unfunded liability of the state pension system. As with all legislative sessions and state budgets, it's difficult to make a solid predictive outcome even halfway through the session.

Its good news in a sense that ECU and higher education does not appear to be facing cuts, but it also means that we must seize the opportunity to grow our enrollment and use the funds to increase our commitment to our students and to our outstanding employees. To that end, earlier this month our Vice President of Student Success and Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Tanlee Wasson, and her team coordinated a day-long enrollment summit she discussed earlier in this meeting. Nearly 70 participants from all areas of campus gathered to discuss our current state of enrollment. I, along with members of the cabinet, deans, and other campus leaders, began the complex conversations about how we can positively affect enrollment. As outlined earlier by Dr.

Wasson, we have identified a set of aspirational goals and key strategies that will help us win at strategic enrollment growth.

On Wednesday of this week, we re-convened the group to develop innovative strategies addressing many vital areas. These areas include:

- Online students
- Underrepresented minorities
- Out-of-state students
- Transfer students
- Graduate students
- Financial aid
- ...and other elements critical to student success

We are finalizing a comprehensive plan that's coming in the very near future, with key strategy execution going on right now. Some of the most impactful work involves our premiere academic programs and our outstanding faculty developing, reshaping, and delivering new and innovative programs that will meet the needs of our students, stimulate our economy, and continue our position as a leader in academic excellence.

On Tuesday I testified in Frankfort along with Rep. Deanna Frazier about the Model Laboratory School and specifically the importance of HB 366 to the future of Model Lab and ECU's education mission. I'm happy to report that HB 366 passed out of the House Education Committee unanimously. Model has been an integral part of ECU for more than a century. While we didn't agree with the former Education Commissioner's decision to put Model in a position to need legislation to continue as the state's only laboratory school, we have passed the first test with flying colors. HB 366 will need to pass the full House, then on to the Senate and ultimately the governor's office. I want to stress is this a multi-step process, while HB 366 codifies Model's existence, we will also require a budget appropriation as well. Through an immense amount of preparation, collaboration, and advocacy, we are well on our way to a permanent solution.

I want to thank our Director of Government Affairs, Ethan Witt, for an amazing Colonels at the Capitol day on Tuesday. We met with important alumni, most of the state's constitutional officers, key members of the Senate and House, and Governor Andy Beshear. It was a full day of meetings and advocating for ECU. Thank you, Ethan!

Lastly, as a regional university in the south, there are cultural issues we must identify and work to improve so that everyone who comes to ECU feels included and at ease at home. To that end, Ashley Offutt has been appointed as the Interim Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs. Ashley is committed to the success of ECU students and strives to give voice to diverse perspectives. Also, the President's Inclusive Excellence Advisory Council is forming subcommittees that will meet soon. Individuals composing the committees are identified. I look forward to reviewing the innovative work of these teams. It will strengthen our continued outreach and support of the underrepresented minority populations at ECU.

Finally, I want to thank Betina Gardner as her Alumni Relations and Development team for an amazing set of engagement events in Florida earlier this month. These events provided an incredible opportunity to update alumni, donors, and friends on the state of the institution, our comprehensive campaign goals, key accomplishments, and highlight some of the outstanding support we get from so many dedicated Colonels! I would be remiss if I did not thank our event hosts Lucky Meisenheimer and Jim and Matt Guice. And a very special thank you to our Foundation Board Chair Maribeth Berman for making a special trip to educate, engage, and encourage attendees in helping us finish this \$50 million campaign! Maribeth's support of EKV with her leadership, her passion and her philanthropy is the Maroon standard for service and commitment to EKV.

The challenges are great, but so are our opportunities. We have the team, the vision, and the unwavering will to win that is necessary to ensure that our best days are ahead. It's a great time to be a Colonel, and I'm humbled to be able to lead the university in this important phase of the institution's history.

## **5. Lewis Diaz, Chair**

In the interest of time, Chair Lewis Diaz ceded his opportunity to deliver a report.

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Consent Agenda**

Chair Diaz presented to the full Board the following items on the Consent Agenda for approval:

- i. **Approval of the Minutes for the Full Board Meeting on December 12, 2019**
- ii. **Personnel Actions**
- iii. **Approval of Nominees for Staff Emeritus**
- iv. **Recommended Sabbatical Program Participants for 2020-2021**
- v. **Report from the Council on Academic Affairs**
- vi. **Revision to Academic Policies**
- vii. **Revision to Administrative Policies**
- viii. **Revision to Model Laboratory School Policies**
- ix. **Approval of SGA Constitutional Amendment**

A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the slate of consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Approval of Easement for Kit Carson Commons Project**

A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the easement for the Kit Carson Commons project. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by roll-call vote.

**C. Approval of 2020 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Dates**

Chair Diaz recommended June 4, September 10, and December 10 as the dates for the remaining regularly scheduled Board meetings in 2020. Regent Long requested that future meetings begin in the morning rather than the afternoon. Regent Way indicated she may have a conflict with the December date.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Executive Session**

Chair Diaz entertained a motion pursuant to KRS 61.815 to enter closed session for the purposes stated in KRS 61.810(1)(n), a meeting of the selection committee for RFP 116-20 (the Presidential search contract) pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(n). A motion was made to go into executive session by Regent Long. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed by voice vote, and the Board, thereby, convened in closed, executive session at 4:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to come out of executive session and return to the open session of the Board of Regents meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote and Board of Regents thereby returned to open session at 4:48 p.m. Chair Diaz noted that no action was taken during closed session

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Diaz requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Regent Marion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting was thereby adjourned at 4:49 p.m.



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Bryan Makinen

June 30, 2020

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Date