

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

June 17, 2021

9 a.m.

**Stage, ECU Center for the Arts
(Primary Physical Location)**

Call to Order

A regular quarterly meeting of Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents was called to order by Mr. Lewis Diaz, Chair of the Board, on June 17, 2021, at 9:01 a.m. at the ECU Center for the Arts, with one Board member participating via video teleconference. University Counsel, Dana Fohl, established that a quorum was established.

Present

Mr. Lewis Diaz
Mr. Alan Long
Mr. Eyouel Mekonnen
Dr. Jason Marion
Mr. Juan Castro
Ms. Laura Babbage
Ms. Nancy Collins
Mr. Philip Gump
Mr. Mike Eaves
Ms. Lynn Taylor Tye
Mr. Vasu Vasudevan (via video teleconference)

Absent

None

Others Present

Dr. David T. McFaddin, President
Mr. Barry Poynter, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Bethany Miller, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Research
Ms. Betina Gardner, Vice President for University Development and Alumni Engagement,
Executive Director of ECU Foundation
Ms. Dana Fohl, University Counsel
Dr. Bryan Makinen, Associate VP, Facilities & Safety
Mr. Doug Cornett, Assistant Vice President of Communications & Brand Management
Ms. Haley Norberg, J.D., Director of Policy Development
Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik, Executive President for Academics and Provost
Mr. Matt Roan, Vice President and Director of Athletics

Dr. Ryan Wilson, Executive Director of the Office of the President
Ms. Tanlee Wasson, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management
Ms. Loni Yost, Executive Director for Student Life and First Year Experience
Dr. Tom Martin, Associate Provost for Research & Economic Development

Information Items

A. University Reports

1. Pete Ugo and Regent Long, Audit Plan by Crowe Horwath, LLP

Mr. Pete Ugo, Partner at Crowe LLP, gave a brief presentation regarding the upcoming year-end audit, which detailed, amongst other things, the audit practices and deadlines for fiscal year 2021, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. Regent Long noted his satisfaction with the audit plan as presented.

2. Matt Roan, Department of Athletics Update

Matt Roan, Vice President and Director of Athletics, updated the Board about the many accomplishments in athletics during the spring 2021 semester and expectations and goals for the upcoming fall semester, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

Chair Diaz, President McFaddin, and Director Roan noted that there is a 110% increase in market in the cities where the athletic teams will compete under the ASUN. President McFaddin and Regent Babbage commended Director Roan on his management of athletics at ECU. Regent Castro asked for updates on the basketball team, soccer facility, and marching band. Regent Collins commended the student athletes for their impressive academic achievements.

3. Dr. Tanlee Wasson, Dr. Dannie Moore, and Matt Roan, Exceptional Eastern Experience Update

Dr. Tanlee Wasson, Vice President of Student Success and Institutional Effectiveness, and Ms. Loni Yost, Executive Director for Student Life and First Year Experience, and MR. Matt Roan, Vice President and Director of Athletics, updated the Board on enrollment, recruitment, retention, and engagement activities on campus, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

Regent Babbage applauded the efforts of the university and Student Success for making it easier for students to receive answers to their questions for a successful experience. Regent Marion followed up by asking if the University was adequately staffed and equipped to respond efficiently for retention and recruitment needs on campus. The President noted that the University is doing everything in its power to be responsive, grow, and increase in excellence. Chair Diaz noted that what ECU may lack in quantity, it more than makes up for in quality. Regent Mekonnen noted the importance of using students for recruitment purposes both in his own life and generally for the

University. Dr. Wasson noted there are plans to increase the number of student recruiters in high schools in the coming years.

4. Barry Poynter, Financial Update

Barry Poynter, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented a financial update detailing the University's current financial position, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

Regent Marion and Regent Castro commended those who had a hand in the crafting of the 2020-2021 budget and its execution.

[At 10:23, the Chair announced a recess. The meeting resumed at 10:42.]

B. Additional Reports to the Board

1. Written Reports

a. Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Richard Crosby, Chair of Faculty Senate, 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.

b. Staff Council Update

Dr. Caelin Scott, Chair of Staff Council, 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.

c. Student Government Association Update

Mr. Eyouel Mekonnen, President of the Student Government Association, 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.

Regent Mekonnen introduced Ms. Jenna Smith and Mr. Ken Nguyen as the new President and Vice President of the Student Government Association.

2. Dr. David T. McFaddin, President

President McFaddin delivered the following report, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

Since our last regular board meeting, the landscape of higher education has changed significantly. Access to vaccinations, including a vaccination clinic on our campus, and the complicated and diligent work done by our COVID-19 response team have made planning for a full reopening in the fall possible. In May, we had our first in-person commencement since Dec. 2019. The pandemic will not be forgotten quickly, but the lingering effects will not prevent us from providing an exceptional, in-person University experience for our students, faculty, and staff.

Budget

We have had some challenges in the last few recruitment cycles. We continue to see fewer students overall graduating high school across the nation and in Kentucky. Combine those facts with the impact of a global pandemic and it is not hard to see why we are seeing a significantly delayed and altered recruitment cycle. However, during challenges and chaos there is always opportunity. We have seized this moment to lead the change instead of the change leading us. We have focused on innovation, entrepreneurial opportunities and reinvigorated what it means for ECU to be The School of Opportunity. We have had to be creative and nimble in the budgetary process, and because of those factors, this budget will meet our needs and help us become excellent in all things we choose to do going forward.

We will have a balanced budget as we close this current fiscal year on June 30th. Thoughtful budget reductions, systematic cost controls and strategic investments were all part of how we got to this point today. Looking forward into next year we estimate an increase of about \$2.5 million in traditional revenue and \$1.8 million in eCampus revenue. In addition, two new fees will produce an estimated \$2.6 million in revenue to support essential services and exceptional experiences for our students.

Investments in our **Students**: BookSmart \$5,900,000

Investments in our **Students**: Scholarship Reallocations \$4,900,000

Investments in our **Employees**: Recurring Base Salary Adjustments \$1,700,000

Investments in our **Programs**: eCampus \$1,400,000

Investments in our **Programs**: Student Athletic Opportunities \$1,300,000

Investments in our **Students**: Exceptional Eastern Experiences \$1,100,000

Investments in our **Programs**: Center for STEM Excellence \$406,000

Investments in **Student Services**: Call Center/One-Stop Shop \$360,000

Investments in **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** \$255,000

Investments in our **Employees:** Annual Faculty Promotions \$236,000

This budgeting cycle is unusual. We have one-time monies that are a part of creating a balanced budget. We must understand that the relief funds give us a year to innovate, to invest in success and ultimately find long-term solutions. We will do it by examining cost-effectiveness, student demand for programs, campus logistics, physical plant, and other key areas of campus.

Exceptional Eastern Experience

For the last 18 months, we have made prudent, health-conscious, and responsible decisions to ensure the health, mental health, and wellbeing of our students and employees.

Because of our diligence, we have reached a point where our “NEXT” normal is being realized. We must create new, amazing, student-focused experiences across the school year on our campus. We want to provide opportunities for engagement, entertainment, and mesh together our student-athlete experiences with events where the whole campus can participate. We call this the E3, or Exceptional Eastern Experience.

The plan will include:

- Four anchor events across the academic year enhanced by daily programmed engagement events.
- These events will include live music, comedians, fireside chats, food, educational programming and other high-demand student interaction events
- Wrap around athletic activities: pep rallies, bonfires, live music/DJs, tailgating, and fan buses
- Expanded connector events from campus life, rec center, music and theatre performances, and the Center for the Arts

Dean Searches

The College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences continues to interview candidates.

The College of Business had many applicants, and we plan to select a number of semi-finalists during the first week of June. We'll host the finalists the week of June 21, with an August 1 hire date goal.

The College of Justice and Safety has gotten a leadership profile developed and plans recruitment through summer. We'll get a pool of applicants in the fall and plan a December hire date goal.

New Programs

We must assess the demands of the job market, the students, and provide opportunities for programmatic advancement and enhancement as dynamics rapidly change. We are offering four new degrees and several new certificates to meet the demand for higher education in growing fields. This fall we will be offering the following new degrees and certificates:

- B.S. in Global Hospitality
- B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences (Teaching)
- M.S. in Instructional Design and Learning Technology
- Online MBA
- Certificates in Gastronomic (Food) Tourism, Sustainable Hospitality, and Banking and Financial Services

New Projects

As we continue to assess the programmatic changes necessary to serve the needs of the student population, we must also assess the physical plant to ensure we're offering the best possible ECU student experience. We plan a number of upgrades and improvements across our campus, including classroom improvements that will focus on spaces where our first and second-year students most often have class such as the Wallace Building, and others too. We plan to modernize the Giles Gallery as a laboratory space for student and professional art exhibitions, with a renewed focus on arts-related projects and events. We plan an expansion of the Psychology Clinic space with the goal of becoming a regional leader in the mental and behavioral health sectors. This will include collaboration with the ECU Counseling Center and across colleges. We also plan to complete the reorganization of our colleges and plan a feasibility study for ECU to have its own School of Engineering.

2021 Legislative Session

The 2021 legislative session was a success in several areas for the University, with several "pro-Eastern" bills passing, helping us in our budgetary pursuits, providing us partial ownership and voting rights in the Central Kentucky Airport, performance funding and major concessions in our

contribution to the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS), with a subsidy in year one of Eastern's recalculated KERS obligation.

The airport legislation will allow us to begin a construction project for the Aviation program at the Central Kentucky Airport.

Community Projects

Construction at the Central Kentucky Airport is awaiting water and sewer infrastructure upgrades but will give ECU Aviation a space to call its own at the airport, which will significantly increase the ability to deliver world-class instruction and is another benefit of having an ownership stake in the airport.

The Historic Homes Working Group has had several meetings now with key community stakeholders and has seen significant progress made at the J. Stone Walker House on Lancaster Ave. Inspections of the Walker House show it's in moderate disrepair, but also show no significant structural damage, solid bones and enough structural integrity that the property can be considered for some strategic partnership opportunities.

The next phase of the project is complex, but very exciting. The group is actively working with local leaders, private citizens, and historic-minded organizations and individuals to come up with ideas on financing, executing, and perpetuating the best and highest use for the historic property and some others. In addition, the group is working toward improving some of the other properties the University owns with beautification projects on Oak Street.

Inclusive Excellence

Eastern Kentucky University has approved a newly created inclusive excellence statement that reflects where we stand as a University on equity and inclusion. It will be added to ECU student recruitment materials, job postings, and will be available for everyone to use on their websites.

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), is deeply committed to enriching diversity, equity, and inclusion through ongoing efforts to cultivate a sense of belonging for all ECU community members. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are more than meeting a numerical goal at ECU. It is fundamental to our mission as a school of opportunity. We will strive to provide an inclusive

academic curriculum, promote equity and access in recruitment and retention, and develop meaningful partnerships with our diverse region. As an institution of higher education, we are committed to engaging in dialogues that lead to responsible action to thoughtfully address the changing realities of our diverse and global world.

On that note, our Council on Postsecondary Diversity Report has improved dramatically since our last score of 16 out of 36 in 2018-2019. Our 2019-2020 score is 32 out of 36. We received scores of 14/18 on quantitative measures and 18/18 on qualitative measures. That score was tied for most of any four-year institution. It's my goal to build upon these successes as we work to make EKU the most diverse, equitable, inclusive, welcoming, and safest institution in the Commonwealth.

Creating our "Next" Normal

With adversity and challenge comes opportunities for growth, reassessment, and change. In the first year of my presidency, we made an emergency move to online classes, and instituted a number of health and safety measures, and saw our normal operations altered in unimaginable ways. We are now entering the other side of that time and now is the opportunity to chart our course as an institution moving forward. On July 1st we will take a major step in that direction as we join the ASUN Athletic Conference as a full member with all the rights and privileges of membership. This move forward will put our institution in some of the fastest growing markets in the nation, enhance our opportunities for students, fans and our community and it will reconnect us with over 100,000 living alumni who live and work in this newly formed footprint. We seek to do all things from a position of strength and we absolutely "Expect to Win" in all things we do. As we move forward into what is next, our watchword and true north will be: EXCELLENCE. EKU will be excellent in everything we choose to do. It's an exciting time to be a Colonel, and I look forward to creating the next great chapter in Eastern Kentucky University history together with you. Go Big E!

Regent Castro noted that EKU has chosen to invest in veterans' affairs. Regent Gump thanked the President for his commitment to salary increases and noted that all full-time employees can expect a one-thousand-dollar base increase beginning in July 2021. Regent Babbage expressed her thanks to the President for his continued efforts to improve the Eastern Experience for every member of the EKU community.

3. Mr. Lewis Diaz, Chair of the Board

Chair Lewis Diaz delivered the following report, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes.

First, I thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Chair.

But foremost, I thank every student, faculty, staff, administrator, and board member for your unwavering commitment to EKU. A year ago, we understood that we faced challenges that were unprecedented in modern times. Yet, we also knew that if we stayed focused, we could achieve desirable outcomes in the face of adversity.

Early in the summer of 2020, we invited student athletes back to campus and worked through the NCAA safety protocols that would eventually inform how we would proceed in safely bringing students back our campus and our residence halls.

We worked through weeks of uncertainty to figure out what type of student experience might we offer in the fall? While our peer institutions were quick to cancel student activities and move all learning to on-line, EKU developed a thoughtful comeback plan while also building partnerships with public health agencies, healthcare providers, the Governor's office (including Dr. Stack) all to create the infrastructure needed to preserve many important aspects of EKU's residential student experience during the fall of 2020. Perhaps the most objective evidence of how well we performed is found in our on-campus events. Every week that EKU's Band was able to practice, every week that our now national champion cheerleaders were able to prepare, and our athletics teams were able to compete, inspired confidence that our staff, faculty, and students had the discipline to do the right things to enable us to preserve a residential student experience. As we close the books on the 2020-2021 school year, I look back and marvel at how well EKU performed. I have a tremendous appreciation for everyone that is associated with our school, from the custodian to the cafeteria worker, from the adjunct faculty to the deans, from the health care workers to the contact tracers. You all made it work and you have given us cause to believe that the 2022 school year is going to be outstanding.

As we look forward, we do so with a sense that society is ripe for a renaissance AND we want to be in the middle of it through education, the free flow of ideas, the exchange of thoughtful debate,

the pursuit of innovation and entrepreneurialism and the creation of unique experiences that distinguish ECU from its peers.

As the year went on, our team found new and creative ways to preserve college affordability.

- Last summer, upon the unanimous recommendation of the presidential search committee we selected Dr. McFaddin as ECU's President.
- Selection of a first-ever Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Critical contributions of ECU students and graduates who battled the pandemic on the front lines
- Implementation of a health first plan allowing us to open doors for limited face to face instruction during the pandemic as soon as possible to facilitate learning for our students
- Launched several initiatives to help keep an ECU education affordable including new scholarships and the BookSmart program
- Formation of new college structures including the College of Business and College of Science (STEM)
- Outstanding student achievement including a Rhodes scholarship finalist, and a Goldwater Scholarship winner.
- Dr. Myra Beth Bundy and Dr. Jennifer Spock named foundation professors.
- The framework for a new strategic plan is established.
- An extremely successful giving day that surpassed goals and saw donations rolling in from Florida to California.
- Partnerships with businesses that will offer educational options for their employees via online learning from ECU
- Establishment of new online program offerings
- Distribution of federal relief funds that provide our students much-needed money for expenses related to continuing their education during the pandemic
- Sound financial stewardship of one-time COVID-19 relief funds that have supported operations at the university critical to student success
- Successful athletics seasons include an OVC championship for our softball team, multiple winners and records for cross country and track, an outstanding basketball

season for both men and women, Opportunity Bowl victory for football, and the inaugural season of beach volleyball.

- Upgrading our campus infrastructure including technology enhancements and improvements in our facilities to encourage learning.

Together, we will endeavor to emerge energetic for Eastern, and we must recognize the effort and dedication you have displayed during the past year. It will fuel us into the future. The strength of this campus's resolve to persevere in the face of a global pandemic, historic social change, and a host of direct impacts on higher education sets a precedent for flexibility, grit, and compassion. It is a valuable benchmark to reference as we face future challenges.

While endurance and perseverance are hallmarks of our journey, don't forget that we also innovate and excel.

Students

Our students care about their health, the health of their peers, and learning. Your flexibility and commitment to your education are proof that to Colonels, degree attainment is a priority. The challenges you have endured here will translate to your ability to perform in your careers in the future. You are resilient, optimistic, and inspirational.

Faculty

It is undeniable that our faculty's ability to pivot quickly and adapt in the name of learning deserves our admiration and thanks during the past year. In addition, your passion for students' education, mental and physical health confirms that ECU faculty are second to none. You are exceptional, and our students deserve nothing less.

Staff

Your contributions to our success do not go unnoticed. It is hard not to notice your passionate service for our students and the entire campus. During nearly the past 16 months, ECU has never closed. ECU provided essential services because you "masked up" and focused unselfishly on helping others. Thank you.

Alumni

When the chips are down, our alumni always step up. Your support for your alma mater is critical in providing our students and institution the opportunities to operate during challenging times. From the SAFE student fund to a record-breaking Giving Day, you are there when we sound the horn. It instills confidence in our daily walk knowing that we have your support.

Accomplishments

The beauty of each of the groups mentioned above is what we can accomplish when we work together. Remote instruction and learning are not possible alone. From measuring every classroom on our campus, adapting the curriculum to an online format, and providing our student-athletes with a platform to compete, all aspects of the university's operation were a team effort. I had the privilege to witness the culmination of that work at our in-person graduation ceremony in May. Of course, it is always special to see the conferring of degrees. But, considering all that we have endured, it was significant this time. I also believe that the ceremony signaled our progression into the coming years.

We must retain the valuable lessons we have learned during the past year and apply them to benefit us moving ahead. We already see positive evidence through the E3 Exceptional Student Experience initiative. Also, the enhanced use of technology helps our campus learn and work and holds many advantages that we may not have realized until now.

Future Opportunities

We have an opportunity to reach even higher in the coming months. The efforts we make for students, parents, employees, alumni, and constituents in the upcoming fall semester will leave a lasting impression about ECU post-pandemic. People will be watching, and I am optimistic they will see a campus that cares about its students and employees with a focus on their success and the institution's future. It will be a critical time in our history, and I can't think of a better team to achieve new heights and contribute a chapter to the rich story of Eastern Kentucky University. Now more than ever, expect to win.

Action Items

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

A. Approval of the Minutes for the Full Board Meeting on March 4, 2021 and Special Meeting of May 3, 2021

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2021 meeting and Special Meeting of May 3, 2021. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Approval of Audit Plan

A motion was made by Regent Collins to approve audit plan as presented earlier in the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Personnel Actions

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the Personnel Actions Report. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Approval of Degree Candidates for Spring and Summer 2021

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the Degree Candidates for Spring and Summer 2021. The motion was seconded by Regent Mekonnen. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Report from the Council of Academic Affairs

Dr. Pogatshnik gave an informational report from the Council of Academic Affairs and requested approval for a new University Certificate in Banking and Financial Systems and the suspension of the MA Personnel Services in Higher Education and BS Geographic Information Systems programs. A motion was made by Regent Long to approve the instating of the University Certificate in Banking, and the suspension of the MA Personnel Services in Higher Education and BS Geographic Information Systems programs. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed by voice vote.

In addition, Dr. Pogatshnik brought to the attention of the Board as information items, the reinstatement of the Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumers Science (Teaching). The program was suspended approximately three years ago but it is believed that there is sufficient demand to reinstate the program. This report includes several reorganizations in Academic units in response to strategic changes that have been made. One being the formation of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) College which requires the migration of what was

formally the College of Business & Technology into the STEM College, and the formation of a stand-alone College of Business.

Regent Long interjected a remark concerning the suspension of the Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumers Science a few years back, and at that time, a lot of students entered the program but were not graduating from the program. He inquired how we were going to stop that from happening moving forward. Dr. Pogatshnik indicated that one of the ways to address that issue is to have more faculty involvement as students progress through the program and it will have to be monitored. A motion to approve was made by Regent Collins. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Diaz commented to Dr. Pogatshnik regarding the programs brought forth for suspension, revival or inclusion in the curriculum indicating that is the way it is supposed to work. He wants Academic Affairs to know that it is okay to try programs, and if we try and it doesn't work, we must fail fast. We must give it a legitimate shot to succeed, but if it's not working, then suspend it as you have today. He indicated that he is very happy to support the effort and the work that has been done.

F. Recommendations for Promotion and Tenure for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the candidates for Promotion and Tenure for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Pogatshnik took this opportunity, as it is his last board meeting, and wanted to take a moment to express his appreciation to the board for their commitment and service to Eastern Kentucky University.

G. Recommendations for Model Lab Promotion and Tenure for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the candidates for Promotion and Tenure at the Model Lab School for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Regent Gump. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. Policy Updates

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to adopt the slate of policies presented to the Board, including Policy 1.1.1, Policy on Policies & Regulations, Policy 3.2.1, Intellectual Property, Policy 4.1.4, Course Syllabi, Policy 4.3.5, Drop or Withdraw from Courses, and Policy 8.3.2, Nepotism and Amorous Relationships. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

I. Approval of Model Lab Policy Updates

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve updates to the policies at the Model Laboratory School. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

J. Proposed Tuition & Fees, Residence Hall, and Dining Rates for 2021-2022

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the Tuition & Fees rates for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the Residence Hall rates for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the Dining Rates for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

K. Approval of Annual Operating Budget

A motion was made by Regent Tye to approve the 2021-2022 operating budget. The motion was seconded by Regent Long. The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

L. Approval of 2021 Series B Bond Resolution

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve a resolution approving the 2021 Series B Bond for housing & residence halls improvement and maintenance a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

[At 12:01, the Chair announced a recess for lunch. The meeting resumed at 1:08.]

Executive Session

Currently, the board requires closed session for purposes of discussing proposed or pending litigation pursuant to KRS.61.8101c. At this time the Board will entertain a motion pursuant to KRS.815 to adjourn into closed session. No action will be taken in closed session, and the board will entertain a motion to return into regular session upon conclusion of the executive session. A motion to adjourn into executive session was made by Regent Collins. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Following executive session, Chair Diaz asked for a motion to return into regular session. A motion was made by Regent Castro. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. For the record, Chair Diaz again explained that no formal action was taken in closed session, and the board went into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation involving the university. Chair Diaz also stated that Regent Vasu cannot attend the remainder of the meeting, so the teleconference is suspended, Regent Vasu is absent and no longer counted in the quorum of this meeting.

M. SGA Constitutional Amendments

Regent Mekonnen and incoming SGA President Jenna Grace Smith shared several editorial amendments to the Student Government Association Constitution. A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve the SGA Constitutional Amendments. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

N. Approval of Innovation Funds Proposal

Tom Martin provided a brief update regarding the state of current Innovation Fund winners. Dr. Bethany Miller gave a presentation regarding her Innovation Fund proposal: a new One Stop Shop to address student needs on campus, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. Regent Castro made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed by voice vote.

O. Approval of the Madison County Airport Interlocal Agreement

University Counsel, Dana Fohl presented the proposed Madison County Airport Interlocal Agreement, for ECU to become a sitting member of the Madison County Airport Board, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Regent Collins to approve the Madison County Airport Interlocal Agreement. The motion was seconded by Regent Castro. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

P. Approval of ECU appointees to the Madison County Airport Board

With the approval of the Madison County Interlocal Agreement, President David McFaddin brought to the board the recommendation of Dr. Tim Ross, Associate Dean for the newly formed college of Science, Technology, Engineering, previously the chair of our Applied Engineering and Aviation program. As well as Mr. Ethan Witt, who represents the University in Government & Community Relations to serve on the board. A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve the ECU appointees to the Madison County Airport Board. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

O. Approval of Resolutions of Recognition

1. Resolution Recognizing Eyouel Mekonnen

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve a resolution regarding Eyouel Mekonnen, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Resolution Recognizing Lisa Simpson

A motion was made by Chair Diaz to approve a resolution regarding Lisa Simpson, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Tye. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Resolution Recognizing Jerry Pogatshnik

A motion was made by Regent Babbage to approve a resolution regarding Dr. Jerry Pogatshnik, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Collins. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Resolution Recognizing Nancy Collins

A motion was made by Regent Castro to approve a resolution regarding Regent Nancy Collins, a copy of which is incorporated herein and will be included with the official copy of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Regent Babbage. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Swearing in of New Staff Regent

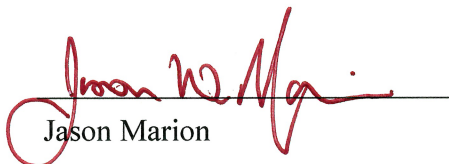
Mr. Jeremiah Duerson was elected by his peers to serve a 3-year term on the ECU Board of Regents as the Staff Regent beginning July 1, 2021. Mr. Duerson was formally administered the oath of office by University Counsel, Dana Fohl, at 2:37pm.

Swearing in of New Student Regent

Ms. Jenna Smith was elected by her peers to serve a 1-year term on the ECU Board of Regents as the Student Regent beginning July 1, 2021. Ms. Smith was formally administered the oath of office by University Counsel, Dana Fohl, at 2:43 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Diaz made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting was thereby adjourned at 2:45 p.m.


Jason Marion

09/23/2021
Date