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MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Eastern Washington College of Education
Saturday, August 22, 1953
3:00 p.m., Spokane

The Board of Trustees met in open session at 3:00 p.m. in the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, on Saturday, August 22, 1953. Those present were J. Harold Anderson, chairman; Mrs. Frank Laughbon and Mr. Charles A. Gonser, members; Dr. W. W. Force, secretary; Dr. Otis W. Freeman, president of the college; and Dr. Raymond M. Mosher, president-elect.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of August 2, 1953, were read. Mrs. Laughbon moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Gonser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF DR. MOSHER AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Mr. Gonser moved that Dr. Raymond M. Mosher, Dean of Educational Services and Director of the Summer Session at San Jose State College, California, be elected president of Eastern Washington College of Education for a term of one year, effective September 1, 1953, at a salary of \$12,000.00, and that he be given the use of the president's home and be required to live there. Mrs. Laughbon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT DATE FOR DR. FREEMAN

Mrs. Laughbon moved and Mr. Gonser seconded the motion that the resignation of Dr. Otis W. Freeman as president of the college be effective as of August 31, 1953, and that he be employed until October 31, 1953, with duties and designations as assigned by Dr. Mosher. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications from Dr. T. Earl Tilley, Dr. Obed Williamson, former faculty members, and Mrs. Betty Hennessey, chairman of the Active Alumni Association, were read and placed on file. These communications are attached to these minutes.

RESIGNATIONS

Resignations from the following faculty members were received:

Loyd W. VandeBerg, assistant professor of industrial arts

Lillian Dickson, instructor, second grade, college elementary school

Harold Imus, assistant professor of geography

Mr. Gonser moved that these resignations be approved.
Mrs. Laughbon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

Faculty Personnel

College Elementary School

Robert W. Reid, appointed August 2 subject to investigation by Dr. Freeman, was recommended by Dr. Freeman for the position of principal and assistant professor at a salary of \$6,000 for twelve months

Elizabeth Smithgall, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the rank of assistant professor and critic teacher in the second grade at a salary of \$4,500 for ten months

Winifred Conroy, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the rank of assistant professor and critic teacher for the fifth grade at a salary of \$4,500 for ten months

Mrs. Helen S. McBride, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the rank of assistant professor and critic teacher for the sixth grade at a salary of \$4,500 for ten months

Geography

James E. Brooks, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the rank of instructor in geography for one year at \$4,000

Journalism and Director of Public Relations

Wm. Richard Dell, recommended for the rank of instructor in journalism and Director of Public Relations, at a salary of \$4,800 for twelve months

Physical Education for Men

Jack R. Leighton, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the head of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation for one year, with the rank of associate professor at a salary of \$5,500 for ten months

Richard H. Hagelin, Ph. D., former incumbent, recommended by Dr. Freeman for reemployment, with rank of assistant professor at a salary of \$5,200 for ten months

Physical Education for Women

Marlys Bridgham, former incumbent, recommended by Dr. Freeman for reemployment as instructor at a salary of \$4,000 for ten months.

Sociology

George H. Donohue, recommended by Dr. Freeman for the rank of assistant professor of sociology at a salary of \$4,500 for ten months

EMPLOYMENT (Cont'd)

Non-academic Personnel

G. Jerome Stickney, recommended by Dr. Mosher for the position of registrar, at a salary of \$5,500 for twelve months

Mrs. Joan Kaul, for secretary in the registry office at a salary of \$180 per month, effective August 17

Mrs. Carita Dawes, for secretary in the college elementary school at a salary of \$160 per month, effective August 1

Ben L. Frandson, janitor, at \$200 per month, effective August 1

John Carrieries, transferred from hourly basis to full-time painter-journeyman, at \$250 per month, effective September 1

Sam Hatch, from custodian to building supervisor, Martin Hall, at \$275 per month, as of September 1

Omer Pence, to be continued at present salary for one year (\$6,600) instead of being reduced \$1200 in salary as previously approved by the Board, because of additional teaching duties

Mr. Gonser moved that the above recommendations be approved and Mrs. Laughbon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

POST SESSION INSTRUCTORS

Mrs. Laughbon moved that approval be given to the payment of indicated salaries for instructors listed who taught in the post session:

Dale Michaels	- - -	\$200
Robert Reid	- - -	200
George Werner	- - -	200
Waldo Jackson	- - -	200

Mr. Gonser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CAR ALLOWANCE FOR COLLEGE NURSE

Mrs. Laughbon moved that an allowance of \$12.00 per month be granted to Miss Marie Sternitzky, college nurse, for the use of her car in connection with her duties. Mr. Gonser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIDELITY BONDS

Mrs. Laughbon moved, and Mr. Gonser seconded the motion, that the following list of college officials be covered by fidelity bonds in the amounts indicated:

William W. Force, Comptroller - - - - -	\$10,000.00
Tilford T. Wall, Superintendent of Property and Procurement - - - - -	5,000.00
Mildred King, Accountant - - - - -	10,000.00
Mary Jane Martin, Cashier - - - - -	5,000.00
Elaine Stotsenberg, Assistant Cashier -	5,000.00
K. Ladd Kafflin, Bookstore Manager - -	5,000.00
Omer Pence, Director of Placement, Extension and Correspondence - - -	3,000.00

Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURES

Mr. Gonser moved that the following persons be authorized to approve vouchers for the issuance of warrants against appropriations under the control of Eastern Washington College of Education:

J. Harold Anderson, trustees
W. W. Force, comptroller
Raymond M. Mosher, President

Mrs. Laughbon seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m., subject to call by Dr. Mosher.

APPROVED

J. Harold Anderson
J. Harold Anderson, chairman

W. W. Force
W. W. Force, secretary

Williamson

Eastern Washington College of Education
Cheney, Washington

DIVISION OF
EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY

August 6, 1953

Dr. Raymond Mosher
San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Dear Dr. Mosher:

I was very happy to learn yesterday afternoon that you had been appointed to serve as the acting president of Eastern Washington College of Education. With your knowledge of the situation, you should certainly be well equipped to direct the reconstruction of the college.

Of course, those of us who were discharged were encouraged to learn of the committee's recommendation #6, that the Board of Trustees consider the "reemployment of certain members of the staff who at present are in the category not to be reemployed." The July 31st issue of the Spokane "Chronicle" quoted Mr. Gonser as saying "Each application, if received, will be considered on its merits." Accordingly I have written to the Board requesting reinstatement. I have made personal application to Mrs. Laughon and she assured me she would not oppose my request. I plan to visit the other two members.

Since you are now the acting president of the college, it is appropriate that I submit to you my formal application.

If it should turn out that my career at E. W. C. E. has terminated, then it is imperative that I make efforts to reestablish my self elsewhere immediately. While my plans are still uncertain, it is possible that I may be driving to California. If you think, it would be advisable to visit you at San Jose, I should be glad to arrange it soon at your convenience. If you should be coming to Cheney in a few days, I could arrange to stay here.

Next to my family, my work at Eastern Washington is the greatest thing in my life .

Very sincerely yours,

Obed Williamson

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Eastern Washington College of Education
Cheney, Washington

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August 6, 1953

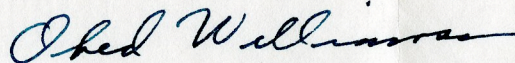
Dr. Raymond Mosher
San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Dear Dr. Mosher:

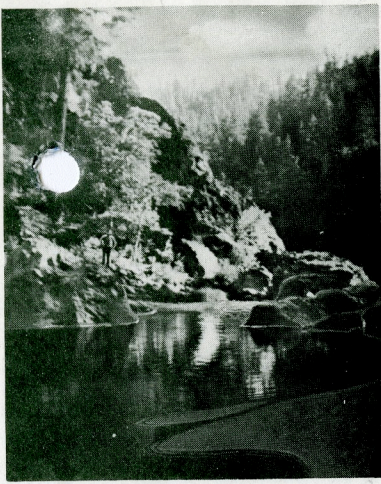
I respectfully request that I be considered for "reemployment" to the staff of Eastern Washington College of Education.

I trust that the record of my twenty-one years of service to the college justifies your giving careful consideration to my application. If I am returned, I shall devote all my efforts to the rebuilding of the college.

Respectfully yours,



Obed Williamson



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August 15, 1953

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Mr. J. Harold Anderson, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Eastern Washington College of Education
Cheney, Washington

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of August 10.

I should like very much to attend the Board Meeting on the twentieth-second but I will be unable to do so. It has become necessary to winterize one of our shelters so that the man who is to stay here this winter will have a place to live. This arrangement came up rather suddenly so I have to stay longer than had been planned.

It seems now that we will be able to leave for Cheney about the 23rd. of August.

My absence from the meeting need not necessarily interfere with the Board considering my case. I do not know if any formal procedures are required or not in making application for re-instatement. If so, perhaps under the circumstances, the Board could proceed informally or consider this letter and the one of August 6 as tantamount to an application.

Sincerely yours,

T. Earl Tilley
T. Earl Tilley
Executive Director

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Eastern Washington College of Education

Cheney, Washington

Division of Education,
Psychology, Philosophy

August 13, 1953

Dr. Raymond Mosher
San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Dear Dr. Mosher:

I am sorry that it was impossible for you to see me during your brief visit to Cheney, but I appreciate your willingness to see me on the 21st.

After my letter to you of last week, I received a letter from the secretary of the Washington Teachers' Retirement System informing me that I lack but one year to be eligible for a retirement allowance. At present I have twenty-nine years to my credit. Of course, I have never advocated keeping incompetent teachers just so they could get their retirement allowance. But since there has been no charge of incompetence, and since my twenty-one years of service to E.W.C.E. should be evidence that my work is satisfactory, it would seem that this fact of lacking one year deserves some consideration.

The other day Dr. L. A. Patmore and Dr. W. H. Drummond, members of the Education Department recently reinstated, came to my house with the revised schedule. Each one is greatly overloaded because of the loss of three members of the department. Thus there is work for me to do in the event that you and the Board act favorably on my petition. I am informed that the enrollment is approximately that of a year ago.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, I have had a conference with Mrs. Laughon. Last week I called on Mr. Gonser, and this morning I communicated by telephone with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson suggested that I meet with the Board Saturday morning, and I have made arrangements to have my name placed on the agenda. All three Board members seemed cordial and sympathetic to my request.

I am looking forward to meeting you on the 21st.

Sincerely yours,

Obed Williamson

Obed Williamson

3006 Sheridan Court
Spokane, Washington
August 15, 1953

Harold Anderson
Cashmere, Washington

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Active Alumni Association of Eastern Washington College believes a very serious injustice remains at the college.

For the best interests of E. W. C. E., and in the interest of our American educational system, we cannot consider the present situation at Eastern Washington College as satisfactory.

We very much desire an end to all the controversy and the beginning of constructive measures for the college. This cannot be as long as nine faculty members, who have already been subjected to professional disgrace and financial insecurity, are still dismissed. We urge their immediate re-instatement. Further delay in this will also delay successful efforts at reconstruction.

Very truly yours,
Executive Committee
of Active Alumni

Jorge daSilva
Franc Mason
Paul Thome, Jr.
Minnie Ratcliffe
Betty Hennessey

BY

Betty Hennessey, Chm.