Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by S. Ligon. S. Ligon mentioned that we have Mr. Paul Tanaka, Chairman of the Board of Trustees as an distinguished guest today.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda including Senate Minutes of April 8, 2013. Hearing no objection the minutes of April 8, 2013 were approved.

3. Additions/Changes to Agenda. None.

4. Committee of the Whole. a. Legislative Liaison Report. P. Chantrill stated they are in the last formal week of the legislature session and they can’t go beyond April 28th but if they don’t finish their work they could go into a special session. She stated she heard on the radio this morning Senator Schoesler mentioned that because of the House Democrats and their budget he would have to extend his lease at least another month so it may be an indication they won’t have the three budgets reconciled before the end of the legislative session. The three budgets are Governor Inslee’s budget, the House budget and the Senate budget which are clearly distinguished from each other. She stated this is the first time she remembers hearing anyone talking about the House as a Democratic chamber or the Senate as a Republican or majority caucus chamber so everything is politicized into parties but the most important thing right now is who will fund higher ed better. The biggest distinctions between the budgets are financial aid, how much need grant will be funded, the GET Program and College Bound Program funding, New Step funding is different in each of the budgets. She stated if you are a member of the Senate of a majority caucus you would say your budget does a better job at handling STEM funding. Tuition authority is different in each of the three budgets which is a point of contention especially tuition is different in each of the budgets. The Senate budget proclaims a 3% decrease across the board but she isn’t sure if the students are aware they may get a small tuition increase but essential functions would be impacted so the students aren’t completely on board for that idea. In the House budget the tuition can go up to as much as 5% a year or 10% over the biennium. If you are University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington University or Eastern Washington University tuition can go up as much as 3% a year or 6% over the biennium. One thing everyone should be aware of over the next few days there will be an attempt to reconcile the three budgets and it isn’t clear which one will prevail. She stated they have been asked to be fairly quiet about the fact the House budget does include language that would allow Dream Act students to be able to apply for state financial aid and that is not in the Senate budget. T. Flinn asked P. Chantrill which budget she would prefer and why. P. Chantrill stated the Senate budget has some items in it that scares her especially the fact it would put us at a base funding level of 1990 which was our lowest point of funding would become our base. She stated she likes the House budget because it would fund Dream Act students and that it has an increase for funding for College Bound students and the tuition increases are modest. She stated that in talking with the students they like the House
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budget better. This is the first time in many years that tuition actually would go down which is a
great way to begin the conversation about how to make Washington State’s higher education better
without it falling onto the backs of the students.

b. Shared Governance. None.


5. Administrative Report. Provost. a. R. Fuller reported they have scheduled the three finalists for
interviews for the Dean of Libraries search. He stated the interviews will begin next week and
commence by May 10th. The CV’s will be posted soon and everyone is encouraged to attend the
open forums. If you have any questions you can contact L. Harty of the Provost’s office or C. King
in the Library. b. The NCUR delegation was well received. He stated EWU sent 30 students and the
rest of the State of Washington had a total of 8 students participating at the national level. Eastern
Washington University will host the national conference in 2015 and they have hired C. Robbins to
be a project manager. He stated Mr. Robbins was able to join the NCUR delegation and be part of
the dialogue so they could learn as much as they could from Lacrosse. They expect over 4,000
participants at the 2015 conference. Vice President for Student Affairs. a. S. Morgan-Foster
reported commencement is fast approaching and they would like everyone to think about being at this
year’s ceremonies. She stated they would love to have a strong faculty presence because it means a
lot to the students. b. We are ahead by about 1 percent in freshman applications this year. She stated
last year they were ahead by 14% and the year before they were ahead by 13% so they are flattening
out. She stated they are ahead in all categories except freshman this year but we have had multiple
years of increasing freshman applications so it will be interesting to see how that plays out.
Financial Aid packets are out right now and students are figuring out where they would like to go.
She stated a lot of students apply to institutions but when they get their financial aid packets they may
not be able to attend the institutions they wanted to go to so there may be some shifting taking place
and they may confirm to attend EWU. We are ahead in transfers which is surprising because a lot of
people were predicting demographically that the transfer pipeline was going to be narrowing. They
are ahead in transfers 10% in confirmed and 11% in admitted so they are doing very well. Returning
Undergraduate students which are students who stopped out and came back they are running 23.7%
ahead in terms of confirmations. She stated she believes the target for new students for next year will
come in on target and maybe a little above. The plus side is the universities ability to increase
retention. She stated this year’s graduating class is larger than in year’s past.

6. Associated Students Report. a. K. Chapman reported they are working hard on elections and the
primary election will be tomorrow. They are narrowed it down to two candidates. Last week they
held a rally with a bouncy house, etc. and each candidate was able to talk to the students and let them
know what they envision for next year as their goals. She stated the election will be held in early
May.

which is a subcommittee of the Student Success and Retention Committee, has changed one thing
about their charge. He stated originally K. Decker and P. O’Connell were going to co-chair the
subcommittee however P. O’Connell is unable to serve so they have approached M. Breen and they
are waiting to hear if she will be able to serve on this subcommittee as the co-chair. They will have a
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full report from the SSRC in May. b. J. Smith and he have been attending chairs and directors  
meetings to begin the discussion about Gen Ed Review and Reform that will be happening next year.  
c. He asked for nominees for the Legislative Liaison position and P. Chantrill is the only one who has  
stepped forward. As per the charge the Executive Committee and the Legislative Committee will  
make a recommendation to the Senate to approve in May.

d. The Q2S discussion will continue at the next BOT meeting on May 16th. Dr. Arévalo and Dr.  
Fuller asked to begin the discussion today but Dr. Arévalo is unable to be at today’s meeting so he  
would like to call a special Senate meeting to discuss Q2S since it has been a couple of years since  
we have discussed this. He stated he would like to have time to discuss this a couple of times prior to  
the next BOT meeting. G. Kenney stated when this topic comes up most of the faculty he has talked  
to have said it doesn’t make sense to discuss this until they have a commitment or dialogue on  
teaching loads. S. Ligon stated that is exactly what the Senate needs to discuss. He stated they will  
hear a presentation and then that topic needs to be brought up. R. Fuller stated they are in bargaining  
right now and he isn’t sure about all the issues that are being bargained currently but they did have a  
meeting in December about the “what ifs” and what the different options were and there were  
members of the UFE in attendance. They presented different ideas including what was in play at  
other institutions in Washington as well as other states like California. He stated that the UC  
California system has both the semester schools and quarter schools as part of their statewide  
bargaining. They did have discussions before the formal bargaining began however he isn’t at liberty  
to say anything further. T. Flinn stated he agrees with what Dr. Fuller said they don’t have a formal  
declaration from the BOT that they are going to move to semesters. He stated the UFE are looking  
forward to the news from the BOT about what they want to do and from there the UFE will be  
inviting as many faculty positions and thoughts they can get.  

A. Scholz moved for the Senate hold  
a special session on Monday, April 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
W. Repovich seconded.  
Motion carried.

Q2S discussion con’t: K. Noble asked S. Ligon if he had any specific questions to ask their  
colleagues because the Music Department feels that they have given their opinion so many times they  
are tired of doing that and they feel that no matter what their opinion the decision is going to be made  
anyway by the administration and the BOT which may or may not be the case. S. Ligon stated at this  
point if you know where your faculty stands about a possible transition to a semester system that is  
the main thing to know right now. He stated he may hear faculty have a problem and these are the  
reasons or we don’t have a problem but they are a little worried about an issue, etc. so it is mainly  
you knowing what the views are of the faculty in your department. Load is a huge issue but another  
issue is how they will handle a transition department to department because it won’t be the same in  
every department. K. Noble asked if S. Ligon sees specific problems that could arise with either  
decision. S. Ligon stated ultimately if there is a transition they need to know how to make it work  
department by department. L. Reeves stated the committee that was formed last year did submit a  
budget report from M. Voves who explained the money for a transition would come from reserves  
which would be good to see again and there was information given at a forum about curriculum  
change, CPAC’s, new courses, etc. and a three year cycle and a possible hiatus which would be good  
to see before the next meeting. J. Smith stated there are a couple of reports that have been sent to the  
Senate over the last few years that can be sent out that deal with Q2S, the transition and the team that  
was lead by G. Pratt. G. Pratt stated the Share Point site with those reports is still active and the link  
to that information will be sent out so Senators can see that information prior to the next meeting.
8. UFE Report. a. T. Flinn reported bargaining is ongoing but they are unsure when it will be done. He stated it is important to remember when there is a tentative agreement between the two bargaining teams they will present the tentatively agreed to contract to the union membership. Although all faculty are welcome to view the proposed contract and give their opinion it is the union members who will vote on it so if you would like to vote for it then you can join the union. He stated there will be people at the door that would be happy to sign any faculty member up. There will be open forums held as well. b. In UFE leadership there will be elections held at the end of the quarter for any open positions. c. There will be an end of the year open membership meeting and all faculty are invited. d. Regarding Q2S the UFE wants to remind the faculty members there are a lot of different ways to configure semesters so for them to use faculty opinions as needed they would like to make apparent what different types of semester options there are so that is where they would like the faculty opinions to come from as we all wait for the BOT to make a decision.

Council Elections/Selections/Confirmations. None.

10. Information Items. a. P. Tanaka, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. S. Ligon stated he asked Mr. Tanaka to come to Senate to give the Senators a sense of what the BOT does, who they are and give Mr. Tanaka a chance to introduce himself to the Senators. He stated that it is really encouraging to go to Board meetings and to see Board members who really care about the institution, who have the interest of the institution in mind when they deliberate and talk. There doesn’t appear to be a political agenda and Board members seem to be curious about what we do. He would like the faculty to know the Board members better and to find ways to interact with them. Mr. Tanaka stated he is very happy to be at Senate today. He stated there are eight members of the Board of Trustees including one student and they are appointed by the Governor so they are political appointees. Normally they serve only two terms which is a practice not a law. He stated the Board of the Trustees is the policy setting body for the university although not for all the policies. They also look to view the progress and implementation of those policies and hold the administration accountable for those policies. He stated one of their most important functions is to evaluate the president yearly, if necessary terminate a president and hire a new one although that has never happened to his knowledge. That really is the key function of what the Board of Trustees does. He stated he read a good description of how a Board should operate which is “noses in/fingers out.” They are not to micromanage but they are to oversee and ensure both the fiduciary responsibilities of the university and the policy side. He stated they have unfortunately had to spend most of their time the last five or six years on budget issues. Hopefully with what is going on in Olympia the university is starting to climb a little bit back although we may never get back to our previous level of state funding we had before. He stated the funding used to be 70/30 however currently it is 30/70 but the long term goal of the legislature is to get it back to 50/50 funding. Even under the best of situations we are still under in state funding but having said that he believes that Dr. Arévalo, his staff and the entire campus has handled the budget difficulties extremely well. He stated the Board of Trustees set out a series of budget policies to protect the teaching side of the university and he believes that has been done. As we look across at the sister institutions their budget cuts as a percentage rate have been much greater than the teaching side of Eastern and he believes that is something to the credit of everyone here at the university. He stated that other issues that the Board of Trustees have been dealing with is the Strategic Plan, the Gateway Project which is fortunately or unfortunately consuming a lot of the Board’s time right now and Quarters to Semesters is an issue the Board is not monolithic about and
he can safely say he is pretty sure the Board will not be taking an action at their next meeting. He sees the Board getting briefed as the Senate will be briefed and he suspects the Board will have questions. He stated that unless they have a special meeting and he doubts that will happen so the earliest he would see anything happening would be at their June meeting. He closed by acknowledging and giving a lot of credit to the Senate and faculty in general for initiatives that S. Ligon has been briefing the Board on which are the Gen Ed review and the Student Success and Retention Committee. Those are two issues that the Board of Trustees is very supportive in the concepts of and they look forward to hearing the results of those and they look forward to working with the faculty and administrative on.  P. Chantrill stated he did a very impressive presentation about Eastern and we were very well represented and he made up proud. She stated we should be very proud to have him as our representative in Olympia. D. Vander Linden stated he would like to know what his sense is about the community colleges in Washington going from Quarters to Semesters. Mr. Tanaka stated he honestly doesn’t know what their positions are so he is unable to answer that question. T. Flinn stated he has only been here 22 years and it is unparalleled that a Board of Trustee member came to the Senate and it is terrific. He stated that all future Boards should be held to this standard.

11. Unfinished Business. a. Faculty Org’s Constitutional Changes. A. Scholz stated before the Senate today is the old version and the new version of the Constitution. He stated that what FPAC tried to do is to whittle down the Constitution to the core values and one of the things is they changed the purpose a little bit so that it is consistent with the goals of the university. The other thing they did was to try to make it flow better so it is more apparent how the Faculty Organization operates. S. Ligon stated there are also editorial changes to the positions to make them more accurate and they removed things that didn’t make sense. He stated the goal was to streamline the document to clearly reflect practice and make it more consistent. The follow-up to this is to make a constitutional change to allow hybrid committees and then they will have to update and change the bylaws to allow those committees. He stated that once the Senate approves this the entire faculty will have to approve this.

W. Repovich stated she had a question about K. Adolphson’s comment about Article 9 bylaws. She would like an explanation about that comment. J. Smith stated the comment pertained to Academic Policy 301-21 Faculty Organization and the Academic Senate of which the Senate previously approved chapters 1-6, it appears to be duplicating or altering the Constitution in the form that would have been referred to as the bylaws. It would seem to open and question as to who really owns the Constitution and any bylaws of the Faculty Organization so why did the Senate approve this policy number while we were while we were working on this. S. Ligon stated that T. Lutey put the Constitution in the policies as a courtesy but we own the Constitution. He stated they would like to get the Constitution available to people so it is out there. The discussion that will happen with the bylaws that will be started tomorrow is should the bylaws be called bylaws or should they be called policy. They will be the same thing but the question is how they should be incorporated in proximity to this document and what they should be called. He stated he believes what K. Adolphson’s question is does the university own the Constitution and the answer is no. P. Chantrill moved to move the Constitution. J. Otto seconded. Motion carried. S. Ligon stated they will be bringing the bylaws to the Senate but it will probably take a year to finish. He stated they will have to bring the ASAC and the SSRC to Senate for approval for another year because they are hybrid committees and they have to be approved.
b. Council/Committee Document Revisions Statement. S. Ligon stated this is the GAC/UAC document that he brought forward at the last Senate meeting. He stated he is bringing it forward again because there were members of GAC who felt he was dismissive of the document when he presented it to the Senate. He stated that is not his intention and he apologizes if he gave that impression. There were members who felt he didn’t really support it and didn’t really care about it but that isn’t his feeling at all. He stated he fully supports it and believes we have to do all we can to support the councils and committees as much as we can and we respect the hard work they do. It is an excellent position to take and we want to respect and support the subcommittees and councils.

c. Academic Policy Discussion: 303-30 Registration. T. Lutey stated this is the second time the Senate has seen this policy document. He stated this is the military and medical exceptional circumstance registration options the students have that have been added to this document. It has gone through the Admissions’ Office and was co-authored by E. Morgan of the Registrar’s Office, Student Financial Office and they have come up with the best document they can that is within the current state laws. This comes as an addendum to Academic Policy 303-30 Registration. J. Durfee moved to approve. B. Zinke seconded. Motion approved.

12. New Business. a. Academic Reinstatement Policy. S. Ligon stated they will act on this at the next meeting and N. Birch will be invited to the meeting to answer any questions or comments.

13. Good of the order. None.

14. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on April 29, 2013 for a special session to discuss Q2S.