

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 10, 2010

The ninety-first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a telephone meeting) was held on December 10, 2010, with the call originating in the West Virginia University Stewart Hall President's Conference Room. Board members participating included Ellen Cappellanti, Dr. Nigel Clark, Dr. Tom Clark, James Dailey, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, Raymond J. Lane, Christopher Lewallen, Diane Lewis, Carolyn Long, Ted Mattern, Jo Y. Morrow, William Nutting, Drew Payne, J. R. Rogers, Edward Robinson, and Dr. Charles Vest.

WVU officers and representatives participating included:

President, James P. Clements;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michele Wheatly;
Senior Associate Provost, Russell K. Dean;
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel & Assistant BOG
Secretary, William H. Hutchens, III;
Vice President for Administration and Finance, Narvel Weese;
Vice President for Research, Curt Peterson;
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;
Executive Office for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
Chief Financial Officer for Health Sciences, Wendy King;
Executive Director, Internal Communications, Becky Lofstead; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Representatives participating from the West Virginia University Foundation included:

Vice President for Development, Lyn Dotson; and,
Assistant Vice President for Major Gifts, Chuck Kerzak.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Carolyn Long, at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

Chairman Long began the meeting by congratulating BOG member, Ted Mattern, on his appointment by the West Virginia Board of Education as temporary superintendent to replace current Superintendent, Steve Paine, who is set to retire January 3, 2011, while the Board conducts a national search for Mr. Paine's permanent replacement.

BOARD ITEMS

Research Trust Fund:

Provost Michele Wheatly noted that a revision was made to the Research Trust Fund Request #11, approved by this Board of Governors on November 12, 2010, due to an error recording the proceeds from a stock gift. The stock sold for \$534.00 more than the indicated \$25,000.00 so the request was increased by that amount. The corrected amount of request for the November 12, 2010 meeting was \$406,317.00. Provost Wheatly indicated that this statement was prepared by Chuck Kerzak, Assistant Vice President for Major Gifts, West Virginia University Foundation. It was further noted that the amount was subsequently adjusted before being sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston. In light of the above, Dr. Robert Griffith moved to correct the total amount of the request approved during the November 12, 2010 meeting to \$406,317.00. This motion was seconded by Dr. Nigel Clark, and passed.

Provost Michele Wheatly reported that for today's meeting, West Virginia University has gifts received and pledges recorded, as certified by the WVU Foundation and Dr. Curt Peterson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, as to consistency with the Research Trust Fund Strategic Plan, totaling the sum of \$88,201.00 that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June 2008. With the pre-requisite certifications required in this process achieved, Chairman Long recommended that the Board approve this request for match. Upon such approval, the request can be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston.

Thereupon, Jo Morrow moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves today's total of \$88,201.00 of gifts received and pledges recorded that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June 2008, for a matching request pursuant to the provisions of said Research Trust Fund strategic plan. This motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Long requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code § 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) and § 6-9A-4(b)(7), (9), (10), and (12)) to discuss: (a) personnel issues, (b) legal matters, and (c) approval of honorary degree candidates. The motion was made by Dr. Nigel Clark, seconded by J. R. Rogers, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Ted Mattern moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Christopher Lewallen, and passed.

DISCUSSION EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Long requested a motion to move the Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates to today's Consent Agenda, with a notation that the persons to be honored will be announced at a later date. This motion was made by Diane Lewis, seconded by Robert Griffith, and passed. BOG member, Dr. Nigel Clark, abstained from the vote on the honorary degree candidates since he was a member of each of the underlying committees involved in this process.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any Board members pertaining to the Information Items contained within today's meeting agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Based upon discussions during today's meeting, Chairman Long requested a motion that in reference to Item 6(a) on today's Consent Agenda (i.e. Amendment of WVU's Strategic Research Plan) the 3rd modification presented for approval should be corrected by removing the word "artificial" from the following sentence: {The artificial constraint that "no research area may receive more than \$17.5 million in private donations within the first two years" is removed...} This motion was made by J. R. Rogers, seconded by Jo Morrow, and passed. Whereupon, Dr. Tom Clark moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today's agenda booklet, with the correction to Item 6(a) as noted above. This motion was seconded by Chris Lewallen, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Amendment of West Virginia University's Strategic Research Plan

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors accepts the three modifications to WVU's Strategic Research Plan, as presented and corrected.

2. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves individuals for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University. The persons to be honored will be announced at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Long expressed her sentiment that everyone affiliated with West Virginia University enjoy a wonderful holiday season. She hopes to see many of the BOG members and other WVU administrators at the holiday party hosted by President Clements on Friday, December 17, 2010 at Blaney House. She also shared the Board's best wishes to our WVU football team as they prepare to face North Carolina State in the Champs Sports Bowl on December 28th in Orlando, Florida. *Go Mountaineers...*

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Long reminded everyone that our next regular meeting would be held in Morgantown on February 4, 2011. There being no further business, Drew Payne moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Secretary