

## **Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were A. Blackwood, Dr. Striplin, M. Chambers, J. Kubeika, J. Brill, S. Michael, and A. Degnan. Absent were S. Arbaugh, S. Van Meter, S. Alt, and L. Thompson. Guest present was T. Branson.*

## **Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development**

Introduction of Lindsey Thompson, new Student Government Association President and Student Representative to the Board of Governors. She is a recent graduate of the Harman School (Randolph County), is an entering first-year student, and plans to study Business Management at Eastern. She took her Oath of Office on July 28, 2024.

### **\*Action Items:**

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of June 19, 2024 – *On a Chambers/Kubeika motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of the July 17, 2024 Financial Status Update – *On a Brill/Michael motion, the July 17, 2024 Financial Status Update was approved, as amended, with all in favor.*
- Approval of the August 21, 2024 Financial Status Update – *On a Kubeika/Chambers motion, the Financial Status Update of August 21, 2024 was approved with all in favor.*

## **Committee Reports**

**Board Chair**-Sheldon Arbaugh – *No report.*

### **Committees-**

**Finance** – Trina Branson – *T. Branson reviewed the July 17, 2024 and August 21, 2024 Financial Status Updates with the Board of Governors. See Action Items above.*

## **College Representatives Reports**

**Staff**-Ann Degnan –

- *Due to reorganization at Eastern Coalition, Eastern will partner with the VITA IRS Tax program free tax preparation on-site or online for the low-income underserved community. The VITA program provides free tax preparation for individuals with an income below \$64,000 p/year. Last year, VITA tax preparers completed almost 300 income tax returns. Seyed Mirkhani is leading this initiative which will also serve as a recruitment opportunity.*

- *The IET Team has begun meeting quarterly again under the direction of Dr. Jason Draper and is defined as a working group comprised of departmental representatives whose primary function is evaluation of assessment data integral to goal progression and benchmark development according to the Strategic Plan through Unit assessment; unit assessment is the process of establishing departmental specific measurements to fulfill institutional goals.*

**Faculty-Sherry Michael –**

- *Faculty Senate met August 21, 2024 with 12 faculty/adjuncts in attendance.*
- *Faculty Chair, Shirley Murphy welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a great Fall semester.*
- *Committee Assignments were presented and asked for everyone to review for any changes that may have been made.*
- *Anthony Prato is no longer with us, he has moved on to another institution. Nikki Chandler will be returning as full time Math faculty.*
- *Faculty then met for the annual Faculty Orientation. Guest Speaker was Jason Draper.*
- *Dr. Striplin presented introductions and opening remarks in a recorded video.*
- *Faculty Handbook and Policies were reviewed. The event ended with a dinner for all those who attended.*

**Student- Lindsey Thompson – No report.**

**Dr. Thomas Striplin, President**

- *Enrollment for the fall 2024 semester still looks good. Need to add Workforce numbers which usually lag behind academic and early entrance numbers. Goal now is retention. A. Blackwood thanked everyone for their work on the positive enrollment efforts.*
- *Working on a \$1 million grant from the federal EDA for CDL upgrades. Working with M. Bishop to develop grant applications.*
- *Working on a \$5 million grant for advanced manufacturing with Blue Ridge CTC and Pierpont CTC. Eastern's portion will focus on wood – safety and equipment -and Eastern's portion could be \$2 million.*
- *A. Blackwood commented that the last HLC visiting team commented on the over-reliance on grants. Keeping a grant background document would be helpful.*
- *LPN to RN hybrid nursing bridge program starts in January 2025. There are currently 30 students in the nursing program, and 19 out of 20 nursing students in the last cohort passed the NCLEX exam.*
- *Working with R. Burns on grants and will not be replacing M. Webb.*

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- *HVAC – RH Lapp still hasn't been paid by the Governor's Office. Working with R. Donovan to get it resolved. The HVAC at the Technology Center also needs work.*
- *New accountant started three weeks ago.*
- *New location for the Foundation's Farm-to-Table Dinner this year on September 11, 2024. Target is to sell 150 tickets. N. Nelson has become a major donor to Eastern.*

Important Calendar Dates

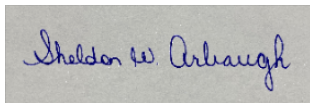
Farm-To-Table Dinner, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 5:00pm – 9:00pm at Mountain View Barn at Miller Farms

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 18, 2024

Adjournment – 12:56pm

*Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.*



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Board Chair

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Date