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**ASSEMBLY MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 1999**

The Assembly was opened by Chair Greg Monahan at 3:15 p.m.

1. President's Update

1. University Council

The University Council's charge is to review large scale campus issues. Another aspect is to improve communication. The University Council is not a governed structure or a replacement of the Assembly. The first meeting of the University Council will be held on Friday.

2. Tuition Waiver

A proposal to the State Board to have a tuition reduction or tuition waiver plan for OUS will be submitted in December or January. The proposal will be for one tuition waiver per employee for self or immediate family to be used at their home institution. We are working with OIT and Southern Oregon University for exchange opportunities there. Final word should be received in February. The AOF was very helpful in getting this moved forward, thank you for your help.

3. Retirements

Three individuals who have made substantial contributions to Eastern Oregon University have retired from EOU effective December 1. They are: Terry Edvalson, Director of Regional Services Institute; Sandra Boren, Interim Director of Facilities and Planning; and Peggy Young, Assistant to the President. Thank you for all your contributions to Eastern.

4. Faculty Recognition

George Venn has published a book of poems entitled, West of Paradise. Congratulations, George.

5. Science Building Update

Three architectural firms have been selected as finalists for the new science building. Currently reference checks are being conducted. A final contract award should be made this month.

6. Holiday Reception

The annual Holiday Reception will be held on Friday, December 17, 1999 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Creighton home. Shuttle service and parking will be available from the Blue Mountain Conference Center. Please join us.

7. Contributions

Many colleagues made significant contributions to Eastern Oregon University. Today I would like to introduce two that have helped EOU join national recognition.

1. Coach Angi Weissenfluh. The softball team finished in 4th place. Members of the team were introduced by Coach Weissenfluh.
2. Coach Ben Welch. The Cross Country team finished in 3rd place. Members of the team were introduced by Coach Welch.

2. Action Items

1. Student Conduct Code

Christian Steinmetz gave an overview of the proposed change to the Student Conduct Code being submitted by the Student Affairs Committee. The proposed change is to include item 13 of the Student Conduct Policy to the Informal Hearings (section 1. a.) and the proposed housekeeping changes to various sections of the Student Conduct Code in order for it to be in line with the Mission and Vision of Eastern Oregon University. A motion was made and seconded. A lengthy discussion took place. A motion was made to postpone to the next assembly meeting. Motion passed.

2. PEBB Resolution

Greg Monahan gave an overview of the proposed PEBB Resolution. It was mentioned that IFS presented this resolution to the State Board. A motion was made and seconded to accept the PEBB Resolution, which states:

Whereas, The creation of a unified Public Employment Benefits Board (PEBB) has altered the faculty benefits offered as compensation for service to Eastern Oregon University;

and

Whereas, The planning of benefit packages under PEBB has largely ignored the frequently expressed critical needs of the faculty of this university;

and

Whereas, The current PEBB benefit system contains a structure of subsidies that discriminates against faculty-preferred benefit options (as revealed in PEBB surveys);

and

Whereas, The PEBB administered benefits represent a substantial reduction in benefits and an increase in costs for most faculty;

and

Whereas, Faculty as a group represent a relatively low cost pool of beneficiaries;

and

Whereas, The originating legislation (SB 271) said the System "...may elect, at the discretion of the

State Board of Higher Education, to provide alternative benefits plans to its employees, should the same level of benefits be available at a lower cost..."; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Assembly of Eastern Oregon University approve a petition to request that the Board of the Oregon University System work with due haste to develop and implement a plan to separate faculty health care benefits from PEBB control by developing a system of benefits governance that is more responsive to faculty concerns and more cost effective in meeting faculty health care needs.

A discussion took place. It was mentioned that the targeted areas are the opt-out and cash back options. Resolution motion passed.

3. EPCC

1. School of Arts and Sciences

It was moved and seconded to approve the following course additions:

GEND 110, 210, 310, 410 Special Topics, 1-6 credits
MATH 105, Loans and Lotteries, 3 credits

Motion passed.

2. School of Education and Business

A. New Business Program

Jim Tooke gave an overview of the proposed program. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed program (see attached). A discussion took place. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve Section B of the proposal (see attached). A discussion took place. Motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to approve Section C of the proposal (see attached). A discussion took place. Motion passed.

3. Five Minute Access

1. Student Government Update

1. Recycling: Bill Benson, custodial staff, gave an update on the recycling project on campus. Blue bags will be placed around campus, these are for magazines and newspapers. The white bags are for other paper. It was mentioned that goldenrod paper, ream wrappers, neon sticky notes-sticky notes in general, are unacceptable for recycling. The vending committee has been given \$1000 to install bins for plastics, cans & bottles.
2. Club Focus: Jason Lyman informed the Assembly of this club. Its

objective is to help people in the community that are in need of volunteer work (e.g., yard work, basement cleaning, painting). If you know of any groups or organizations that are needing assistance or would like to participate please let Jason know.

3. Child Care: There are currently five ideas for this project. Progress is being made.
4. Science Building Project: Jason informed the Assembly that all in Student Government and student groups are interested in volunteering to help with the Science Building.
5. Mac's Renovation: Mac's will be remodeled. The goal is to reflect a change in atmosphere, making it more student friendly.

2. IFS

Bob Brandon gave an overview of the recent IFS meeting at PSU. The items for discussion were 1) PEBB, 2) Budget (as yet, no one understands the new budget model), 3) President of IFC (denied relief time from his home campus to conduct business).

3. PIT

Judd Koehn gave an overview of the recent PASS Implications Team meeting. PASS is proficiency based. The first students will be entering next year with the English/Math implementation. There is \$15,000 available to implement activities on campus. If have questions/comments/suggestions, contact Judd.

4. Rebarrow Forest and Malheur Field Station

Karen Antell gave an overview of the projects and showed slides of the areas. If anyone is interested in taking a class up for a day, contact Karen.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.